

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

The Premium Handbook has a new look! A WHOLE NEW LOOK. It's been rearranged quite a bit with a few changes to divisions and classes. Look for your department or talent in the **bold headings** across the top. Many DIVISIONS offer Skill Level. Many CLASSES offer "any other", when what or how you create is not an exact class. Our goal with this new look is to increase competition and interest while making it easier for EVERYONE to enter, even FIRST TIMERS! Competing at Madera Fair is fun for all.

GET A HANDBOOK. Check!

1. Look through the book and find the areas that you are interested in entering. It is easy to look at it this way: WHAT you do and HOW you do it! OR HOW you do it and WHAT it is!
2. This book is published yearly and lists all of the departments, divisions and classes that are available for entry.
3. You'll notice a specific YOUTH CONTEST section in orange. If we do not have a comparable contest in youth, youth are welcome to enter the adult contest section.

SECOND, Fill out your entry form completely:

1. Entry forms are available at the front of the book, online at www.maderafair.com, or, from the Fair Office. Special entry forms are required for livestock.
2. Sign your form. Youth must include their age, grade and have a parent or leader sign.
3. Please include phone number, complete address and email.
4. Make sure both the division number and class number are clearly listed on the form.
5. Enter the classes you feel are best suited for your exhibit. The Fair will attempt to enter exhibits in the proper classes when entries are made in error on the form. However, the Fair will not be liable for entries made in error.
6. Refer to rules listed in the department you are entering for further information. If you need help, call the Fair Office at (559)674-8511 or come in and see us Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
7. Bring your entry form and fees, if applicable, to the Fair Office or have postmarked by 7pm on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

THIRD, Bring your exhibits to the Fairgrounds.

Be sure you have noted the receiving days as listed in the Exhibitor handbook. Bring your exhibits between the hours listed, to the building indicated.

NOTE: All exhibits must be picked up on the date listed, in most cases the Tuesday following the closure of the Fair. The Fair is not responsible for items not claimed on or after the claiming date. Any remaining exhibits not claimed by October 31st may be donated or discarded

GLOSSARY OR TERMINOLOGY:

ADULT EXHIBITOR – Persons that are age 19 yrs & older.

ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL -Exhibitor who has achieved a marked degree of expertise in the division or who has sold or made money from their work.

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first place, one second place, one third place, etc.

BEGINNER - Exhibitor who has two years or less experience in the division.

CLAIMING - The dates and times that an exhibit is to be claimed (picked up) by the owner. Prize checks and ribbons are issued at the same time, except for livestock and special contests.

CLOSING DATE - The last date on which entry forms can be accepted. The forms can be delivered to the Fair office or postmarked by midnight on closing date.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against a scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first place, second place, etc., as merited.

ENTRY FEE - The amount to be paid for each item entered, if required. (always listed under the prizes offered).

EXHIBIT - The animal or item, which will be judged.

FIRSTTIMER - A person 19 years and older, who has never participated as an "exhibitor" or person who makes, enters and displays their hobby or craft. CHECK THE BOX on entry form if this applies.

INTERMEDIATE - Exhibitor who has two years or more experience in the division.

JUDGING - Date and time of the judging. When judging is listed as open or live, it means that special arrangements have been made for a public audience.

ON THE SPOT! CONTEST - Exhibit contests that will be announced during FAIR TIME and on the grounds! Visit Facebook and daily schedules for contests, times and locations, September 6th-9th, 2018.

PRIZES OFFERED - The amount awarded for a judging category.

RECEIVING - The date and time when the exhibits will be accepted by the departments in which they have been entered. Items are received in the building or area where they will be shown.

UNIQUELY CHALLENGED EXHIBITOR - For persons with learning, developmental or physical disabilities and enrolled in a group facility or Adult Day Program such as Heartland, CIWP or Star Center.

YOUTH EXHIBITOR – Persons age 18 years and younger.