

# Suwannee River Fair

## Creative Life Skills Rules & Regulations

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## Website and Social Media

Website: <https://mysrf.org>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@SuwanneeRiverFair>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/mysrf>

## Mandatory Meetings Fair Grounds

Saturday, August 16	9:00a	Meat/Dairy Doe
Tuesday, August 19	6:00p	Beef
Tuesday, November 11	6:00p	
Saturday, September 6	9:00a -11:00a	Poultry/Rabbit
Monday, November 3	6:00p	Swine
Monday, December 1	6:00p	
Sunday, November 16	6:30p	Market Goat
Tuesday, December 2	7:15p	
Saturday, December 13	9:00a	

1. At the discretion of the show superintendent or show committee mandatory meetings may be required.
2. Two dates will be provided for these show specific meetings.
3. Participants and their parent/guardian MUST attend at least 1 meeting per show.
4. Failure to attend a required meeting will result in loss of entry fees and disqualification from the show for the current year.

## Entry Form/Weight/Tag Dates & Times

Tuesday, August 26	5:00p - 7:00p	Fat Steers
Tuesday, September 16	Entry Form	Meat and Dairy Doe
Tuesday, September 23	Deadlines	
Tuesday, December 2	5:00p - 7:00p	Feeder Steers
Saturday, December 6	7:00a - 9:30a	Swine
Tuesday, December 2	Entry Form Due	Goat Wether
Tuesday, December 2	Entry Form	BBQ, Bull, Cupcake Contest, Dairy Cow, Creative Life Skills, Dog, Doe Goat, Heifer, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Tablescaping
Tuesday, December 9	Deadlines	

# 2025 Fair Schedule

## Weight/Tag-in/Entry Form Dates & Times

Saturday, August 31st – Fat Steers 8:30a – 10:00a  
Friday, December 6th – Feeder Steers 3:30p – 5:00p  
Saturday, December 7th – Swine 7:00a – 9:30a  
Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Goat Wethers Online or Postmarked Due Date

## Entry Forms Due – ONLINE OR POSTMARKED BY DUE DATE

### **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

Goat Wether, Doe Goat, Dairy Cow, Heifer, Horse, Bull, Dog, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy,  
BBQ Contest, Cupcake Contest, Tablescaping

### **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

**FINAL NON-MARKET DEADLINE WITH LATE FEE!**

### **Saturday, March 1:**

7:30a – 8:00a – Horse Entry & Contest Record Book Turn-in  
8:30a – Horse Show  
9:00a – Dog Show Entry/Show & Contest Record Book Due  
9:00a – Tablescaping Contest  
4:00p – Cupcake Decorating Contest

### **Wednesday, March 5:**

4:30p – Scholarship Application Deadline  
4:00p – 8:00p – Contest Record Books MUST be turned in at Fair Grounds

### **Friday, March 7:**

4:00p – 6:00p – Dairy Cow, Heifer, Bull Entry & Dairy Cow Skill-a-Thon  
4:00p – 5:30p – Cavy, Poultry & Rabbit Entry  
5:00p – 7:00p – Creative Life Skills Entry (NON-FOOD ITEMS)  
5:30p – Cloverbud Cavy Show & Rabbit Show/Showmanship  
After Cloverbud – Cavy Show & Rabbit Show  
6:00p – Rabbit Showmanship

### **Saturday, March 8:**

8:30a – 10:30a – Creative Life Skills Entry  
9:00a – Poultry Show  
9:30a – Poultry Showmanship  
After Show – Poultry Release, Superintendent must approve other times  
9:30a – 12:00p – Dairy Cow Show/Showmanship – Release after show  
11:00a – 1:00p – Ag- Life Contest  
1:30p – Cattle Shows  
–Bull Show  
–30 Minute after bulls – Heifer Show Order: American, AOB, Homegrown  
After Homegrown – Heifer Showmanship  
4:00p – 5:00p – Release PERISHABLE FOOD ENTRIES  
4:00p – 8:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
–Alternate Horse Show Date

### **Sunday, March 9:**

12:30p – BBQ Contest  
2:00p – Goat Doe Entry  
3:00p – Doe Goat Shows/Showmanship – Release After Show

### **Friday, March 14:**

4:00p – 6:00p – Wether Entry/Skill-a-thon

### **Saturday, March 15:**

8:00a– 11:00a – Swine Entry  
9:00a – 11:00a – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
9:00a – 11:00a – Wether Public Speaking/Sales Talk  
1:00p – Market Wether Show  
After Wether Show – Market Goat Team Fitting Contest  
4:00 – 6:00p – Steer Entry  
4:00p – 8:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing

