

# **Laredo International Fair and Exposition**

February 26- March 2, 2024

## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual



**Laredo International  
Fair & Exposition**

## **Rules and Regulations**

*Baking, Canning & Sewing*

# GENERAL RULES

## **1. COMPETITION-**

Competition is open to any Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade or be at least 9 years old), Middle School or High School student who is actively enrolled and in good standing of an FFA chapter, 4-H club, baking, canning or sewing club or FCCLA (Family Career & Community Leaders of America) 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 February 16, 2024**. 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, Baking, Canning & Sewing Club

3. Signature of sponsor of the FCCLA organization, 4-H club or FFA Chapter, Baking Canning Club

4. Signature of Parent/Guardian.

5. **Judged items will be sold at awards ceremony and proceeds will go back to the exhibitor in the form of a check. Subject to sale fee.**

**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 Card.

**Baking, Canning & Sewing (\$30.00 FEE) -Participants will be given 2 tickets (one exhibitor, one guest) for Awards Dinner Ceremony. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 at L.I.F.E. office.**

**6. ENTRY CLOSING DATE-** All entry cards and fee must be at the L.I.F.E office by 5 p.m. on or before **February 9th, 2024**.

**7. EXHIBITORS** -Exhibits in Baking, Canning, and Sewing will be divided into the following:

Elementary- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9 years old -5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Middle School 6th – 8th grade  
High School 9th – 12th grade

**8. SALE-** Grand and Reserve Grand Champion projects will be placed on a silent auction on **Saturday March 02, 2024**, during the Live 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 10, 2024**). Late submissions will be accepted after the deadline through the second Friday in June (**June 7, 2024**); 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 CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER located at 5064 East Saunders St. on Monday February 26, 2023 between 8:00am-9:00am. 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 26, 2024** at CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER.

**13. AWARDS CEREMONY-** There will be an Awards Dinner Ceremony on Monday, **February 26, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. at CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER. Each exhibitor will receive two (2) complimentary tickets (one for exhibitor and one for a guest). Awards Dinner Ceremony is open to the public, family and friends. Tickets will be available for purchase for \$10.00. Tickets must be purchased at the L.I.F.E. office. **No tickets will be sold at the door. Deadline to purchase tickets for Awards Dinner Ceremony will be Friday, February 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

**14. WINNERS WILL ONLY BE ANNOUNCED AT AWARDS DINNER CEREMONY.**  
Monday, **February 26, 2024**

**15. AUCTION** Grand and Reserve Grand Champion projects in the Canning, Baking and Sewing competition will be placed on a silent auction on Saturday, **March 2, 2024** during the Live Auction.

# BAKING DIVISION

## CATEGORIES

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

## BAKING RULES

1. All Baking entries will be sold at awards ceremony and proceeds will go back to the exhibitor in the form of a check. Subject to sale fee.
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 CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER located at 5064 East Saunders on February 26, 2024 between 8:00am -9:00 am. **No late entries will be accepted.**
6. Judging of the Baked entries will be by category and age group. Judging will be held Monday February 26, 2024 at 10:00am during a CLOSED-DOOR judging at CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER.
7. All entries must include a Recipe Card. Recipe must be written on an index card. Entries without a Recipe Card will be disqualified. **DO NOT put exhibitor's name on the Recipe card or container.** Recipe card must include a photo of your product for reference.
8. All products must be submitted in a disposable container with a lid. 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 3 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 all divisions and placed on a silent auction on Saturday, **March 2, 2024** during the Live Auction. **There will be a Grand Champion in each Baking category.**

14. Reserve Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from all categories from all divisions and placed on a silent auction on Saturday March 4, 2023 during the Live Auction. **There will be a Reserve Grand Champion in each Baking category.**

15. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will re-bake entries for silent auction on Saturday, **March 2, 2024.**

16. A photo of your baked product must be attached to your recipe card for reference only.

17. Baking products will be sold at CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER on Monday February 26, 2024 during the Canning Baking and Sewing Awards Dinner Ceremony.

### **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. Photo of baked product must be attached to the recipe card.**

# CANNING DIVISION

## CATEGORIES

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

## CANNING RULES

1. All canning entries will be sold at awards ceremony and proceeds will go back to the exhibitor in the form of a check. Subject to sale fee.
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 CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER located at 5064 East Saunders St. on February 26, 2024, between 8:00am-9.00am. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.
7. Judging of canned entries will be by category and held on February 26, 2024 at 10:00 am during a CLOSED-DOOR judging at CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER.
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 photo attached for reference.

13. Processing must ensure properly seal of 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 3 places in each category. Participation ribbons will be awarded to every entry.

17. Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from each category from all divisions and placed on a silent auction on Saturday **March 4, 2023** during the Live Auction.

18. Reserve Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from each category from all divisions and placed on a silent auction on Saturday **March 2, 2024** during the Live Auction.

**19. A PHOTO OF YOUR CANNED PRODUCT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR RECIPE CARD.**

**RECIPE CARD must include**

- 1. Recipe name**
- 2. Ingredients and measurements**
- 3. Recipe directions**
- 4. Temperature**
- 5. Canning method**
- 6. Photo 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. **Entry Card must have a starting bid.**
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 CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER located at 5064 East Saunders St. Monday **February 26, 2024** between 8:00am -9:00am NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
5. Judging of the sewing products will be by category and will be held on Monday **February 26, 2024**, at 10:00am during a CLOSED-DOOR judging at CASA BLANCA EVENT CENTER.
6. All sewing products must be made by the exhibitor within the past 12 months.
7. Article 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 3 places in each category. Participation ribbons will be awarded to every entry.
11. Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best from entry each categories from all divisions and placed on a silent auction on **Saturday March 2, 2024** during the Live Auction.



12. Reserve Grand Champion winner will be awarded to the best entry from each category from all divisions and placed on a silent auction on Saturday March 2, 2024 during the Live Auction.

14. **A PHOTO OF YOUR PRODUCT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR ENTRY.**

15. All entries will be available for pickup on Tuesday February 27, 2023 from 1pm to 5pm at the L.I.F.E. Office.