

2023

LA County Fair

Youth Landscape Competition



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## Landscape Timetable

Landscape Entries Close	<b>Monday, April 3, 2023</b>
Landscape Plot Raffle	<b>Monday, April 17, 2023</b>
Landscape Installation	<b>Monday, April 17 through Thursday, May 4, 2023</b>
Landscape Installation Completion	<b>Thursday, May 4 at 8pm</b>
Landscape Judging  <b>No exhibitors are allowed in the landscape area during judging time.</b>	<b>Friday, May 5 at 8am</b>
2023 LA County Fair  Landscapes on display for duration of the fair. Exhibits shall not be removed from display until after the completion of the LA County Fair on Monday, May 29 at 11pm.	<b>Friday, May 5 through Monday, May 29, 2023</b>
<b>Removal of landscapes shall begin.</b>  Monetary awards will be withheld until the conclusion of the fair and after the exhibitor's display area is free and clear of all materials and returned in the state to which the exhibitor received it prior to fair.  The LA County Fair pays premiums ONLY in those divisions and/or classes specifically listed. Premium checks will be mailed within eight (8) weeks following the close of the LA County Fair. The LA County Fair is not responsible for redemption of premiums.	<b>Monday, May 29, 2023 at 11pm</b>

# Landscape Rules & Information

## ELIGIBILITY

- Exhibitor must be a member of a **FFA chapter, 4-H club, or a student at a high school or college** to participate.
- Exhibitors must be at least **9 years old and have the ability to install landscape with limited adult assistance.** (example of adult assistance- lifting or moving heavy or bulky materials)
- Adult involvement is limited to supervision, advice and limited assistance with landscape installation.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

- All landscape entries must be completed online at <http://www.LACountyFair.com/Competitions>. Preregistration is required for all entries; no late entries accepted. All fees must be paid online, no checks accepted.
- Entry fees are non-refundable. By entering you are confirming that you accept the no refund policy.
- No changes in divisions and classes are allowed after entry has been submitted. Entries are limited to one (1) entry per student in Division 1000 and one (1) entry per chapter/club/school in Division 1050. There is no limit on the number of individual entries from a club/chapter.

## EXHIBIT RULES & GUIDELINES

- To insure fairness, each exhibit will be assigned a display spot by random drawing. A master copy of assigned spots will be available in The Farm break room.
- The space provided for landscape exhibits will be located in “The Farm” area, it will be a **10x10 plot for an individual entry and a 10x20 plot for a club/chapter entry**; however, you should be prepared to make minor adjustments due to variation in building materials necessary for framing sites.
- Landscape exhibits may use commercially grown plants.

- Exhibits shall be free of contaminating insects and diseases. The Farm manager at Fairplex may reject any exhibit with visible contamination.
- Access to water, hoses and trash receptacles will be provided by “The Farm at Fairplex”. Landscape displays will be placed under a large canopy to provide shade for fair guests while viewing landscapes.
- FFA/4-H banners or signs should be displayed within the exhibit after judging has taken place. Wood posts will be provided to mount landscape sketches. Sketches should be (24” L x 12” W) and should be covered with clear plastic, laminated or painted to protect from water.
- Landscape sketches need to identify plant materials and exhibit layout. Sketches should be mounted to wood frame and need to be erected in the left front corner of the exhibit. Plants shall be identified properly by the exhibitor prior to entry by the appropriate markings as both the scientific and common name.
- Front viewing of the exhibit shall be the primary objective; there is a 5-6 ft limit for plant or material height that may be used. Electrical power will be available for exhibits and lighting effects shall be the responsibility of the individual or chapter constructing the exhibit. Electrical equipment such as extension cords, power strips, etc., is the responsibility of the club/chapter.
- **No less than five types of live plant materials** should be used and they shall be of a type and condition (balled or potted) which will stand-up for the duration of the fair.
- Replacement of materials to freshen up the exhibit is the responsibility of the club/chapter in order to maintain the exhibits appearance for the duration of the fair.
- A Farm volunteer work crew will water and care for exhibits each day. Exhibitors should plan time for basic maintenance of landscape (pull weeds, refresh plants if necessary, etc.) at least one time per week.
- Fairplex will provide framing and soil for covering containers/pots.
- Entries shall exemplify some phase of home landscaping or home beautification typical of student effort.
- If The Farm at Fairplex purchases materials to freshen up an exhibit, the cost will be deducted from the award.

## **DRESS CODE**

It is important that 4-H and FFA youth and adults participating at the LA County Fair are appropriately dressed for the occasion. Chapter or Club t-shirts can be worn in place of official dress while providing maintenance to landscape display during fair hours.

## **LIABILITY**

LA County Fair shall not be responsible for any damage to exhibits, merchandise or concession caused by thefts, wind, hail, fire, water or any cause whatsoever. Any persons shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless LA County Fair against any and all losses and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, costs, causes of action, damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of this agreement, but only to the extent such injuries or damages arise out of any act or omission of any persons, including officers, officials, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, guests and invitees. LA County Fair shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless any persons, including officers, officials, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, guests, vendors and invitees against any and all losses and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, costs, causes of action, damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of this agreement, but only to the extent such injuries or damages arise out of any act or omission of LACF including officers, officials, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, guests and invitees.

## **DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS**

4-H/FFA exhibits at LACF are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H/FFA member. LACF accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, LACF cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed. 4-H/FFA members who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the county fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

**Violation of any of the above rules may result in disqualification.**

# Landscape Scorecard

The American system of judging will be used for all competitions.

The Judge's decision shall be final.

## **DESIGN-30 POINTS**

1. Beauty, harmony & balance-10 pts
2. Consistent with the theme-10 pts
3. Shows originality-10 pts

## **PLANT MATERIALS-30 POINTS**

1. Shows suitability to the exhibit-5 pts
2. Plant material of good quality-5 pts
3. Appropriate application/placement-5 pts
4. New &/or uncommon material used-5 pts
5. Appropriate for the season/exhibit-5 pts
6. Required minimum plant material (5) used-5 pts

## **NON-LIVING MATERIALS (ie rocks, bark, statue, etc)-20 POINTS**

1. Appropriate blend with exhibit/theme-5
2. Nonliving doesn't overpower exhibit-5
3. Construction show quality workmanship-5
4. Nonliving materials are appealing to the eye-5

## **SKETCH AND LABELING-20 Points**

1. Common and scientific names properly indicated-5
2. Sketch is readable and easily understood-5
3. Proper symbols used-5
4. Consistent with the display-2.5
5. Spelling is correct-2.5

***TOTAL SCORE 100***

# Divisions & Classes

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## **Division 1000 – Individual FFA/4-H/Student Landscape**

**ENTRY FEE \$5.00**

***\*Please note entry fee is non-refundable***

**Class 1** – Spring into Fair: Where Fun Blooms

**Class 2** – Farming: Past & Present

**Class 3** – Gardens of the Future

**Class 4** – The Cottage Garden

### **Premiums per Class**

**1st - \$300 / 2nd - \$200 / 3rd - \$100**

Ribbons for Each

**Best of Show: Rosette**

## **Division 1050 – Chapter/Club/School Landscape**

**ENTRY FEE \$10.00**

***\*Please note entry fee is non-refundable***

**Class 1** – Spring into Fair: Where Fun Blooms

**Class 2** – Farming: Past & Present

**Class 3** – Gardens of the Future

**Class 4** – The Cottage Garden

### **Premiums per Class**

**1st - \$500 / 2nd - \$400 / 3rd - \$300**

Ribbons for Each

**Best of Show: Rosette**