### **Sunday, March 16:**

Posted Time – Church Service  
1:00p – 5:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
3:30p– SRF Alumni Show Registration  
4:00p – Alumni Goat, Swine, Steer Show

### **Monday, March 17:**

8:30a– Swine Showmanship  
9:00a – 7:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
1:00p – Steer Fitting Contest  
3:00p – Market Swine Show

### **Tuesday, March 18:**

8:30a – Fat Steer Show  
Homegrown Fat Steer Show  
Fat Steer Showmanship  
Following Fat Steer Show – Feeder Steer Show  
Homegrown Feeder Steer Show  
Feed Steer Showmanship  
3:00p – 4:00p – Livestock Judging Registration  
4:00p – Livestock Judging Events  
9:00a – 3:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
3:00p – 5:00p – Release of Creative Life Skills

### **Wednesday, March 19:**

9:30a – Sale  
12:00p– Buyers Luncheon  
1:30p – Sale

**Suwannee River Fair Association Inc.  
Parental Permission, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement**

Name and Location of Fair: Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show & Sale, Fanning Springs, Florida.

**ADULT AND MINOR PARTICIPANTS:**

Let it be known that all those directly associated with the Suwannee River Fair Association Inc./Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show & Sale/Suwannee River Fair (hereafter "Releasee"), including but not limited to Board Members, Staff, Show Committees, Sponsors, and Volunteers are to be held harmless and not responsible in any way in case of any damage, fire or accident as to person, lost articles, livestock, etc. entered and/or exhibited or any accidents that might occur to the exhibitor or their family, and/or the general public while visiting on the grounds at any time during fair activities. It is understood that all exhibitors entering any of the Suwannee River Fair shows and/or contests agree to comply with all General Rules and Regulations, Animal Inspections Rules & Regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, as well as the rules governing each individual show and contest.

**NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN**

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF RELEASEE USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM RELEASEE IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND RELEASEE HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM. F.S. 744.301(3)(b) PARENTAL CONSENT.**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to enter any of the livestock areas at the Suwannee River Fair (*including, but not limited to, the show ring, competition areas, chutes, hog pens, steer barn, scales, washing/drying areas, areas reserved and intended for exhibitors or restricted to the general public*), or being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or for any purpose participate in any way in the event, by signing below, I agree as follows:

1. I am aware that there are livestock animals at the Suwannee River Fair and I understand that livestock can be unpredictable and dangerous at times.
2. If allowed to enter any livestock area, I agree to be mindful and aware of my surroundings in any areas that I may be in and will conduct myself in a safe and sensible manner.
3. I agree that if, at any time, I am in a livestock area and I feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately notify Fair officials of such and will leave the area.
4. I agree not to sue any youth exhibitors, the Suwannee River Fair or any affiliate of the Fair, the Fair Board Members, Fair Superintendents, Fair Officers, or anyone else associated with the Fair for any loss or damage claimed by myself due to the injury or death of myself or any person under my care at this event.
5. I understand that the activities of the Fair can be very dangerous and could involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage, and I assume this risk on behalf of myself and anyone under my care while at this Fair.
6. I understand that neither the Suwannee River Fair nor any of its affiliates are responsible for loss of or damage to any of my personal property or belongings while at the fairgrounds.
7. I understand that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Province or State in which the event is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
8. I agree the laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity of this Release, the construction of its terms, and the interpretation of the rights and duties hereunder.

**I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I ASSUME ALL RISK INHERENT IN THIS FAIR WHICH INVOLVES UNPREDICTABLE LIVESTOCK ANIMALS. I FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME EVIDENCING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.**

_____ Print Exhibitor Name	_____ Exhibitor Signature	_____ Date
_____ Print Parent/Guardian Name	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Date

## GENERAL FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

### FOR ALL SHOWS & CONTESTS

1. The Suwannee River Fair Association (SRF) reserves to its Board of Directors, the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations.
2. The SRF reserves all rights to make changes to individual shows, events, and/or rules and regulations throughout the year as the Executive Board deem necessary for the betterment, improvement and safety of exhibitors, volunteers, and guests.
3. All animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and remain in their designated area during the feeding period or until released by show committee. The care and welfare of the shows animals will be checked periodically by FFA advisors, county Agents, 4-H leaders and/or board members.
4. The website <https://mysrf.org> has entry forms, record books, updates and changes to any rule.
5. Online registration is at <https://suwannee.fairwire.com>. The online portal will close 2 days prior to the mail-in entry deadline.
6. The Fair will not be responsible for any actions by the US Post Office concerning entries or thank you letters. This includes letters lost or delayed through the mail.
7. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the fairgrounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
8. Use of drugs in animals not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering.
9. **SRF Association Resale Buyer Quality Assurance & Drug Statement** This is to acknowledge that I have been advised that the presence of any drug, antibiotic or biological residue in my market animal at slaughter will result in the condemnation of the carcass and forfeiture of all sale proceeds and premiums. I certify that any drug, antibiotic or biological substance which may have been administered by myself or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label requirements or as prescribed by a veterinarian. I certify that I produced this animal, it was not fed any prohibited feedstuffs and all feeds were fed in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label instructions.
10. Show officials may refuse participation in any show, contest or sale, any exhibit or exhibitor who they feel is not a credit to the fair and/or does not adhere to all rules and regulations.
11. The decisions of Judges, Graders, FDACS Inspectors and other officials of the fair are final. There will be no arguments, verbal or written, or protest to the fair Judges or Graders. Protests are allowed under the provisions of SRF general rule #13.
12. Any disagreement or protest regarding any fair activities must be made in writing to the Fair Board President. The executive board will consider such protests and a decision rendered as soon as possible.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

13. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents are expected to adhere to the following rules of conduct at all fair sanctioned events. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of all premiums, awards and elimination or expulsion from participation in the current or future fair events.
  - a. Abide by all SRF rules and regulations.
  - b. Consumption, possession of alcoholic beverages on fair property or being under the influence of such beverages is strictly forbidden.
  - c. The use of profanity or fighting on fair property is forbidden.
  - d. The possession of firearms by anyone under the age of 18 on fair property is forbidden. Adults must secure firearms in locked vehicles when left unattended.
  - e. No open fires are permitted on fair property.
  - f. Any intentional destruction or abuse of Fair property will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the fair grounds and/or activities.
  - g. No improper comments or conduct toward buyers, fair officials or volunteers will be tolerated.

### EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

14. Participants in the Suwannee River Fair, MUST live or attend school in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties. Individuals not meeting this requirement must apply to the Suwannee River Fair Association for exemption to participate. Refer to Application For Participation in Suwannee River Fair.
15. Participants in SRF must be certified members in good standing of 4-H or FFA in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties. Verification of membership is the sole responsibility of the advisors or agents and implies member compliance with national, state and local membership rules and policy. Membership is certified initially by the signature of the appropriate Advisor, Agent or Leader on the appropriate entry form. Final certification from Advisor or Agent will be verified from SRF Master Entry List.
16. **Age Divisions: Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14+)** shall be uniform throughout the Fair. **The base age date for all shows: September 1, 2025.**
  - a. Except Horse: Beginner any age, **Intermediates 11-13 can choose to compete in either the Junior or Senior division.**
  - b. Exhibitors who are not 8 years old by **9/1/2025** cannot participate in Large Animal Projects.
17. **4-H Cloverbuds** are 4-H members who are 5, but not 8 years old as of **9/1/2025**.

- a. Cloverbuds may not compete for any awards and/or prizes. They may enter and participate only in events specific to their age group.
  - b. Cloverbuds are eligible for participation in Exhibition Only classes in Creative Life Skills, Small Animal Shows, Dog Rally, some Showmanship classes, and record books.
  - c. Cloverbud entries will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. See Specific Shows for Rules and Regulations.
  - d. A Cloverbud Liability Release Sheet or record book is required.
18. **SRF Dress Code:** All exhibitors participating in Shows, Sale, and Awards Program will be required to be clean, neat and dressed in black pants or skirts, a solid white button up shirt with a white collar and dark or green tie. 4-H or FFA Jacket or 4-H Vest are required. Closed-toed shoes with backs or boots are required. No hats or caps allowed. **Show and Contest Exceptions:** Cloverbuds may wear 4-H Accessories. Contest participants refer to contest dress code requirements. Dairy Cow and Goat participants may wear white pants and shirt. Dog Show participant refer to show dress code rules. Horse Show participants are required to wear attire, boots and helmet appropriate to riding style.
19. **Buyer's Invitation:** It is the exhibitors responsibility to help get new and returning buyers to come to the livestock sales.
20. Exhibitor must be ready to enter the arena on time. Once class has started no late entries or early exits will be allowed.

