ALL EXHIBITORS SHOULD REFER TO INFORMATION BEFORE ENTERING ANY SPECIAL CONTEST COMPETITION

for complete rules, entry details, premiums, schedule and procedure. Check our website for the latest information at www.arkansasstatefair.com. All persons may exhibit in one or more of the contests included in this portion of the Handbook but only one dish per class. Some are restricted to certain age groups, and the awards vary. Each event has very specific requirements, check in dates, and other criteria as outlined in the description for each. Some will have entry fees, all taxes will be the responsibility of the winner.

SPECIAL CONTESTS are live competitions held in the Arts & Crafts Building throughout the Fair during open hours of the fair. These contests are fun for the whole family, entries are prepared, presented, and publicly judged. Many sponsors send representatives to host, demonstrate, promote products, and judge the contest. Arkansas State Fair will provide Rosettes.

SPECIAL CONTESTS – GENERAL RULE

All entries are required by the online method, no late entries will be allowed due to the fact your entry number will be placed on the set up tables. You will find your number and set up with your one recipe without your name or address. Include the division, class and description (recipe title or object details) on the online Entry Form and your recipe. All contestants and recipes are subject to pictures and publicity by the Arkansas State Fair without compensation.

All taxes are the responsibility of the winner.

This year we will only have Commercial Wine Competition

STANDARD CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION RULES APPLY TO THESE CONTESTS, unless stated otherwise on individual contest description pages. Many sponsors have very specific requirements. Avoid complications, correction or disqualification by reading and following directions.

If you have questions, please contact the State Fair office for assistance at 501-372-8341

Or email Gina Clement @ Artscrafts@asfg.net
All of the exhibits are to be prepared at home and brought to the fairgrounds at specified times, except for the floral and ice cream contests. Use Gate 7 or 11 off of Schiller Street, along the east fence. Photos and non-perishables can be checked in with the standard category items prior to the opening of the State Fair. Food exhibitors may create a display (dish, place mat, silverware, etc.) no larger than 12” x 24”, at the discretion of ALSA staff.

Exhibitors must bring their own serving utensils and presentation accessories. Stoves and cook tops are available to warm up for final presentation or small prep due to travel. Your dish must be prepared at home as much as possible due to everyone needing to warm their dish. Please clean up your area of the kitchen if used.

Entry Tag should be attached and visible, without exhibitor identification on the item. This can be done by folding your name under.

Judging is open to the public. Exhibitors should stay for judging as ribbons and other awards are presented. You will be called to stand by your dish as awards are presented. Some contest have photo opportunities at the request of our sponsors. Limited seating and standing room is available. The judging area is restricted to authorized persons only. Exhibitors and their families must avoid contact with judges until after the contest. Sampling of food entries is limited to other exhibitors in this contest or by State Fair workers of the contest as long as the dish is in the Judging ring. All times are subject to change if a problem arises.

**Decision of Judges is final**

Perishable foods and presentation materials will be released to exhibitors immediately following judging. Food, tableware or other accessories remaining after the contest will be disposed of without further notice. Arkansas State Fair is not responsible for exhibitor property left behind without prior arrangement of pick up.

**Professionals are not eligible to enter any Cooking Contest.**

**ALL EXHIBITORS COMPETE TOGETHER**

**MONETARY AWARDS WILL BE MAILED BY STATE FAIR OFFICE OR THE SPONSOR AFTER THE FAIR**
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Division 902:
Class 01:
CONTEST DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019
EXHIBITS ACCEPTED: 2:30 to 3:00 PM
JUDGING TIME: 3:15 PM
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

Awards sponsored by the Central Arkansas Beekeepers Associations:
1st Place - $175 and a Ribbon
2nd Place - $100 and a Ribbon
3rd Place - $50 and a Ribbon

Judging is based on
Appearance of Food – 25%       Taste - 50%       Overall Impression – 25%

This competition can be any type of dish made from an pure or raw Arkansas produced Honey. You must bring the bottle of honey with your dish.
Please read all rules in the Special Contest Handbook
FLOWER ARRANGING CONTEST

Division 903 – See Classes Listed Below
Contest Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019
Exhibitor Check In: 10:00 to 10:30 am
Judging Time: 10:45 am

ON SITE REGISTRATION and ENTRY DETAILS — SEE PAGE 1

This is a fun and educational competition, in appreciation of the art and beauty of fresh flower arrangements. Learn the basic elements of floral design techniques and experience the rewards of creative expression under the guidance of experts in the field. Previous experience is not required and no preparation is necessary; supplies are provided by the sponsor and the arrangements are created on site.

This exciting event is certain to entertain and encourage a love of floral design and fresh flowers.

