

2024 State Fair Fruit/Vegetable Sculpting/Arrangements September 22, 2024



REGISTRATION OPEN: August 1 – 31, 2024

(Registration is limited to 30 teams- 8 team minimum for contest to take place)

Group A: 2:00 p.m.

Group B: 3:30 p.m.

Group C: 5:00 p.m.

Teams will be made up of two (2) to three (3) members. Limited to the first 30 teams.

PLEASE NOTE: All teams members must be bonafide members of 4-H. 4-H members and educators should plan membership registration accordingly. Teams will be assigned a check-in time one week prior to the contest and will be sent to educators and posted on the State 4-H website. 4-H Team members will receive a pass to the fair. All others must pay the admission to the fair.

RULES OF PLAY

Teams will consist of 2-3 team members.

- All fruits and vegetables used in arrangement must be edible. **NO work (cutting, scoring, slicing, etc.) can be done on fruits and vegetables before the contest. No precut fruits or vegetables can be used. All work must be done during the contest.**
- Toothpicks or non-edible items can be used to hold arrangements together.
- Teams will provide their own food for preparation. No electricity will be available. It is required that you bring gloves, trash bags, paper towels, and first aid kit.

1. Teams will report to the Capitol City Auditorium building for check in. There will be three team divisions. The age and grade will be as of September 1, 2024:

Junior Division: minimum age 8 years old and in 3rd grade, grades 3, 4 and 5

Intermediate Division: grades 6, 7 and 8

Senior Division: grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Counties are limited to three teams.

2. An orientation will be provided for all participants.
3. Each team will be directed to a preparation station.
4. Each team will have thirty minutes to prepare the dish, and clean up the preparation area. Teams are allowed to bring their presentation scripts with them. Teams are allowed one picture no bigger than 8 x 10 of the item they are creating. It must not have any writing or directions on the picture.
5. Electricity will not be available at the contest. Teams should select their recipe with this in mind.

6. Each team must provide their own equipment. Washing facilities will not be available for teams to wash and share equipment. NO preparation dishes or serving dishes are to be cleaned on the fairground premises.
7. Clean-up: Teams must clean up their preparation areas. Clean-up time is included in the 30-minute preparation allotment. Teams should not plan to have access to a kitchen facility; therefore, dirty dishes should be placed in a plastic container, bag or box to be cleaned at home. Leftover food should be disposed of properly.
8. Food safety: Teams should practice proper food safety and be prepared to discuss food safety practice used by their team in their presentation to the judges. Judges will observe preparation to assist in determining the score.
9. Presentation: When time is called, each team will present their dish and provide the following information:
 - Introduction including team members names and county
 - Two major nutrients
 - Steps of creating sculpture
 - Safety when creating their sculpture
 - How they worked as a team to create sculpture
 - a. All team members must participate in the presentation; all team members must have a speaking role.
 - b. Judging time will include:
 - Four minutes for the presentation (NO TASTING)
 - One minute for judges to score (No comments will be given)
 - c. No talking and no writing allowed among any team members while waiting to give the team presentation.
10. Placings will be based on rankings of teams by judges. Judges' decisions are final. 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings will be awarded.
11. An awards program will be held at the conclusion of the judging process for each group.
12. There will be an 8 team minimum for the contest to take place.
13. Registration is open August 1 – 31, 2024. *Registration is limited to thirty teams.* There is a fee of \$20 per team.

All checks (agency only) should be made payable to **4-H Conferences**. Mail check and copy of the Microsoft Form to:

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Stillwater, OK 74078