## EXHIBITOR ENTRIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

21. Animals must be entered at the initial and final entry time.
22. Exhibitors must own in full any animal exhibit offered for sale.
23. No individual may show and/or sell more than one **SALE** animal per year.
24. All Market exhibitors are eligible to enter or tag in two of the same market animals. Only one will be allowed at the final weigh-in in March. The exhibitor will be responsible for the sale of the second animal.
25. Chapter/Club and siblings may use the same 2<sup>nd</sup> animal as their backup. Everyone must enter with their own entry form for that animal and pay all applicable fees.
26. If a market animal dies within 30 days after tag-in or weigh-in the animal may be replaced upon verification by two committee members. However, after the 30 days under no circumstances will a replacement be allowed. A replacement animal will have to be re-tagged within 7 days of the death. Replacement steer – The steer may not be more than 100 lbs. heavier than original weight at tag-in.
27. ALL market animals must be reared at the exhibitor's home or school they attend throughout the entire project unless granted permission by the board. If not kept at the exhibitor's home or school a letter addressed to the board with the proposed location and explanation of why must be turned in at time of tag in for consideration. This relocation must be within the Levy, Dixie, or Gilchrist foot print **NO EXEPTIONS**. Exhibitors are subject to random home visits from the time of the initial tag-in to the time of the final weigh-in by an Advisor, Leader, or SRF Board/Committee Member. Anyone not abiding by this rule will **NOT** be eligible to show at the March Fair!
28. Market animals that show must sell. Exhibitor owns the animal until it goes on the trailer of the resale buyer after the sale
29. Chapter or club animals must be shown and sold by someone that does not have a market animal in the show.
30. Exhibitors must show and sell, his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate.
31. All exhibits must be picked up no later than the time and date listed in the schedule of events or show barn for each show and division.
32. Early removal of exhibits may result in loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.
33. For the safety of all exhibitors, any animal that becomes loose or unruly while in the show ring due to lack of control by the exhibitor shall be penned or tied to the fence for the remainder of the class.
34. **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:** By signing and submitting an entry to the Suwannee River Youth Fair, the exhibitor, parents, leaders, and advisors agree that they have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as published by the Suwannee River Fair Association, and that all information on the entry form is true. By signing the entry form you release the Suwannee River Fair Association and those directly associated with it from any liability to your person or property and you consent to the use, by the Fair, of any pictures taken during the events for promotion or advertising of the Suwannee River Youth Fair.
35. **LIABILITY WAIVER:** Parent/Guardian and/or Exhibitor must sign and submit a Parental Permission, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement with their entry form, online must mail in.
36. **WRIST BANDS:** Colored wrist band will be issued to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Wristbands are required to enter restricted livestock areas of the fair grounds.
37. **Entry Forms:** Exhibitors must enter their animals on a completed official entry form that has been signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and the FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or 4-H Leader. Entry forms are due according to Registration Deadlines and with the correct fees. No refunds will be made after entry deadline.

38. **Entry Fees:** Exhibitors must enter their animals on a completed official entry form that has been signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and the FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or 4-H Leader. Entry forms are due according to Registration Deadlines and with the correct fees. No refunds will be made after entry deadline.
- \$35.00 Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine & Wether
  - \$30.00 Horse Performance, & Horse Speed
  - \$30.00 Beef Bull & Heifer Dairy Cattle, Dog
  - \$30/\$15 Goat Doe \$30.00/1st and \$15.00/additional**
  - \$20.00 Poultry & Rabbit
  - \$10.00 BBQ Contest, Cupcake Decorating Contest, & **Tablescaping**
  - \$5.00 Cloverbud Rabbit & Poultry. **Creative Life Skill Shows per Item**
39. **Registration Deadlines:** All paperwork is the responsibility of the exhibitor and entry forms are due into the show superintendents no later than:
- a. **Market Steer & Swine Animals:** On the day of Weight/Tag-in.
  - b. **Market Wether Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in December of the current fair year.
  - c. **Breeding Goat Does:** Forms must be post marked by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in September of the current fair year. Entries post marked after the deadline but on or before the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of September will be accepted at double the entry fee.
  - d. **Non-Sale Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in December of the current fair year. Entries post marked after the deadline but on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December will be accepted at double the entry fee. Exhibitors are encouraged to include a self-addressed, stamped post card which will be returned upon receipt of their entry forms. A list of all received entries will be posted on the Fair website. Dropped off forms will not be accepted.
  - e. The Online registration is at <https://suwannee.fairwire.com>. The online portal will close 2 days prior to the mail-in entry deadline.
40. **Mandatory Drug and Quality Assurance Sheet or Record Book Receipt:**
- a. All animal exhibitors **MUST** complete a Drug and Quality Assurance Sheet or a Record Book for each animal project they enter.
  - b. The completed drug assurance sheet or record book receipt will be presented to the show committee check-in station, where they will be examined for completeness.
  - c. **Incomplete Information:** The exhibitor and their animal **WILL BE** diverted out of line to an area where they will complete the required information.
  - d. The exhibitor's hand will be stamped for entry into the scale house and barns.
  - e. **Optional Record Book Contest:** Refer to Contests and Other Events Rules.
41. **Showmanship Contests – General Rules:**
- a. There will be Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14+)
  - b. **Make sure you understand the rules for your animal. Some are required, some need preregistration, and others are entered at March weigh-in.**
  - c. Refer to show division for specific criteria on participation.
  - d. The exhibitor must show his own animal. No one will be allowed to participate unless they have an official entry in the show and division. Exhibitors of chapter or club animal may compete in the showmanship contest, 1 per club/chapter by designated club leader or chapter advisor.
  - e. Awards may be given to the top three (3) showmen in each show category.

