

# Youth Competitions

Crafts, Photo Contest, Writing, Community Service,  
Painting & Drawing, Single-Day Contests,  
Garden & Floral, Collections,  
Culinary, Table Setting,  
Fiber Arts & Quilts, Hand Crafts & Hobbies,  
Jewelry, Fine Art, Fine Art Photography

**Youth (ages 3-18)**

The OC Fair Youth Competitions are stronger than ever with renewed energy and new ways to show off your interests and talents.

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## Enter Online

**June 1, Wednesday – Last Day to Enter Online.** Enter online at <http://ocfair.fairmanager.com>.  
Most competitions require online entry – check individual competitions.

## Delivery

**July 1, Friday; 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.** (Except for Culinary and Garden & Floral - see individual competitions)

## Pickup

**August 16, Tuesday; Noon – 7 p.m.** (Except for Culinary and Garden & Floral - see individual competitions)

**THE OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER THIS DATE.**

Ready to have a great experience at the 2011 OC Fair? First, find your age category; second, select the competition that is right for you; then make something great; and finally bring it to the OC Fair!

**Blue Ribbon Kids**

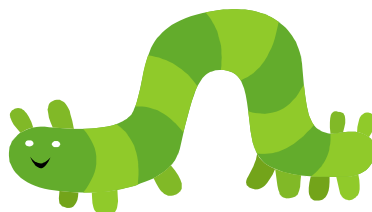
**Ages 3-8**

**Juniors**

**Ages 9-12**

**Young Adults**

**Ages 13-18**



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## Guidelines

### Entry

- **Entry Deadline:** Wednesday, June 1, 2011.
- **How to Enter:** Enter online at <http://ocfair.fairmanager.com> (Printed forms are no longer available.)

**Need assistance with the online entry? We have scheduled the following "Help Days".**

**May 25-27 (Wednesday–Friday); 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**May 31-June 1 (Tuesday–Wednesday); 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Parking: Enter at Gate 4 off Arlington Drive and go left inside the parking lot.**

**Location: OC Fair Administration Building - Community Relations.**

- **Who May Enter:** Youth, ages 3-18 by July 15, 2011. See individual departments for residency requirements. Youth must enter the divisions and classes specified for their age group. The exhibitor's age as of July 15, 2011, determines the following:
  - Blue Ribbon Kids - Ages 3 to 8
  - Juniors - Ages 9 to 12
  - Young Adults - Ages 13 to 184-H youth members in good standing may be age 19 as outlined by the 4-H Cooperative Extension Office. 4-H members who are age 19 may choose to enter as either a 4-H Young Adult or Adult - they may not enter both. This rule applies for all OC Fair 4-H competitions.
- **Entry Fees:** Entry fees are payable online by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). No refunds will be issued.
  - ◆ **Blue Ribbon Kids** – No entry fee
  - ◆ **Junior and Young Adult Divisions** - \$3 per entry
- **Entry Limit:** See individual competitions.
- **Free Fair Admission:** Exhibitors will receive one 2011 OC Fair admission ticket at entry delivery.

### Delivery

- **Delivery Date:** (except, Culinary, Table Settings and Garden & Floral)
  - ◆ **July 1, Friday; 7 a.m.–9 p.m.**
- **Other Delivery & Show Dates:**
  - ◆ **CULINARY** - 1<sup>st</sup> Show: July 13 (Wed), 7 a.m.–1 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Show: August 2 (Tue), 7 a.m.–1 p.m.
  - ◆ **TABLE SETTINGS** - 1<sup>st</sup> Show: July 13 (Wed), 11 a.m.–1 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Show: August 2 (Tue), 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
  - ◆ **GARDEN & FLORAL** – July 14, 19 & 26, and August 2 & 9.

# Youth Competitions

## Guidelines (cont.)

### Delivery (cont.)

- **Where to Deliver Entries:**
  - ♦ **FUN ZONE / HOME ARTS / JEWELRY ARTS / FINE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY**  
– Exhibit Promenade between Buildings 14 and 16
  - ♦ **GARDEN & FLORAL** – Centennial Farm
  - ♦ **COLLECTIONS** – Collections Gallery, Building 15  
Report to the clerk at the Information Desk.
- **Claim Checks:** Claim checks will be provided when exhibits are delivered.

