

# **Baking, Canning & Sewing**

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **1. COMPETITION**

Competition is open to any Middle School or High School student who is actively enrolled and in good standing of an FFA chapter, 4-H club or FCCLA organization in Webb County that competes at L.I.F.E. Exhibitor(s) must have personally baked, canned or sewn, etc. the entries in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.).

### **2. SCHOOL STATUS & ELIGIBILITY FORM**

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.

In accordance with Texas Education Agency and local public school board policies, L.I.F.E. will require all 4-H and FFA exhibitors to submit a house bill 72 **form/eligibility form by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022**. Form must be submitted to the L.I.F.E. office by CEA/AST on or before ANY EXHIBITOR THAT DOES NOT SUBMIT FORM BY DEADLINE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY L.I.F.E. ACTIVITIES. 4-H House bill 72 form does need to be turned in to Extension and L.I.F.E.

### **3. LIMIT OF ENTRIES**

**3.1** Enter a total of two exhibits

**3.2** Show only two exhibits which include Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits, Welding/Woodworks, Baking/Canning/Sewing, or Art.

**3.3** Sell only one exhibit in the Auction or Silent Auction.

### **4. ENTRY CARDS**

The entry card must have the following:

1. Name of the exhibitor,
2. Name of FCCLA organization, 4-H Club, or FFA Chapter,
3. Signature of sponsor of the FCCLA organization, 4-H club or FFA Chapter
4. Signature of Parent/Guardian.
5. If exhibitor does not want to sell project, it must be noted on the identification card.

### **5. ENTRY FEE**

An entry fee must be paid with an entry card and delivered by the County Extension Agent (CEA), Agriculture Science Teacher (AST), Art teacher or Art club Sponsor. Entry fees must be paid by Cashier's Check, Postal Money Order, School District Check, or 4-H Club Check. Cash or Personal, Family or Business Checks will not be accepted. **Baking, Canning, Sewing (\$30.00 FEE)**

#### **6. ENTRY CLOSING DATE**

4. All entry cards and fee must be at the L.I.F.E office by 5:00 p.m. on or before Friday February 11, 2022.

#### **7. EXHIBITORS**

Baking, Canning, and Sewing entries will be divided into the following:

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

#### **8. SALE**

Grand Champion will receive an award of \$300 and the Reserve Grand Champion will receive an award of \$200.

Entries placing 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in Baking and Canning competition will be placed on a silent auction. Sewing entries placing 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> will be placed on a silent auction.

#### **9. SALE FEE**

**A sale commission not to exceed 5% will be withheld from each exhibitor on all projects. This amount will be determined and voted on by the L.I.F.E. Board at the meeting during which the fair budget is determined.**

#### **10. THANK YOU LETTERS**

All Thank You, letters must be submitted to L.I.F.E. office by the second Friday in May (May 13, 2022). Late submissions will be accepted after the deadline through the second Friday in June (June 10, 2022); and a 10 % late fee will be assessed. After this time, Exhibitor forfeits all funds and funds will be allotted for L.I.F.E. scholarship fund.

#### **11. Drop Off of Projects**

Will be at the Peterson Building on Monday February 28, 2022 between 8:30am-9:30am. No late entries will be accepted.

#### **12. BAKING, CANNING, & SEWING JUDGING**

Will take place during a closed door judging at 10:00 am on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

# **BAKING DIVISION**

## **CATEGORIES**

1. Cakes
2. Pastries
3. Pies (non-refrigerated)
4. Breads
5. Cookies
6. Bars/ Brownies

## **BAKING RULES**

1. All Baking entries become the property of L.I.F.E.
2. All Baked Products must be produced by the exhibitor.
3. An entry that does not qualify under a category will not be accepted.
4. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per category, not exceeding 2 total entries at L.I.F.E.
5. Baked products must be delivered to LIFE Peterson Exhibit Barn on February 28th between 8:30am -10:00 am **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
6. Judging of the Baked entries will be by category and age group. Judging will be held February 28th, at 10:00am during a CLOSED-DOOR judging.
7. All entries must include a Recipe Card. Recipe must be written on a 4x6 index card. Entries without a Recipe Card will be disqualified. **DO NOT place exhibitor's name on the Recipe card or container.**
8. All products must be submitted in a disposable container with a lid not to exceed 10"x14". All recipes must fit in the disposable container.
9. **No entries requiring refrigeration will be allowed.**
10. No non-edible embellishments or garnishes may be used.
11. No alcohol may be used in any recipe.
12. Ribbons will be awarded to the first 5 places in each category. When there is no competition, entry will be awarded to merit of entry. Participation ribbons will be awarded to every entry.
13. Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from all categories from divisions and a cash price of \$300 will be awarded. There will only be one Grand Champion in Baking.
14. Reserve Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from all categories from divisions and a cash price of \$200 will be awarded. There will only be 1 Reserve Grand Champion in our Baking competition.
15. Entries placing 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place will enter a silent auction, will auction off their product and must bake a fresh product to the silent auction buyer within a week following the fair.
16. **A PICTURE OF YOUR BAKED PRODUCT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR RECIPE CARD. PICTURE WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE SILENT AUCTION.**
17. Baking products but will be sold at the fair ground after the judging.