## **ANIMAL INSPECTION RULES & REGULATIONS**

42. All animals shall enter the show grounds through the North gate, unless specified in SRF Division and Show.
  43. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean and attractive manner, properly care for (feed and water) animal exhibits, for the duration of the Fair. Inspections will be performed by the Board.
  44. **Proper Care:** If your animal is reported for lack of care and the grievance is found to be valid, the pen will be tagged with a date and time. Once your pen is tagged you must immediately report to the office/show superintendent. If the problem or concern is not corrected you will be withdrawn from the show.
  45. State Veterinarian, USDA representative, SRF Grievance Committee or their representative reserve the right not to accept animals if they appear to be unhealthy, infected with external parasites (such as lice, mites & fleas), malnourished, or not in the best interest of the fair.
  46. There will be no medicating of animals, unless approved by SRF Grievance Committee or their representative.
  47. If illness appears during the course of the Fair, the SRF Grievance Committee or their representative reserve the right to remove animals from the barn that day.
  48. Liability in case of death or injury to any exhibited animal remains with the exhibitor until released from Fair.
  49. All health rules as outlined by the Suwannee River Fair and the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry must be adhered to. State inspectors will be on the grounds to verify health papers and check in all animals. No animals will be unloaded without the inspector's approval. The State Inspector has the right to test any animal on the facility without prior notice under **Florida Statutes 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.**
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## CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Show Superintendent: [Ashlee Johnson](#)

Entry Fee: [\\$5.00 per Item](#)

The SRF General Rules & Regulations apply to this Division, Shows and Contests.

1. The Suwannee River Fair Association reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret all show rules and regulations. All Creative Life Skills (CLS) exhibitors will be under control of the CLS Superintendent. The Association will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to entries.
2. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors will be grouped as follows: Cloverbuds, Junior, [Intermediate](#), Senior, and Participants. **Participants** in any grade who have a diagnosed mental or physical condition that prevents them from competing at their grade level. With **WRITTEN PARENTAL** consent, participants may enter their items into the CLS Show for display only and will be awarded a ribbon for their participation.
3. **Shows:** Clothing, Cake Decorating, Textiles, Foods, Handicrafts, Photography.
4. **Contests:** Cupcake Decorating, Program Cover, and Tablescapeing.
5. **Number of Entries:** Exhibitors are limited to 10 entries in this Department. Only 1 entry per division will be accepted at registration.
6. **Registration:** Entry forms, which will also serve as registration forms are available online and must be signed by both the exhibitor and the leader or advisor. Division and class information may be completed on the form when the exhibit is entered into the show. No entry will be accepted without an entry form.
7. **Exhibits:** All exhibits must have been completed in the last 12 months and must be individual work of the exhibitor. All exhibits must be clean and attractively displayed.
8. **Entry and Release Times:** Please refer to the current fair year schedule of events for dates and times of Non-food and Food exhibits entries. Perishables not picked up at scheduled time will be disposed of by the show superintendent. Pictures will be taken of food items to be displayed at the fair with other exhibits. [Exhibits and ribbons must be picked up at the designated time, which will be posted at check-in.](#)
9. **Judges, Judging and Awards:** Judges with knowledge in the subject to be judged will be chosen by the superintendent. Judges will first award blue, red, and white ribbons for all exhibits. Only blue-ribbon exhibits will be considered for Best of Division Rosettes in the respective age categories. Only exhibits awarded rosettes will be considered for Best of Show plaques, which are awarded to the top entry in clothing, textiles, foods, handicrafts, photography, and cake decorating. Grand and Reserved trophies will be given from the top two Best of Show recipients.
10. **Protest** – The CLS Superintendent has the final decision on any discrepancies. SRF rules apply to all protests.
11. **Names** – The only place that an exhibitor's name can appear is on the entry form. This is to insure anonymity for judging. Items marked with an exhibitors name will not be accepted.

## CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS DIVISION RULES

### CAKE DECORATING SHOW RULES

Entry Fee [\\$5.00](#)

1. Entry must be sole work of the exhibitor.
2. Each exhibit must come with an explanation of how it was made, and techniques used. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the form must be attached to the exhibit.
3. All cakes entered in the Cake Decorating Division will be released from 4:00p-5:00p on Saturday. Perishables not picked up at this time will be disposed of by the show superintendent. Pictures will be taken of cakes to be displayed at the fair.
4. Cakes are required to be displayed on cake boards. Cakes should be as close to the cake board size as possible or covered. Boards may be covered with food safe covering. No cake plates, stands, etc are allowed. No glass cake boards allowed.
5. Cakes will be judged only on appearance and technique; forms may be used.
6. Frosting, fondant, gum paste, candies, etc may be used. No artificial flowers, toys, etc. All decorations must be edible.
7. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, workmanship, degree of difficulty and overall appearance.
8. No moving parts are allowed
9. Cakes can be any shape or a pull-a-part cake
10. Cake base is to be no larger than a quarter sheet and no more than 3 tiers high.
11. All finishing must be done before entering the creative life skills building.

### CLOTHING SHOW RULES

Entry Fee [\\$5.00](#)

1. To insure garments are correctly identified by the judges, print the number of your entry form onto a 1" by 3" piece of white fabric. Also print the number of pieces of clothing being entered (for example: 1 of 2, or 3 of 3). Pin fabric inside the garment and hang your garment on a hanger.
2. The entry form number must also be written on the pattern envelope and guide sheet. Put the envelope and guide sheet into a plastic bag and hang it on the same hanger as the garment. Exhibitors who draft their own pattern should write that information and their entry form number on an index card as well as a brief description of how they assembled their garment and put the card in the plastic bag in place of the guide sheet and pattern envelope.
3. A personal data form is due at the time the clothing exhibit is entered into the fair.
4. Repurposed Clothing: participants designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used materials. The completed garment is different from its original use.
5. Belts may be professionally made and finished garments professionally pressed, but must be so labeled.
6. Accessories constructed to complement clothing entry (shoes, hat, purse, jewelry, etc.) will be entered into appropriate division for judging and will not be judged as an ensemble.

## FOOD SHOW RULES

### Entry Fee \$5.00

1. Food containing **UN-BAKED** ingredients such as custard, cream cheese, or raw eggs will be accepted. **HOWEVER** this division does not have accessibility to refrigeration before, during or after the judging session. **Entries deemed as unsafe will not be tasted by the judges.**
2. All cakes and breads entered into the Food Division will be released from 4:00p-5:00p on Saturday. **Perishables not picked up at this time will be disposed of by show superintendent.** Pictures will be taken of food items to be displayed at the fair.
3. For each entry, write the exhibitor's entry form number on a small piece of white paper and attach to the underside of the exhibit.
4. With the exception of pies **foods must be set on cardboard covered aluminum foil. No cake plates or glass pie dishes will be accepted.**
  - a) For smaller items such as cookies, muffins, candies, rolls or biscuits, place 6 of them on a 6"x6" foil-covered cardboard and cover as necessary.
  - b) Larger items such as cakes and bread should be entered on a foil covered cardboard and cover as necessary. No cake should exceed a quarter of a sheet cake.
5. Recipes are mandatory and must be stapled to the entry form with the exhibitor's entry form number clearly written across the top. **Do not write exhibitors name on recipe cards.** The use of box mixes and bread machines are prohibited.
6. All recipes will be kept to be used in a future fair cookbook.

## PRESERVED FOOD SHOW RULES

### Entry Fee \$5.00

1. Entries may be either sweet or savory.
2. All entries must have been preserved within the last year (12 months). Preservation means foods are stable at room temperature, not needing additional refrigeration or cooling for safety. NOTE: Refrigerator products are not preserved, and not eligible.
3. All jars must be clear glass (standard) canning jars of half-pint (8 oz.), pint (16 oz.), or quart (32 oz.) size. Jars must be clean. Rings and lids should be free from rust. No other jars will be accepted! All products must be sealed by water bath or pressure canner.
4. Exhibitor must submit two (2) jars for each entered item: one for exhibiting and one that can be opened for testing.
5. Dehydrated Food: Use a glass jar with a rubber gasket in the lid to provide a better seal or vacuumed sealed bags.
6. Unsealed exhibits or products showing signs of spoilage will not be judged.
7. Jars or vacuum sealed bags must be labeled with the name of product and date canned. Entries without required labeling will not be judged.
8. Fancy padded lids, fabric overlaps or over cozies interfere with the judging process and should not be used.
9. Recipes are mandatory and must be stapled to the entry form. Do not write name on recipe cards.
10. All recipes will be kept to be used in a future fair cookbook.

## HANDICRAFT SHOW RULES

### Entry Fee \$5.00

1. **This Show Is Not Responsible For Breakage!**
2. **Glass entries or entries with glass components will not be accepted.**
3. In general, handicrafts are items that are inedible and have not been hand or machine stitched. Kits are not permitted with the exception of paint-by-number kits for Cloverbuds and Primaries.