You must enter on line, space is limited to the first 10 Adults and 10 Youth to sign in, sponsor may call for more to enter if space is available

Classes:

01 ~ Youth  (Ages 6 - 12)
02 ~ Junior  (Ages 13 - 18)
03 ~ Adult  (Ages 19 & above)

AWARDS SPONSORED BY

FLOWER EXPRESS
OF LITTLE ROCK

CONTEST RULES:

- Contestants must participate in the appropriate age class as of the contest date
- Youth under 6 years are not eligible.

Sponsor will provide each contestant with flowers, scissors, foam, and a commemorative container. Contestants will have 15 minutes to create their arrangement and judging will follow.

Judging is based on creativity, workmanship and how well the design works with the container. Judges are qualified florists and/or garden club members with an extensive background in floral design. The Judges’ decision is final. The judges may choose to comment and demonstrate design methods after the contest. Please read the rules in the Special Contest Handbook

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ON SITE BY THE SPONSOR
ARKANSAS FARM BUREAU - DAIRY DIVISION
FAMILY ICE CREAM MAKING CONTEST

All ages are welcome in this fun family event! If you’ve never seen it, come check it out! Family teams compete for awards by rolling coffee cans across the floor to make their favorite Ice Cream. Just bring the ingredients to make some good old fashioned Ice Cream at the State Fair.

DIVISION 904 ~ CLASS 01
CONTEST DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019
EXHIBITOR CHECK IN: 2:00 TO 2:30 PM
JUDGING TIME: 2:45 PM
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

Awards sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau:

1st Place - $75
2nd Place - $50
3rd Place - $25

Contestants should bring the following items:
Measuring cups and spoons
1 cup Milk
1 cup Whipping Cream
1/2 cup Sugar
1/2 teaspoon Vanilla
Two (2) Coffee Cans (empty):
1 large (2 lb. 7 oz.) with plastic lid
1 small (1 lb.) with plastic lid
Any other choice of ingredients: color, flavor, fruit, nuts, candy, etc.

This is a Group contest (only one person needs to enter), there is no age requirement. A family or group consists of two to five persons. **Space is limited to the first 20 entries.**
Contestants must bring their own empty coffee cans and ingredients. The State Fair will supply the ice, rock salt and fun! Gloves are recommended — your hands will get cold! You can use the floor or any other ideas to roll your cans.
Please read the Guidelines in the Special Contest handbook

**Judging is based on**

Appearance of Ice Cream – 25%
Taste - 50%
Overall Impression – 25%
ARKANSAS FARM BUREAU

RICE COOKING CONTEST

All ages are welcome to participate in this fun competition, exploring the variety of cooking rice in Arkansas. Bring out your family’s favorite to compete for cash and prizes at the State Fair!

Contest Date: Friday, October 11, 2019
Exhibits Accepted: 10:00 to 10:30 am
Judging Time: 10:45 am
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

Awards sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau:

1st Place - $100
2nd Place - $50
3rd Place - $25

In each of the following classes:

Division 906- CLASS 01 - Main Dish
Division 906 - CLASS 02 – Dessert
Division 906 - CLASS 03 – Salads

Judging is based on
Appearance of Food – 25%     Taste - 50%
Overall Impression – 25%

Each recipe must use rice or a rice product (cereals, bran, etc.) as a primary ingredient. The 2019 first place winners are not eligible to compete in the same classes of 2020. Please read the Guidelines in the Special Contest Handbook.
Impress your friends, family and the fair’s judges! Petit Jean Meats is searching for the most flavorful, recipes in Arkansas.
Combine any Petit Jean Meat with up to five other ingredients for a convenient and memorable main dish that says WOW!

Division 907: Class 01
Contest Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019
Exhibits Accepted: 1:30 TO 2:00 pm
Judging Time: 2:15 pm
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

Awards:

1st Place - $150.00
2nd Place - $100.00
3rd Place - $50.00

Judging is based on

Appearance of Food – 25%  Taste - 50%  Overall Impression – 25%

Entries must use Petit Jean Meat (as the only meat) plus no more than 5 other ingredients. Salt, pepper, water, oil and cooking spray do not qualify as ingredients. Please read the Guidelines in the Special Contest handbook

The 2019 first place winners are not eligible to compete in the 2020 Contest.
Arkansas State Fair Pie Competition

DIVISION 905: CLASS 01: FRUIT
CONTEST DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019
EXHIBITS ACCEPTED: 10:00 TO 10:30 AM
JUDGING TIME: 10:45 AM
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

Awards provided by the Arkansas State Fair
1st Place - $100  2nd Place - $75  3rd Place - $50

This year - the pie filling is FRUIT

Recipe must be original and not previously published. List all ingredients (for both crust and filling) in exact measurements and include preparation steps, pan size (must be a standard size – minimum 9”), temperature and baking time. Include name, age and contact information. Damage in transit or handling will not be counted against the contestant by the judges. Please read the guidelines in the Special Contest Handbook
The 2019 first place winners are not eligible to compete in the 2020 Contest.

