

# Innovation Department

## Department 161

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<b>AREA</b>	Open to all residents in Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties.
<b>ENTRY CLOSING</b>	Monday, Sept 4, 2023
<b>ONLINE ENTRY CLOSING</b>	Aug. 24, 2023 @ 11:59 PM
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	None
<b>RECEIVING DATES</b>	Sat & Sun, Aug 26-27, Sat, Sun & Mon, Sept 2-4 9 am – 5 pm Crosetti Building
<b>RELEASE</b>	Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 9 am – 7 pm Fair is not responsible for items left after 7 pm
<b>ENTRY FORM</b>	At end of section
<b>SYSTEM OF JUDGING</b>	Danish
<b>JUDGING</b>	Sept 9, 2023, 10 am

### Awards

Placement ribbons 1st through 3rd.  
Best of Division\*: Rosette and \$100.

\*Best of Division must achieve 1st place status in primary judging.

**Judging Criteria:** Functionality (within scope of entry) 25%, Quality 25%, Originality 25%, Education 20%, some percentage of representation of Fair Theme 5%

**Entry Defense:** Entrants have the option to provide a defense for their entry. Defense may point out elements of judging criteria such as functionality, quality, originality, education and fair theme element. Entry Defense should accompany the entry and be a maximum of one typed page. Entry Defense is optional.

### Department Rules:

All Entries and Education must be G-rated. Department has authority to decline entry. No animal displays. No flames or combustible fluids.

Adult Exhibitors - over 17 years of age.

Families enter as adults.

Teen Exhibitors – 12 to 17 years of age.

Youth Exhibitors – birth to 11 years of age.

### Division 1: Biosphere/World

**Rules:** No live animals

#### CLASS

- 1 Adult/Family Original Design
- 2 Teen Original Design
- 3 Youth Original Design

### Division 2: Digital Entries

**Rules:**

1. Entrant must use free, app-based software.
2. Entrant must provide submission on a flash drive.
3. Flash drive must be provided in an envelope labeled with entrants name, age, title of entry and software/app used.
4. Animations/videos must be G-rated/PG-rated/appropriate for fairgoer viewing.

#### CLASS

- 1 Adult/Family Animation
- 2 Adult/Family Video Game
- 3 Teen Animation
- 4 Teen Video Game
- 5 Youth Animation
- 6 Youth Video Game

### Division 3: Electronics

**Rules:** Entries must be self-supporting (ie. On a base)

#### CLASS

- 1 Adult/Family Original Design
- 2 Teen Original Design
- 3 Youth Original Design

### Division 4: Invention

**Rules:** Entries must be self-supporting (ie. On a base or stand-alone)

#### CLASS

- 1 Adult/Family Original Design
- 2 Teen Original Design
- 3 Youth Original Design

### **Division 5: RePurpose**

*Changing one thing into another.*

*Example: A can into a clock.*

**Rules:** Entries must be self-supporting

#### **CLASS**

- 1 Adult/Family Original Design
- 2 Teen Original Design
- 3 Youth Original Design

### **Division 6: Restoration**

*Restoring an old item into a renewed state or a spin on original state*

**Rules:** Entries must be self-supporting

#### **CLASS**

- 1 Adult/Family Restoration of Original Design
- 2 Adult/Family Spin-off of Original Design
- 3 Teen Restoration of Original Design
- 4 Teen Spin-off of Original Design
- 5 Youth Restoration of Original Design
- 6 Youth Spin-off of Original Design

### **Division 7: Robots**

**Rules:** Entries must be self-supporting.  
Entries cannot take over world.

#### **CLASS**

- 1 Adult/Family Original Design
- 2 Teen Original Design
- 3 Youth Original Design

### **Division 8: Vehicles**

#### **CLASS**

- 1 Adult/Family Original Design
- 2 Adult/Family Vehicle Part (e.g.: engine)
- 3 Teen Original Design
- 4 Teen Vehicle Part (e.g.: engine)
- 5 Youth Original Design
- 6 Youth Vehicle Part (e.g.: engine)

### **Division 9: Miscellaneous**

*Whatever doesn't fit in another division*

#### **CLASS**

- 1 Adult/Family Original Design
- 2 Teen Original Design
- 3 Youth Original Design

### **Division 10: 5-Gallon Bucket**

#### **Competition**

Create a sculpture representing the Fair theme.

**Judging for contest:** American

**Prizes:** 1st place - \$50  
2nd place - \$25  
3rd place - \$10

All other sculptures will receive a participation ribbon.

#### **Rules:**

1. All items (not including tools to build) to create the sculpture must fit within the bucket prior to build.
2. Photo must be taken of bucket and items so judges can find items on sculpture.
3. At least 75% of items in picture must be present on finished sculpture.
4. Finished sculpture may or may not be painted.
5. Finished sculpture due during regular receiving days.

#### **CLASS**

- 1 Adult/Family 5-Gallon Bucket Sculpture
- 2 Teen 5-Gallon Bucket Sculpture
- 3 Youth 5-Gallon Bucket Sculpture

**Santa Cruz County Fair  
Innovation Department Entry Form  
Department 161**

**Entry Form due Monday, September 4, 2023**

**Online Entry Closing: Thursday, August 24, 2023 @ 11:59 PM**

**Mail to:** Santa Cruz County Fair

2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076

<b>Printed Name of Exhibitor</b>	<b>First</b>		<b>Last</b>	
<b>Street or Box #</b>				
<b>City, State, Zip</b>			<b>County</b>	
<b>Phones</b>	<b>Cell</b>		<b>Other</b>	
<b>Email</b>				
<b>Age if Youth or Teen on Sept. 13, 2023</b>				

<b>Dept</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Description of Entry (include size)</b>
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**This form may be photocopied**

**Hold Harmless/Read and Sign**

Upon signature and submittal of Entry Form, exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge that:

- a. they understand the State Rules of California Fairs and the local rules as printed in the Fair Entry Guide;
- b. They agree to abide by them;
- c. They certify that all information on the form is true and correct;
- d. They agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any violation of the rules.

The fair management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

I certify that this entry is the project of the exhibitor and these entries comply with the rules and regulations published in the official premium list.

<b>Exhibitor's Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Parent's Signature (if youth/teen)</b>		<b>Date</b>	