

Santa Cruz County Fair 14th Agricultural Association

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**Fair Dates:
September 13 – 17, 2017**

The Santa Cruz County Fair opens its gates to the public at 12 Noon on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 and will close Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 10PM. The main office is open from 8AM to 5PM daily.

Main office telephone number:
(831) 724-5671 or (831) 724-5672

ADMISSION!

See Pre-Sale form for discounts!

To purchase tickets online visit our website
www.santacruzcountyfair.com

Or

Fill out and mail in the Advanced Discount Ticket Form!

REMINDER:

Wednesday, Sept. 13th – Senior Day – 62 & over \$10.00
Wednesday, Sept. 14th – Kids Day – 12 & under FREE –
Noon till closing
Thursday, Sept. 15th – Education Day – 9AM → 12 PM

Must pre-order tickets

REMINDER: PARKING IS \$7.00 PER CAR

PREMIUM CHECKS!

Premium checks will be mailed unless presented at the Fair. Premium checks MUST BE cashed within 90 days. **Awards are paid from entries made by the judge's clerk on the official judging sheets**, and NOT from award stickers placed on entry.

HOW DO YOU ENTER?

1. Find the area of your interest. Then check the deadlines and dates.
2. Read each department's rules and regulations. Double-check deadlines, receiving dates and other information.
3. Find entry form (in department). Fill out completely. Mail to Fairgrounds or bring to Administration Office before deadline with fees (if applicable). Use separate forms for each exhibitor and each department.

Most entry forms can be brought with entries on receiving date – check your department!

4. Adult class, 18 years and older. Youth class, 17 years and younger.
5. Make checks payable to Santa Cruz County Fair. Checks returned from bank will be an additional \$25.00 charge.
6. Photocopies of entry forms are accepted and encouraged. Additional copies of entry forms are available at www.santacruzcountyfair.com
7. All local and state rules apply. State rules and scorecards are available at http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs_&_Expositions/Fair_Information/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.asp
8. All classes and sections will be judged by the American system and/or the Danish system.
 - ❖ **American:** The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first place, one second, etc.
 - ❖ **Danish:** The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first places, etc. as merited.
9. Awards are paid from entries made by the judge's clerk on the "Official Judging Sheets" and not from award stickers placed on entry. Judges decisions are final.
10. All entries must be delivered and picked up on days specified.

LOCAL FAIR RULES

1. **EXHIBITS:** All exhibits shall be kept clean and in good condition for the duration of the Fair. All attendants of exhibits must be neatly attired and conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner on the Fairgrounds. The Fair reserves the right to exclude any exhibit it deems undesirable.
2. **BOOTH EXHIBITS:** All materials used in decorations must be flameproof.
3. **ARTICLES:** All articles are entered at the exhibitor's risk. Although security protection is provided, the Fair will not be responsible for any loss.
4. **LOCAL CLASSES:** Unless otherwise specified at the beginning of the departments, all entries and classes are limited to the legal residents and producers of the following counties: Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara and Monterey.
5. **VEHICLES:** on official business will be permitted on the Fairgrounds and must be removed from the Fairgrounds PRIOR to 8 AM each day of the Fair. Vehicles found in violation will be removed at the owner's expense. Police, Fire and Ambulance vehicles are allowed at any time.
6. **PREMIUM CHECKS:** will be mailed unless presented at the Fair. Premium checks must be cashed within 90 days. AWARDS ARE PAID FROM ENTRIES MADE BY THE JUDGE'S CLERKS ON THE OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEETS AND NOT FROM AWARD STICKERS PLACED ON THE EXHIBIT. Refunds of over-payments under \$5.00 will not be made.
7. **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR OFFICE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTICLES LEFT AFTER RELEASE TIME.**

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

8. Each entry in these divisions must be owned and/or grown or constructed by the exhibitor. State and Local Rules apply to all entries.

ELIGIBILITY & AGE REQUIREMENTS

9. Any member of a Junior Organization must have their entry blank signed by their leader or advisor.
10. **FFA MEMBERS:** FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.
11. **4-H MEMBERS:** 4-H Age Requirements: The levels of membership for 4-H are age based. Each level is defined as follows:
Primary Level: Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2016 to exhibit at fair. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2016 are not eligible to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at California Fairs.
Junior, Intermediate, & Senior: Must be 9 years old on or before December 31, 2016. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.
12. **Grange Members** must be at least 5 years old on January 1, 2017 to exhibit. They may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19. a. All Grange Youth must be 9 years old on January 1, of 2017 to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca & Llama) competitions at California Fairs.
13. **Independent Exhibitors** must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2017 to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at California Fairs. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

FFA CHAPTER & 4-H CLUBS

14. The Junior Department is restricted to members of FFA, who are under the supervision of the Bureau of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Future Homemaker of America, who are under supervision of the Bureau of Homemaking Education, State Department of Education; members of 4-H youth groups who are under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of California; members of other recognized junior farm organizations; and other children 9 through 17 years of age. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor.
15. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** Junior exhibitors. If exhibitor's conduct is such as to reflect on or discredit his/her club or chapter, the Livestock Committee may find it necessary to withhold premiums and/or send the exhibitor home with his/her animals.
16. **NON-COMPLIANCE with STATE and LOCAL RULES will RESULT in THE WITHHOLDING OF PREMIUM AWARDS.**

We now accept online entries for MOST departments.

MOST departments are also accepting entry forms with entries on receiving days.

Please go to www.santacruzcountyfair.com for more information.

FAIR HOURS

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY:	12 NOON – 11:00 PM
SATURDAY:	10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
SUNDAY:	10:00 AM – 10:00 PM