Judging is based on
Appearance of Pie – 25%  Taste - 50%  Overall Impression filling and crust – 25%
Arkansas State Fair BBQ Beef Rib Competition

Division 908:
Class 01: Beef Ribs
CONTEST DATE: Wednesday, OCTOBER 16, 2019
EXHIBITS ACCEPTED
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM
JUDGING TIME: 10:45 AM
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

1st Place - $200
2nd Place - $100
3rd Place - $50

Judging is based on

Appearance of Ribs – 25%  Taste - 50%  Overall Impression – 25%

Recipe should include cooking instructions, list of spices or seasonings used in rubs or sauces used in preparing your ribs
All meat should start out raw. No pre-seasoned meat allowed.
Meat should be served dry with sauces being allowed if served on the side.
NO SAUCE ON MEAT
Preparation – Ribs should be cut with bone still attached.
Ribs can be prepared by Baking, Grilling, Smoking, etc.
No artificial heat allowed on judging tables
Please read the Guidelines in the Special Contest Handbook
THE “FIRST LADY’S” PIE CONTEST

We are indeed fortunate to enjoy the natural beauty of this great state of Arkansas, an area also famous for the many fantastic cooks! For generations, our families have savored the flavors of that good old Southern style home cooking. And for many years, folks have brought their best pies to the fair, in pursuit of a Blue Ribbon! In keeping with tradition, we continue to bring you this ever popular and entertaining competition.

DIVISION 910: CLASS 01: APPLE
CONTEST DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019
EXHIBITS ACCEPTED: 10:00 TO 10:30
AM JUDGING TIME: 10:45 AM

Awards and Rosettes provided by the Arkansas Farm Bureau
1st Place - $100  2nd Place - $75  3rd Place - $50
This year - the pie filling is APPLE

Pie crust and filling must be homemade; no pre-manufactured crust or filling is permitted. Recipe must be original and not previously published. List all ingredients (for both crust and filling) in exact measurements and include preparation steps, pan size (must be a standard size – minimum 9"), temperature and baking time. Include name, age and contact information.
Please read to Guidelines in the Special Contest Handbook

Judging is based on

Appearance of Pie – 25%  Taste - 50%  Overall Impression of Crust – 25%

Damage in transit or handling will not be counted against the contestant by the judges.
HILAND DAIRY COOKING COMPETITION

Division 912:
Class 01:
CONTEST DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
EXHIBITS ACCEPTED: 10:00 to 10:30 AM
JUDGING TIME: 10:45 AM
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

Awards sponsored by Hiland Dairy:
1st Place - $175 and a Ribbon
2nd Place - $100 and a Ribbon
3rd Place - $50 and a Ribbon

Judging is based on
Appearance of Food – 25%  Taste - 50%  Overall Impression – 25%

This competition can be any type of dish made from any two Hiland Dairy products. You must bring the empty packages of Hiland Dairy products with your dish.
Arkansas Cattle Women Association in conjunction with Arkansas Beef Council

CHILI COOK-OFF

DIVISION 913: – CLASS 01: Adults

CLASS 02: Kids

CONTEST DATE:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019
ENTRIES ACCEPTED: 2:00 TO 2:30 PM
JUDGING TIME: 2:45 PM
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Contest

Do you make really good chili? Everyone is invited to join us at the Arkansas State Fair!!!

1st Place - $100
2nd Place - $50
3rd Place - $25

Entries may use any variety of beans if desired but Beef MEAT must be the main ingredient. Recipe is required. Please read the rules in the Special Contest handbook

Judging is based on
Appearance of Chili – 25%  Taste - 50%  Overall Impression – 25%
PULASKI COUNTY FARM BUREAU
KIDS COOKIE CONTEST

This ‘Kids Only’ competition is great fun and stirs the imagination of young and old alike! Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to create the most deliciously decorated cookies based on their favorite book to compete for cash and prizes at the State Fair!

Division 914: Class 01
Contest Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019
Exhibits Accepted: 11:00 TO 12:00
Judging Time: 12:30 pm

Awards sponsored by Pulaski County Farm Bureau:

1st Place - $150
2nd Place - $75
3rd Place - $25

Children ages 8 to 12 years old on contest day are eligible.
Creativity is encouraged – use your imagination!! Design and name the cookies inspired by your favorite book.
On the Recipe, include the title of the book that the cookie is created for and state the reason that it was chosen.
Any size or flavor of baked cookie may be exhibited; six medium sized cookies constitute an exhibit. Only one (1) recipe per exhibitor is allowed.
Bake cookies, decorate and prepare your display.
The 2019 first place winner is not eligible to compete in 2020
Please the rules in the Special Contest guidelines

Judging is based on

Appearance of Cookie – 25%  Taste - 50%  Overall Impression – 25%