

Okeechobee County Fair
Competitive Events
Entry Deadlines

All exhibits must be entered on a 2009 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 23, 2009 (Monday)

2009 Creative Skills and Crafts, Food Competition, Vegetable and Horticulture Entry Forms Due

March 11, 2009 (Wednesday)

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

March 12, 2009 (Thursday)

Judging of non-perishable entries

March 13, 2009 (Friday)

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

March 13, 2009 (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 2009 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 23, 2009 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.
10. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.



New
rule for
2009

Section 1 Quilting Adult/Youth

Classes - Accessories
Applique
Patchwork
Hand Embroidery
Machine Quilted
Quilted by hand

Pastels
Acrylic

Section 2 Sewing Adult/Youth

Classes- Clothing
Household Items
Doll clothes
Dolls – cloth
Stuffed Animals

Section 4 Drawing Adult/Youth

Classes - Charcoal
Graphite Pencil
Color Pencil

Section 3 Knitting/Crochet

Classes – Afgans
Decorative Items
Baby Items

Section 5 Photography Adult/Youth

Classes - Black and white
Landscape
Nature
People
Color
Landscape
Nature
People

Section 3 Painting Professional/Amateur

Classes- Oils
Watercolors

Section 6 Woodworking Adult/Youth

Classes - Carved
Toys
Furniture
Accessories

Lego Building Contest

Children can put their creative skills to the test and enter our first Lego Building Contest. Contestants will construct an original model using Lego Building bricks. There will be four age divisions - 4-6; 7-9; 10-12; 13+

Rules –

1. All contestants will supply their own bricks. Only the small bricks may be used. Base plates are allowed.
2. No kits or factory-made models may be used.
3. **ALL MODELS WITHIN EACH AGE DIVISION WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**
 - Originality and Creativity - 25 points**
 - Precision - 25 points**
The project must be assembled so that it can withstand being handled and moved by the judge without collapsing.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.
5. 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.
6. Entries Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.



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- 2nd Place \$10
- 3rd Place \$5

General Rules

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 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 15th). Unclaimed foods will be discarded.
 7. All food items will be judged on appearance, texture, taste, and procedure.
 8. All canned food entries must have identifying labels and date of preparation. Preparer's name must NOT be on the label.
 9. **Home Canned Entries:**
 - Home Canned entries must consist of two (2) jars of product.
 - One jar is for display and one is for judging.
 - These two jars must be identical (i.e. both jars must be the same size, same type and same brand -- Ball, Kerr, etc.-- of jar.
 - Both jars will be presented to the judge. The judge will choose the jar to be opened.
- Canned entries must be in sealed, standard **clear** glass canning jars. All jars must be sealed with new two-piece vacuum seals specifically made for canning jars
- Seals must consist of two-pieces (metal screw ring band and metal lid)
 - Entries will be disqualified if both the band and lid are not on the jars
 - Ring band should unscrew easily
 - Entry will be disqualified if the jar lid cannot be easily unscrewed by hand
- Dirty Jars or jars with rust on lids will be disqualified.
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.



New
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Food Competition Divisions

Section 1 Home Baking Adult/Youth

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

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Section 2 Canned Goods Adult/Youth

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



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Photography

SPECIAL RULES

1. All entered items must be exposures made since January 1, 2007. 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 Monday, February 23, 2009

Dates for accepting items are Wednesday March 11, 2009, 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 23, 2009.
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 11, 2009. Positively no entered item will be accepted after 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2009.
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 Sunday, March 22, 2009 from 4:00 p.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 2009 Show and Sale schedule is as follows:

Entries & Weigh-Ins

Steers	September 13, 2008	8:00am-10:00am
	Okeechobee Livestock Market	
Swine	December 6, 2008	8:00am-10:00am
	Agri-Civic Center	
Beef Breeding	November 3, 2008	Before 5:00pm
	Okeechobee County Extension Office, Hwy 98	
Dairy, Rabbits and Poultry	January 5, 2009	Before 5:00pm
	Okeechobee County Extension Office, Hwy 98	

Workday

March 22, 2009	Sunday	8:00am-12:00noon
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Check-Ins

Small Animals Optional	Saturday, March 14, 2009	10:00am-12:00pm
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All Cattle	Monday, March 16, 2009	3:00pm-6:30pm
Swine	Tuesday, March 17, 2009	2:00pm-6:00pm
Small Animals	Tuesday, March 17, 2009	2:00pm-6:00pm

Shows

Dairy	Tuesday, March 17, 2009	5:00pm
Steers	Wednesday, March 18, 2009	4:00pm
Beef Breeding	Wednesday, March 18, 2009	After Steers
Swine	Friday, March 19, 2009	4:00pm
Small Animals	Saturday, March 21, 2009	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

Leather Working Contest

General Rules

1. All entries must be made within the past 2 years by the person whose name appears on the entry tag.
2. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
3. Only one exhibit shall be made in a division by an exhibitor.
4. An exhibit can only be in one class.
5. No entries made from a kit will be accepted.
6. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
7. The decision of the judges will be final.

Divisions

1. Household items (wall hangings, items used in and around the home, etc)
2. Personal Items (Belts, billfolds, wallets, clutch purses, card cases, key cases, fobs, eyeglass case, coin purses, etc.).
3. Cases (camera, briefcases, handcuff cases, black powder bags, holsters, sheaths, purses, books, book covers, etc.).
4. Large complex items; saddles, horse gear (all), furniture, molded or sculpted items.

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