### Pickup of Exhibits

- **Pickup Date:** August 16, Tuesday; Noon – 7 p.m.
- **Where to Pick-up Entries:**
  - ♦ **FUN ZONE COMPETITIONS** - Fun Zone Tent
  - ♦ **GARDEN & FLORAL** - Centennial Farm
  - ♦ **COLLECTIONS** - Collections Gallery, Building 15
  - ♦ **CULINARY & TABLE SETTINGS** - Culinary Arts Promenade
  - ♦ **HOME ARTS / JEWELRY ARTS** - Home Arts Gallery
  - ♦ **FINE ART / FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY** - Visual Arts Gallery
- **Claim Check:** Claim check or photo ID required for pickup.
- **THE OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER THIS DATE.**
- If you are unable to pick up your items please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. Unclaimed entries and ribbons become the property of the OC Fair and **may be discarded!** NO EXCEPTIONS.

### Rules

- **Read Youth Competition Guidelines:** Review rules for individual competitions and the OC Fair Guidelines at the end of this Competition Guide.
- Youth **may not** enter in the Adult divisions.
- Items are to be entered by one person except in specified divisions.
- Articles must be entered in a class if one is named for the articles. “Other” classes are for articles that do not fit in a named class by definition or description.
- Entries over the limit or any items previously entered at the OC Fair will be disqualified.
- All entries must have been made/collected/prepared by the exhibitor within one year of the opening date of the OC Fair unless otherwise indicated in the description of the competition.
- No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which he/she will exhibit.
- Entries with small parts or multiple objects must be secured on a sturdy base or packaged so it does not get separated from the exhibit.
- Oversized entries are subject to approval by Program Coordinator prior to entry delivery based upon space limitations. Specify the size on the entry form.
- Displays may be removed by the Program Coordinator if not appropriate for the OC Fair.

# Youth Competitions

## Guidelines (cont.)

### Judging & Awards

- **Young Adults and Junior Divisions:** Placed using the Danish Judging System where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries. Entries are judged Blue (superior), Red (very good) or White (average) Award. There may be more than one Blue, Red or White Award per class. All Blue Awards will compete, using the American Judging System, for cash awards. In the Young Adult Fine Arts & Photography categories only entries receiving Blue and Red Awards will be accepted for exhibition.
- **Blue Ribbon Kids (ages 5-8):** Entries are not judged and are not eligible for cash awards. All Blue Ribbon Kids will receive a special participation ribbon.
- **Youth Awards:** To be eligible for special awards, an entry must have won a Blue Award in the Danish judging. In most cases the minimum amount of entries in a class must be four; however, a judge may deem that there are too few entries in a class or division in order to choose the top awards.
- **Judges:** Qualified judge(s) will be selected by the Program Coordinator to judge all exhibits. The decision of the jurors is final.
- **Judging Criteria:** Originality and creativity, workmanship and technique, level of difficulty, color and design, finishing or presentation and appearance.
- **Judging Results:** Results can be viewed online around the third week of the OC Fair at [www.ocfair.com/results](http://www.ocfair.com/results). Please do not call for competition results.
- **Ribbons:** Exhibitors will receive awarded ribbons on entry pickup day. Ribbons and awards will not be mailed unless specified.
  - ◆ **CULINARY BAKED GOODS** - Ribbons for Baked Goods competitions may be picked up at any time during the OC Fair in the Culinary Arts Promenade.
  - ◆ **FINE ART & FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY** – Young Adult White Award recipients' ribbons and evaluation forms will be mailed.
- **Award Checks:** Will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within 30 days after the close of the OC Fair.
- Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of changing the requested category of a submitted entry.
- Classes or divisions may be combined to create an adequate judging pool.
- If an entry is disqualified after judging is completed, the judge will not change the status of awards for other entries.

# OC Fair Guidelines

## Online Entry

### Dates to Remember

- **Most competitions require online entry by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Please check the individual department's guidelines for entry deadline, as well as dates and times for entry delivery and pickup.** Dates and times are absolute. Late entries will not be accepted.

