

Laredo International Fair & Exposition

February 27th to March 3rd, 2018

55th Annual



Rules and Regulations

BAKING, SEWING, CANNING

Adopted October 10, 2017

Highlights for 2018

- Entry Fee Due Date February 16, 2018
- No Late Entries
- Entry Fee \$15.00

Disclaimer: This flyer is by any means not a substitute for the Rules and Regulations.

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BAKING/SEWING/CANNING GENERAL RULES

COMPETITION Competition is open to anyone, enrolled in Middle School, Jr. High School, High school, or Home School and must be active members in good standing of an FFA chapter, 4-H club, or FCCLA organization in Webb County. Exhibitor must have personally baked, canned, sewn, etc. the entries in accordance to the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.).

SCHOOL STATUS Students who: have graduated, dropped out of school, are enrolled in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or a Justice Juvenile Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), or are not enrolled in school in Webb County are ineligible to participate.

EXHIBITORS Exhibitor's in the Baking, Sewing, and Canning will be divided into the following:

Middle School	6 th – 8 th grade
High School	9 th – 12 th grade

ENTRY CARDS The entry card must have the name of the exhibitor, name of FCCLA organization, 4-H Club, or FFA Chapter, Signature of sponsor of the FCCLA organization, 4-H club or FFA Chapter, and Signature of Parent/Guardian.

GENERAL RULES

1. A **\$15.00 entry fee** is required to participate in the Baking/Sewing/Canning. Entry Fee due date is **Friday, February 16, 2018**. Entry fees must be paid by cashiers check, Postal Money Order, School District Check, 4-H Club Check, or Cash. Personal, Family or Business Checks will not be accepted.
2. When there is no competition, entry will be awarded to merit of entry.
3. No ribbon will be awarded to any entry not listed. However, entries not listed may be exhibited.
4. All goods in the Baked Products Division and Canning Division will become the property of LIFE and sold after judging.
5. Baking/Sewing/Canning Exhibitors must abide by all rules and regulations set forth by LIFE.
6. No exhibitor may sell more than one entry at the auction (an exhibitor who is awarded a poultry or rabbit premium is not eligible to sell in the auction).
7. There is a 7% sale fee on all baked products, canned products, sewn products sold at the auction.
8. There will be a fee for the Buyers Courtesy Picture for all exhibitors who sell their baking, canning or sewing project in the auction.
9. All baking, canning and sewing products will be sold through a Silent Auction during the Sale.
10. An entry that does not qualify or fall under a category will not be accepted.

BAKING DIVISION SPECIAL RULES

CATEGORIES

1. Cakes
2. Pastries
3. Pies
4. Breads
5. Cookies
6. Candies
7. Cheesecake
8. Sugar Free Desserts
9. Flan

RULES

1. All Baked Products must be produced by the exhibitor.
2. An entry that does not qualify or fall under a category will not be accepted.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category.
4. Baked Products must be delivered to the L.I.F.E. Exhibit Barn on **Friday, March 2, 2018** between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. No entries will be received after 9:30 am
5. Judging of the Baked entries will be by category and age group and will be held on Friday, **Friday, March 2, 2018** starting at 10:30 a.m.
6. All products must be placed on covered cardboard or paper plate and covered with plastic wrap (NOT FOIL). LIFE will not be responsible for any personal dish(s).
7. Entire batch of cookies must be exhibited.
8. Recipes are not required but strongly recommended.
9. All Baked Products will become property of the show and will be sold to the public after judging on **Friday, March 2, 2018**.
10. Ribbons will be awarded to the first six places in each category. These ribbons will be awarded according to merit of the entry.
11. Grand Champion winners will be awarded to the best entry from all divisions in each category.
12. Ribbons will be awarded at the time of the announcement of placings. Participants not present will have their ribbons sent to the participant's school approximately two weeks from the time of competition.
13. There is a 7% sale fee on all auction items.
14. There will be a fee for the Buyers Courtesy Picture for all exhibitors who sell their baking, canning or sewing project in the auction.
15. The Grand Champion Baked Products will be sold at the auction (Silent Auction). A new item must be baked to sell at the auction.
16. All Baked Products will be sold after the awards are presented.

SEWING SPECIAL RULES

CATAGORIES:

1. Decorative Pillows
2. Quilt/Comforter/Throw/Wall Hanging
3. Kitchen Items (Tablecloths, Runners, Set of 4 Placemats w/napkins)
4. Cloth Purse or Book Bag
5. Needlework

RULES:

1. All sewn products must be produced by the exhibitor.
2. An entry that does not qualify or fall under a category will not be accepted.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category.
4. Sewn Products must be delivered to the L.I.F.E. Exhibit Barn on **Thursday March 1, 2018** between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. No Sewn Products will be received after 9:00 am.
5. Judging of the Sewn Products will be by category and will be held on **Thursday March 1, 2018** starting at 9:00 a.m.
6. All sewn products must be made by the exhibitor within the past 12 months (Since last year's fair).
7. Articles must be finished, clean, and sanitary.
8. All exhibits must be covered with a clear dry cleaners bag or a clear covering to protect items from the elements. Larger items must also be on a hanger.
9. Ribbons will be awarded to the first six places in each category. These ribbons will be awarded according to merit of the entry.
10. Ribbons will be awarded at the time of the announcement of placings. Participants not present will have their ribbons sent to the participant's school approximately two weeks from the time of competition.
11. There is a 7% sale fee on all auction items.
12. There will be a fee for the Buyers Courtesy Picture for all exhibitors who sell their baking, canning or sewing project in the auction.
13. The Grand Champion sewn products will be sold at the auction (Silent Auction).
14. All sewing products must be picked up by 5:00pm on the day of the sewing competition. All sewing entries that are not picked up will become the property of LIFE.

CANNING SPECIAL RULES

CATAGORIES:

1. Vegetables
2. Pickles and Relishes
3. Fruits
4. Jelly or Jam
5. Salsa

RULES:

1. All canned products must be produced by the exhibitor.
2. An entry that does not qualify or fall under a category will not be accepted.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category.
4. Each entry is a collection of three canned products from the same batch.
5. Canned Products must be delivered to the L.I.F.E. Exhibit Barn on **Thursday March 1, 2018** between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
6. Judging of the canned entries will be by category and held on **Thursday March 1, 2018** starting at 9:00 a.m. No Canned Products will be received after 9:00 am.
7. The canned product must be made by the exhibitor and preserved within the past 12 months.
8. Processing must properly seal all products including JELLY. Steam pressure must be used for vegetables, and water baths for fruits and tomatoes. No wax seals allowed. **Any jar not sealed will be disqualify the exhibitor.**
9. Never invert jars of preserves after filling. Due to serious health and safety concerns for the judges and the general public, preserves sealed by inverted jars are banned from all competition.
10. Only one canned product will be judged for taste. The collection of three canned products will be judged for uniformity, good color, proper seal, and quality.
11. Ribbons will be awarded to the first six places in each category. These ribbons will be awarded according to merit of the entry.
12. Ribbons will be awarded at the time of the announcement of placing's. Participants not present will have their ribbons sent to the participant's school approximately two weeks from the time of competition.
13. There is a 7% sale fee on all auction items.
14. There will be a fee for the Buyers Courtesy Picture for all exhibitors who sell their baking, canning or sewing project in the auction.
15. The Grand Champion canned products will be sold at the auction (Silent Auction). The exhibitors must auction their collection of the two remaining unopened canned products.
16. All Canned Products will be sold after the competition