- Each exhibit must come with an explanation of how it was made. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the form must be attached to the exhibit.
- Items must be ready for their intended use. This means that pictures and other works of art intended for hanging must be ready to hang or will be disqualified.
- Pot hangers should have unbreakable pots rather than clay or pottery pots.
- All hemming and finishing must be the work of the exhibitor.

## PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW RULES

Entry Fee \$5.00

- No Frames, Glass Or Plexiglas Will Be Allowed!**
- A photo entry may be either black/white or color, processed from a negative or a digital camera and must be taken by the exhibitor.
- The exhibit must have a short explanation of why the picture was taken and chosen for entry. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the entry form must be attached to the exhibit.
- Exhibitors may submit 1 entry as either: A series of photos: picture sequence or story showing a logical progression of images, or an individual photo.
- Pictures should depict activities typical of those in which a 4-H or FFA member and their friends would likely participate.
- The photo must be mounted on foam board. Maximum size for a single photo is 8"x10".

## TEXTILE SHOW RULES

Entry Fee \$5.00

- Textiles are made with fabric or yarn that has been hand or machine stitched or both.
- Kits may be used, but that information must be plainly noted.
- Each exhibit must come with an explanation of how it was made and whether a kit was used. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the entry form must be attached to the exhibit and have the exhibitor's name on them.
- Entries must be complete and ready to use. For example: a counted cross-stitch sampler should be framed and ready to hang. However, **NO GLASS!!** Label any items that have been professionally framed.
- Liquid embroidery is acceptable if at least 25% of the item is stitched, crocheted or otherwise needle worked.

## CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS CONTESTS

### CUPCAKE DECORATING CONTEST

**Contest Superintendent:** Ashley Johnson

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00, pre-registration is required

**Contest Time:** Juniors - 30 minutes, Intermediates & Seniors - 20 minutes

- Individual contest with Primary, Junior and Senior age divisions.
- Fair will provide 6 cupcakes, frosting and cake display board.
- Dress Code:** Official Dress is **Not Required**. Participants **Will Not** have any means of identification as to their name, club, chapter or community. You are **Required** to wear black pants or skirt, short or long sleeve shirt that fits close to the arms, close-toed shoes with backs or boots, hair should be pulled-back, tied-back, or cap worn. Aprons should also be worn.
- Judges reserve the right to disqualify anyone for unsanitary behavior.
- Check in and set up begins **30 minutes prior to the contest start time**, when you turn in a contest thank you letter, You will receive a participant number and last minute instructions.
- Sharing is not permitted. Each contestant must have their own supplies.
- Each participant will:
  - Furnish** their own table (3' x 6' or 2 smaller), bowls, spatulas, spoons, piping bags, tips, dye or any supplies needed. Help will be provided to open and step up tables only. Any and all other setup required will be done by the participant only.
  - Bring any and all fondants, candies, and/or decorations to be used. All cake and board decorations must be edible. Decorations must not be pre-assembled and fondants un-dyed at the start of the contest.
- No one except exhibitors will be permitted in the decorating area until after judging.
- Exhibitors will be observed from the time of setup until the cake is submitted for judging and their respective area is cleared.
- Cakes can be decorated individually or as a whole.
- Each participant will present their cakes to the panel of judges at the conclusion of the contest.
- AWARDS** - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given in each age division. Best of Show plaque & cash awards may be awarded.

## MR. LORAN'S BBQ CONTEST

**Contest Superintendent:** Tyler Pittman & Tyler Voorhees

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00, pre-registration is required

