

YOUTH ARTS & CRAFTS DIVISION 2012 (12/3/11)

Registration Deadline Date: __Tuesday, February 7__, at RGCHS Cafetorium, 4-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Acceptance of entries at coliseum
Thursday, February 23	9:00 a.m.	Judging of Arts & Crafts entries
Saturday, February 25	7:00 p.m.	Parade of Champions (Sr., Jr., & Peewee Grand & Reserve Champions)
	8:00 p.m.	Arts & Crafts projects must be picked up from coliseum.

1. The contest is divided into three divisions: senior division (grades 9-12), junior division (grades 3-8), and peewee division (grades PreK through 2nd). Peewee and junior division participants must be students in Starr County schools or members of Starr County 4-H clubs or other organizations within Starr County (scouts, etc.). Senior division participants should be under the direction of Starr County 4-H Club leaders and/or FFA, FCCLA, or FACS teachers.
2. The Youth Arts and Crafts Division will be divided into fifteen (15) categories for the senior and junior divisions. Categories for **peewees** will be formed by the chairman as entries dictate.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE 15 SENIOR AND JUNIOR CATEGORIES:

Category 1	Needlework (needlepoint, embroidery)
Category 2	Crochet & Knit
Category 3	Quilts & quilted items
Category 4	Sequined craft
Category 5	Painted craft
Category 6	Photography
Category 7	Machine sewn items (not clothing)
Category 8	Hand sewn/hand decorated items
Category 9	Home accessories
Category 10	Wall/door decorations
Category 11	Leather craft
Category 12	Jewelry
Category 13	Woodwork projects
Category 14	Machine sewn garment
Category 15	Miscellaneous

The Youth Arts & Crafts Division Chair reserves the right to close some categories and open new categories as needed to keep any category from being too full or too scant. (Example: if there are no crocheted or knitted items entered, basketry may be added if there are several of these items in the miscellaneous category.)

3. All items will be accepted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Absolutely NO entries will be accepted after designated hours unless they were already waiting in line. All articles must be removed at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.
4. Registration and entry fee should be submitted to the respective FFA, FCCLA, FACS teacher, or 4-H leader by the registration deadline date, February 7. Items not registered by that date will be accepted but will not entitle the participant to a bracelet pass to the fair.
5. At acceptance of entries, all entries will have a card attached to the article with the name of the person entering, their school or club, and the category and division (Sr.-blue; Jr.-yellow; Peewee-green). Entry numbers will be issued to each article entered, and this number will be securely attached to entries where they can be easily seen. Teachers and 4-H leaders will be responsible for seeing that their entries are registered and tagged and that the information required is included.
6. Another card **may** also be attached (optional) in advance with a descriptive story about the display. This could include hours spent on the project, how the craft was made, if a kit was used, if it was a first attempt, and methods of construction.
7. The Youth Arts & Crafts Committee will use all diligence and every reasonable precaution to insure the safety of all items after their arrival and during the exhibition, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur or for articles not removed at the end of the fair.
8. **NOTE:** All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit, and no entries that have been entered in any other division of the fair (example: art) may be entered in the Arts and Crafts Division. Items entered must have been made during the past year (since the previous fair) and never before entered.
9. Criteria for judging will be as follows: general appearance, time spent, creativity, and skill mastered.
10. Judging will be done by a panel of judges who will award blue, red, or white ribbons to each entry. They will also select the top winner and runner-up winner from each category and will choose the Grand Champion and Reserve champion in the senior, junior, and peewee divisions. After the Grand Champion is chosen from the top winners, the Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining top winners, as well as the runner-up in the category in which the Grand Champion was entered. All Arts & Crafts judges may deliberate on the selection of the Grand Champions and Reserve Champions.
11. Display areas are limited, so no separate displays may be set up. Items will be displayed by the committee, not the individual submitting the entry, unless their help is requested (example: quilts). Submitting entries in clear, covered containers is encouraged. Containers should be no larger than is absolutely necessary. Clear wrap or dry cleaning film may be used to protect items from dust and touching. All clothing craft (sequined, painted) should be entered on wire hangers to facilitate display.
12. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each craft entered, due at the time of registration or on-site registration.
13. **ALL JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL, AS ARE THOSE OF THE DIVISION CHAIR.**