### Who May Enter

- Some divisions are open only to Orange County residents, and some limit the number of entries and age of entrants. Check individual division guidelines for who may enter each competition.
- Youth must enter the divisions and classes specified for their age group. The exhibitor's age as of July 15, 2011, determines the following: Blue Ribbon Kids - Ages 3 to 8. Juniors - Ages 9 to 12. Young Adults - Ages 13 to 18.
- Youth may not enter in the Adult divisions. Open Youth who turn age 19 by July 15, 2011, are considered adults. 4-H youth members in good standing may be age 19 as outlined by the 4-H Cooperative Extension Office. 4-H members who are age 19 may choose to enter as either a 4-H Young Adult or Adult - they may not enter both. This rule applies for all OC Fair 4-H Competitions.

### Enter Online

- Enter online at <http://ocfair.com/competitions>. (Printed forms are no longer available - Competition Guides do not have entry forms.)
- Incorrect or incomplete information on online entry may disqualify the exhibit or cause delay in issuing awards.
- Online submission of data requires that you understand that the decision of the judge is final. You agree to abide by all rules and regulations contained in the OC Fair Competition Guides and understand that such rules and regulations are incorporated with and become a part of this agreement. You hereby release the OC Fair and the State of California from all liability of every kind and character on account of loss, damages, or injury to property, which may occur on the fairgrounds.

### Entry Fees

- Most divisions require entry fees. Check individual division guidelines; you pay fees online with a credit card. **No refunds will be issued.**

## Entries and Exhibits

### Copyright

- No entries or works with copyright or licensing infringement will be accepted. If there is any reproduction of a registered trademark item or work of another artist, the district reserves the right to disqualify the entry.

### Repeat Entries

- No repeat entries (items entered in a previous year's OC Fair competition) will be accepted.

# OC Fair Guidelines

## Entries and Exhibits, continued

### Acceptable Entries

- The OC Fair is a family-oriented event. Any entry deemed inappropriate for family viewing will be disqualified prior to judging.
- All decorative material must be flameproof. Articles which are objectionable, stained, soiled, broken, or not ready for hanging will not be accepted for judging and will not be displayed. You will be notified for pickup.
- OC Fair reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or to cancel any entry, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries or to cancel awards, without claim for damages.
- OC Fair will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.

### Exhibit Sales

- Sale of an exhibit or any part of an exhibit for delivery during the OC Fair will not be permitted.

### Entry Limit

- The Exhibit Supervisor and/or Program Coordinator have the right to limit entries to facilities available. Entry forms will be dated as received and entry forms received first will have priority. All entries will be accepted unless the exhibitor is otherwise notified.

### Protection of Exhibits

- All cases will be locked and will not be opened while the public is in the building. Exhibits will not be allowed to leave the OC Fair & Event Center grounds unless the Program Coordinator has approved a release slip. Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if desired.
- OC Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.

## Awards and Judging

### Judges and Judging Procedures

- For judging purposes, the OC Fair reserves the right to combine classes or divisions to create an adequate judging pool where numbers are insufficient to ensure adequate competition.
- Qualified judge(s) will be selected by the Program Coordinator to judge all exhibits.
- Judges have the authority to disqualify or transfer to the correct class any exhibit that does not meet the requirement of the division or class in which it is entered.
- Adult Divisions are placed using the American Judging System (ranking exhibits one against another). 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each class if judges so determine.

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## Awards and Judging, continued

### Judges and Judging Procedures (cont.)

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- The decision of the jurors is final.
- If an entry is disqualified after judging is completed, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.
- Judging is NOT open to the public (except Special Contests).
- Judging results can be viewed online around the third week of the OC Fair at [www.ocfair.com/results](http://www.ocfair.com/results). Please do not call or email for competition results. Award information will not be given by telephone.

### Premiums

- Signed judging sheets will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags will not be accepted.
- Checks for awards will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and distributed within 30 days after the close of the OC Fair.

### Ribbons

- To encourage high standards, the judge shall award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in each class according to merit; if without merit, the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. Ribbons and special awards must be picked-up by exhibitors at the close of the OC Fair.

### Claiming Awards and Exhibits

- Exhibits and/or awards left after the official release date are not the responsibility of the OC Fair and may be discarded. **If unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. All work not picked up will be discarded. No exceptions.** Claim check or photo ID required for pickup. No additional phone calls or email notifications will be made.

### OC Fair and State Guidelines

- All OC Fair and State Guidelines apply to all divisions. State Rules are online at <http://ocfair.com/competitions>.