**Contest Time:** 90 minutes

**Meat:** [Lamb Chops](#)– supplied by fair

**Side Dish:** Participant's choice of side – supplied by contestant

1. Individual Belt Buckle Contest for ages 9 and up.
2. Participants are **Required** to follow the contest safety videos. All videos, required forms, study materials, and meat type for contest are available at <http://mysrf.org>
3. **Dress Code:** Official Dress is **Not Required**. Participants **Will Not** have any means of identification as to their name, club, chapter or community. You are **Required** to wear appropriate clothing and hair covers/hats.
4. Judges reserve the right to disqualify anyone for unsafe or unsanitary procedures.
5. Sharing is not permitted. Each contestant must have their own supplies.
6. Fair will **provide** meat, presentation plate and portion cup, for sample of sauce.
7. Each participant will:
  - a. Be scored on barbeque skills and sensory evaluation of final product.
  - b. **Furnish** their own **prep table** (3' x 6' or 2 smaller) and **small portable charcoal grill**. You should be able to walk/carry it into the contest area. **Furnish** all other equipment, food thermometer, charcoal, starter fluid, supplies and sauces. **No** self-starting charcoal or automatic fire starter blocks will be permitted. However chimney-starters may be used.
9. Check in and Set up begins at posted time when you turn in a record sheet, and both contest and meat sponsor thank you letters. You will receive a participant number and last minute instructions.
10. The contest will start with the lighting of the fires. One (1) point will be deducted for every 5 minutes late.
11. No One except exhibitors will be permitted in the cooking area until after judging.
12. All contestants:
  - a. must set up and start their own grill, are required to stay in their assigned area until end of contest and will work alone during cooking unless officials have safety concerns. You will lose points if lighter fluid is sprayed on live (hot) coals. You must use the technique outlined on our website.
  - b. will receive their meat when ready to cook.
  - c. cook the meat to **minimal internal temperature and time** as measured by SRF equipment.
  - d. may not inject any fluid or sauce into the meat and may not place meat in baskets to aid in turning.
  - e. will be observed from the time of setup and fires are lit until the food is submitted for judging and their respective area is cleaned. Trash bins will be provided.
  - f. must clean your area and properly dispose of charcoal, before leaving contest.
13. **AWARDS** – Ribbons and Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Suwannee River Youth Fair. One Belt Buckle Champion will be selected based on total score, regardless of age division.

## TABLESCAPING CONTEST

**Contest Superintendent:** Ashlee Johnson

**Entry Fee:** [\\$10.00](#), pre-registration is required

**Contest Time:** 1 hour

1. This is a team contest. Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Mixed age divisions. A mixed team will be entered at the level of the oldest participant. Club/Chapter may enter multiple judging teams per age division.
2. [Teams consisting of less than 2 members must be approved by the contest superintendent prior to registration](#)
3. **Dress Code:** Official Dress is **Not Required**. Participants **Will Not** have any means of identification as to their name, club, chapter or community. You are **Required** to wear black pants or skirt, short or long sleeve shirt that fits close to the arms, close-toed shoes with backs or boots, hair should be pulled-back, tied-back, or cap worn. Aprons should also be worn.
4. No one is allowed in the setup area except team members participating. (No Adults).
5. [Check-in begins 30 minutes prior to the contest start time](#). At check in your team will receive a team number and last-minute instructions.
6. Sharing is not permitted. Each team must have their own supplies.
7. The team will provide table and all decorations. Table must be a square card table no smaller than 34in x 34in and no larger than 48in x48in.
8. Only SHATTER PROOF decorations may be used. No glass, china, crystal and other like items.
9. Each tablescape must include: a menu, 2 place settings, [and 2](#).

10. Live flowers may be used – food is not permitted to be a part of the tablescape display (Fresh, uncut fruits or vegetables may be used in the centerpiece only if they add to the overall design.)
  11. Table coverings are required for all tables.
  12. Include a menu suitable for your table setting theme. Menu should be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches. No alcoholic beverages on the menu.
  13. Fair reserves the right to reject any table setting that is objectionable or unsuitable.
  14. The fair is not responsible for any damage or breakage.
  15. **AWARDS** – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given in each age division. Best of Show plaque & cash awards may be awarded
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## RECORD BOOK CONTEST

**Contest Superintendent:** Ashley Cook–Gregory

**Contest Committee:** Jessica Cooper, Wendy Bird

**Entry Fee:** None

**Entry Dates:** Record Books **MUST** be turned in at the fair grounds and are due the first Wednesday in March between 4:00p–8:00p unless show occurs before this date. Then record books are due at time of show.

1. Exhibitors who complete a record book for an animal do not have to also complete a project summary sheet for the same animal.
  2. Record books not turned in on time may still be used to enter animal into the fair, but **WILL NOT** be judged.
  3. Individual Contest. Primary, Junior, and Senior age divisions.
  4. Age Divisions for the contest will be grouped as follows:
    - a. **Primary** division (ages 8–10)
    - b. **Junior** division (ages 11–13)
    - c. **Senior** division (ages 14+)
    - d. **4–H Cloverbuds** are Not eligible to participate in Record Book Contest
  5. Record Book Divisions for the contest will be grouped as follows:
    - a. **Market Animals** (Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine, Wether)
    - b. **Non–Market Animals** (Beef Bull, Beef Heifer, Dairy Cow, Dairy Doe, Dog, Horse, Meat Doe, Poultry, Rabbit)
  6. Exhibitors may enter 1 record book per show they are participating in.
  7. Record book committee will appoint qualified judges, who are not immediate relatives.
  8. Rubrics will be provided in the back of each record book template for all participants. These rubrics will then be used to score individual books.
  9. Ribbon Awards: Blue 90–100 points; Red 80–89 points; White 70–79 points; Green 69 points & below.
  10. Awards: First, second and third place may be awarded.
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