

Okeechobee County Fair
Competitive Events
Entry Deadlines

All exhibits must be entered on a 2008 entry form and submitted to the Okeechobee County Fair Association at the Okeechobee County Extension Office, 458 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee, FL, 34972 by 5:00 p.m. of the deadline date. Your signature on the entry form signifies that you have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree to abide by said rules and regulations. Please read specific department or division rules for any other deadlines and penalties related to your specific entry.

February 8, 2008 (Friday)

2008 Creative Skills and Crafts, Food Competition, Vegetable and Horticulture Entry Forms Due

March 5, 2008 (Wednesday)

Non-Perishable Entries Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

March 6, 2008 (Thursday)

Judging of non-perishable entries

March 7, 2008 (Friday)

Perishable Food Entries Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

March 7, 2008 (Friday)

2:00 p.m. - Judging of perishable entries

Premiums

1st Place \$15

2nd Place \$10

3rd Place \$5



Okeechobee County Fair Association Guidelines for Exhibition

1. The Okeechobee County Fair Association does not take responsibility for lost, damaged or mis-directed forms, entries or articles of exhibit.
2. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Board of Directors of the Fair. All decisions made by the Board are final. This Board reserves the right to deny or allow any entry to the Fair and Fairgrounds.
3. All non-commercial exhibits must check in according to guidelines published in the 2008 Okeechobee Country Fair Premium Book. No exhibit may leave the grounds prior to the scheduled release dates & times as indicated in the Premium Book's calendars and/or individual department or section rules.
4. In all events and exhibits being judged the judge's decision shall be final.
5. All entries, if not claimed by Monday, March 17, 2008 shall become the property of the Fair. All premiums will be paid by check and mailed to the exhibitor. Premium checks MUST be cashed within 60 days of the issue date.
6. A \$30.00 fee or 5% of the face amount will be charged for any bad check received by the Fair for entries, sponsorships, contracts, etc.
7. Any formal complaints shall be presented in writing within six (6) hours of the discrepancy to the Fair Office to be handled as they see fit.
8. Any exhibitor or vendor conducting or participating in any illegal or Immoral activities on the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to display at the Fair and will lose any monies owed or paid by/to the Fair for premiums, sales, privilege agreements, etc.
9. If these rules contradict any committee rule(s) the committee rule(s) shall prevail.
10. By signing any privilege agreement, entry form, etc, participant agrees to release and discharge the Okeechobee County Fair Association and the Board of Directors & staff thereof from all liabilities, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature that may arise from or be connected with the participant's participation in any activity sponsored by the Okeechobee County Fair Association, Inc.

Okeechobee County Fair Creative Skills and Crafts

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.
5. All entries must be handmade by the entrant within the past 5 years.
6. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
7. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 4:00 pm on that day
8. Contest only open to Okeechobee County Residents.
9. All work must be clearly marked on the back or the bottom with entrant's name.

Section 1 Quilting Adult/Youth
Classes - Accessories
Applique
Patchwork
Hand Embroidery
Machine Quilted
Quilted by hand

Pastels
Acrylic

Section 4 Drawing Adult/Youth
Classes - Charcoal
Graphite Pencil
Color Pencil

Section 2 Sewing Adult/Youth
Classes- Clothing
Household Items
Doll clothes
Dolls – cloth
Stuffed Animals

Section 5 Photography Adult/Youth
Classes - Black and white
Landscape
Nature
People

Section 3 Knitting/Crochet
Classes – Afgans
Decorative Items
Baby Items

Color
Landscape
Nature
People

Section 3 Painting Professional/Amateur
Classes- Oils
Watercolors

Section 6 Woodworking Adult/Youth
Classes - Carved
Toys
Furniture
Accessories

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.
5. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
6. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 4:00 pm on that day. (Exception- perishable food items will be removed after 6:00 pm on March 9th). Unclaimed foods will be discarded.
7. All food items will be judged on appearance, texture, taste, and procedure.
8. Canning dates must be on jars.
9. Canned entries must be in sealed, standard **clear** glass canning jars.
10. **Disposable containers are REQUIRED** for all entries other than canned goods.
11. Judges have the option of opening the exhibit for testing
12. Judging will be on the same day as entries are submitted.

NOTE: Please keep in mind when entering that we have NO refrigeration for items.

Section 1 Home Baking Adult/Youth

Classes – Cakes
Candy
Cookies/Fudge
Pies
Quick Breads
Yeast Breads

Premiums

1st Place \$15
2nd Place \$10
3rd Place \$5

Section 2 Canned Goods Adult/Youth

Classes - Pickles
Preserves
Butters
Jams
Jellies
Fruits
Vegetables
Relishes/Chutneys



Okeechobee County Fair Photography

SPECIAL RULES

1. All entered items must be exposures made since January 1, 2006. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
2. Only one print will be accepted in each class, as an exhibitor cannot compete against himself. If more than one entered item is received from the same exhibitor for any one class; all items entered from that exhibitor for that class will be disqualified by the judges
3. Photographs must be framed, wired and ready to hang. No clips will be accepted.
4. Print size(s) shall be no smaller than 8" x 10", and no larger than 11" x 14". Any print that does not fit within this size limitation will be disqualified.
5. Items of an offensive, controversial or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.