## **Recipe Card must include:**

- 1. Recipe Name**
- 2. Ingredients and Measurements**
- 3. Directions**
- 4. Pan Size**
- 5. Temperature for Baking**
- 6. Baking time required**
- 7. Garnishes (list items used)**
- 8. Yield (if applicable) Do NOT write exhibitors name on the Recipe card**
- 9. PICTURE OF baked product (4x6)**

# CANNING DIVISION

## CATEGORIES

1. Pickles and Relishes
2. Jelly or Jam
3. Salsa

## CANNING RULES

1. All canning entries become the property of LIFE.
2. All canned products must be produced by the exhibitor.
3. An entry that does not qualify or fall under a category will not be accepted.
4. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per category, not to exceed two (2) total entries at L.I.F.E
5. Each entry is a collection of 3 canned products from the same batch.
6. Canned products must be delivered to the Peterson Building on February 28th, between 8:30am-10.00am. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
7. Judging of canned entries will be by category and held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am during a CLOSED-DOOR judging.
8. Canned entries must be preserved within a calendar year of show.
9. Canned entries **MUST** be displayed in a sealed canning jar or another vacuum sealed container provided by exhibitor.
10. Three sealed jars or vacuum sealed containers **MUST** be provided. All jars or containers **MUST** have a label with:
  - a. The type of food it is.
  - b. The date of canning clearly marked.
11. **Jars or containers with broken seals will not be judged and will be disqualified.**
12. All canned entries must be submitted with a Recipe card and a picture to be used on the silent auction.

13. Processing must properly seal all products including jelly. Water baths must be used for fruits. No wax seals allowed. Any jar NOT properly sealed will be disqualified.

14. Never invert jars of preserved after filling. Due to serious health and safety concerns for the judges and the public, preserves sealed by inverted jars are banned from all competition.

15. Only one canned product will be judged for taste. The collection of 3 canned products will be judged for uniformity, good color, proper seal, and quality.

16. Ribbons will be awarded to the first 5 places in each category. Participation ribbons will be awarded to every entry.

17. Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from all categories from all divisions and a cash price of \$300 will be awarded. There will only be one Grand Champion in canning.

18. Reserve Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from all categories from divisions and a cash price of \$200 will be awarded. There will only be 1 Reserve Grand Champion in our Canning competition.

19. Entries placing 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place will enter a silent auction, will auction off their product and must make a fresh product to the silent auction buyer within a week following the fair.

**20. A PICTURE OF YOUR CANNED PRODUCT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR RECIPE CARD. PICTURE WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE SILENT AUCTION.**

21. Canning products but will be sold at the fair ground after the judging.

## **RECIPE CARD must include**

- 1. Recipe name**
- 2. Ingredients and measurements**
- 3. Recipe directions**
- 4. Temperature**
- 5. Canning method**
- 6. Picture of product (4x6)**

# SEWING DIVISION

## CATEGORIES

1. Quilt/Comforter/Throw/Wall Hanging
2. Household items: pillows, placemats, tablecloth/runner etc.
3. Clothing: Male or Female apparel
4. Embellishments: enhancement on any garment, which must include some machine or hand stitch work.

## SEWING RULES

1. All sewing products must be produced by the exhibitor.
2. An entry card that does not qualify or fall under a category will not be accepted.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per category, not to exceed two (2) total entries at L.I.F.E.
4. Sewing products must be delivered to the L.I.F.E. PETERSON BUILDING Monday February 28<sup>TH</sup> between 8:30am -9:30am **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. Judging of the sewing products will be by category and will be held on February 28<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00am during a CLOSED-DOOR judging.
6. All sewing products must be made by the exhibitor within the past 12 months.
7. Articled must be finished, clean and sanitary.
8. All exhibits must be covered in a clear dry cleaners bag or a clear covering to protect items from the elements. Larger items must also be on a hanger.
9. Sewing entries will be required to provide an entry page with a brief description of the instructions of the project and a minimum of 1 close photo of the product being made.
10. Ribbons will be awarded to the first 5 places in each category. Participation ribbon will be awarded to every entry.
11. Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from all categories from all divisions and a cash price of \$300 will be awarded. There will only be one Grand Champion in sewing competition.

12. Reserve Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from all categories from all divisions and a cash prize of \$200 will be awarded. There will only be 1 Reserve Grand Champion in our Sewing competition.

13. Entries placing 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>th</sup> place will enter a silent auction.

**14. A PICTURE OF YOUR PRODUCT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR ENTRY.  
PICTURE WILL USED FOR THE SILENT AUCTION.**

15. All entries that do not place must be picked up at the life office before 5:00 pm on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.