Fine Art

SPECIAL RULES

1. The show is designed for the works of non-professional artists. The non-professional artist is one who does not receive the major portion of his or her income from the sale of his or her art.
2. Each work of art will be screened for the following before acceptance:
 - A. Work must be of the artist exhibiting, no teacher assisted work.
 - B. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
 - C. Artists are to exhibit work completed during the past two years.
 - D. Paintings, prints and drawings must be framed, wired and ready to hang. No clips will be accepted.
 - E. All Art must be original, no copies.

Okeechobee County Fair Vegetables Competition

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted
5. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
6. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 4:00 pm on that day.
7. Vegetables will be judged on quality (uniform in size, fresh, firm and undamaged, free of disease and insects).
8. All vegetables must be grown at home.

Section 1 Garden Vegetable Table Display. Consists of a minimum of 5 different fruits or vegetables raised in a home garden and arranged in a suitable container.

Section 2 Fruit and Vegetable Display. Consists of a plate of 3 vegetables or fruits (same variety) display on a plate.

Section 3 Largest Vegetable Contest- Vegetables must be cleaned from all dirt and excess materials at check-in. See Largest vegetable contest rules.

Premiums

1st Place \$15

2nd Place \$10

3rd Place \$5



Okeechobee County Fair Horticulture

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: 5:00 PM Friday, February 8, 2008

Dates for accepting items are Wednesday March 5, 2008, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

We welcome all residents of Okeechobee County to exhibit their prize plants in the Horticulture displays. Top quality, vigor, color and shape are requirements for each plant entered, as the judging standard is against perfection, not another plant. You are requested to read all rules and regulations for registering, submitting, and removing your plants and the particular specifications for each class.

SPECIAL RULES

1. **IMPORTANT:** All Entry Forms must be filled in completely and in the County Extension Office by 5:00 PM, February 8, 2008.
2. No more than 5 plants per person may be submitted for judging and no more than one per category.
3. Entered items will be accepted from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on March 5, 2008. Positively no entered item will be accepted after 7:00 p.m. on March 5, 2008.
4. Entered items are restricted to those of residents of Okeechobee County.
5. The Fair reserves the right to reject additional entered items when all available exhibit display space is filled.
6. All plants must be of exhibition quality. The Fair reserves the right to reject any plant that is substandard, either in quality or maturity. Maximum size of plant cannot be any larger than 48 inches in diameter, and must weigh less than 40 pounds.
7. Plants and flowers must be cleaned, trimmed, and free from insects or disease; they must be submitted in proper clean containers. No double pots, stands or saucers may be used. Clay pots need not be painted. Absolutely no cans will be accepted. Hanging plants must have a rigid hook (no chains).
8. Plants should be labeled with common name and correct botanical name when possible. Assistance will be available for plant identification.
9. Water plants well before bringing to the Fairgrounds. Plants must be watered regularly during the Fair.
10. All judges' decisions are final. Premiums will be paid from the Judges books.
11. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits; however, the Okeechobee County Fair Association, its officers and agents are not responsible for any accident, loss or damage.
12. Release: Entered items must be removed on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
13. Plants are submitted at the owner's risk. The Fair is in no way responsible for damage or loss.

PREMIUMS: \$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00

Horticulture Classes

- 1 BROMELIADS
- 2 CACTI AND SUCCULENTS
- 3 FLOWERING PLANTS
- 4 FOLIAGE PLANTS
- 5 FERNS
- 6 ORCHIDS

Okeechobee County Fair Livestock Events

The 2008 Show and Sale schedule is as follows:

Entries & Weigh-Ins

Steers	September 8, 2007	8:00am-10:00am
	Okeechobee Livestock Market	
Swine	December 1, 2007	8:00am-10:00am
	Agri-Civic Center	
Beef Breeding	November 5, 2007	Before 5:00pm
	Okeechobee County Extension Office, Hwy 98	
Dairy, Rabbits and Poultry	January 7, 2008	Before 5:00pm
	Okeechobee County Extension Office, Hwy 98	

Workdays

March 8, 2008	Saturday	8:00am-12:00noon
March 16, 2008	Sunday	8:00am-12:00noon

Check-Ins

All Cattle	Tuesday, March 11, 2008	4:00pm-7:00pm
Mandatory Mtg.	Tuesday, March 11, 2008	7:00pm
Swine	Wednesday, March 12, 2008	
Small Animals	Wednesday, March 12, 2008	3:00pm-7:00pm

Shows

Dairy	Wednesday, March 12, 2008	5:00pm
Steers	Thursday, March 13, 2008	5:00pm
Beef Breeding	Thursday, March 13, 2008	After Steers
Swine	Friday, March 14, 2008	4:00pm
Small Animals	Saturday, March 15, 2008	9:00am

Premiums

Livestock

Blue Ribbon	\$20.00
Red Ribbon	\$15.00
White Ribbon	\$10.00

Small Animals

Blue Ribbon	\$8.00
Red Ribbon	\$8.00
White Ribbon	\$8.00