

**→ ENTRY REMINDER! ←**

**A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED  
FOR EACH DEPARTMENT.**

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ENTER MORE THAN ONE EXHIBIT AREA (Photography, Baking-Confections, Fine Arts, Arts and Crafts, etc.) YOU MUST USE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH AREA. PUT FLORICULTURE ENTRIES ON ONE FORM, CLOTHING-TEXTILES ON ANOTHER, BAKING-CONFECTIONS ON ANOTHER, ETC.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL ENTRY FORMS,  
PLEASE CALL THE FAIR OFFICE AT 722-1507 or VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[www.MercedCountyFair.com](http://www.MercedCountyFair.com)

## IT'S EASY TO ENTER! REVIEW THE DEPARTMENTS OF INTEREST TO YOU

- Each department specifies delivery deadlines, fees, rules and classes to enter.
- Most divisions and classes do not have entry fees. See the INDEX, page 2, for departments that have entry fees.
- Share copies of the enclosed entry forms with friends and family
- Use a separate entry form for each exhibitor and each department. Make copies of entry forms if needed.
- Entry forms are also available on our website [www.MercedCountyFair.com](http://www.MercedCountyFair.com).
- All entry forms must be signed.
- Junior exhibitors must provide birth date and have parent and/or club leader signature.
  - 4-H and FFA exhibitors do not have to provide a birth date or grade level unless required for the Department you are entering.
  - If you are entering as a 4-H Exhibitor, check the 4-H Club box, fill in the name of your club and have your Project Leader sign your entry form at the bottom.
  - If you are entering as a FFA Exhibitor, check the FFA Chapter box, fill in the name of your chapter and have your FFA Advisor sign your entry form at the bottom.
  - If you are entering a project completed at school, check the School box, fill in the name of your school and have your teacher sign your entry form at the bottom.
  - If you are entering as an Independent Junior, check the Independent Junior box and have your parent or guardian sign your entry form at the bottom.
  - 4-H and FFA exhibitors may enter Independent Junior classes that do not fall within their project area(s). For example, if a 4-H exhibitor is in a Foods & Nutrition project, that exhibitor may not enter Independent Junior Baking-Confections. However, that same exhibitor may enter Independent Junior Arts & Crafts, Clothing-Textiles, Paper Airplanes, etc.
- For description of entry you should list exactly what the item is that you are entering i.e.: apple cinnamon muffins, chocolate chip cookies, napkin holder, spice rack, etched glass, mosaic, etc.
- Check the Local Rules in each Department for the limit on number of items you may enter.
  - You are able to enter two items in each class unless noted otherwise in the Local Rules for that Division. If you choose to enter two items in one class, be sure to list each item twice on your entry form so that the Exhibits Department will know that you are bringing two of whatever the item is.
- Closing date for **MOST** entries is June 12 (refer to the Entry Schedule for exceptions).
- Closing date means the date your Entry Form must either be postmarked or hand delivered to the Fair Office. (Faxes are not accepted.)
- Refer to the Department(s) that you are entering for Receiving Dates and Times. Those are the dates and hours that you bring your item (entry) to the Fairgrounds.

Call (209)722-1507 for information



**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Participant”), acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the following activities at the 35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association’s (Merced County Fair) “the Fair” Junior Horse Show:

Junior Horse Show And Gymkhana Events

**I AM AWARE THAT THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

**I VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE: \_\_\_\_\_ . PARENT OR GUARDIAN’S INITIALS (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_.**

As consideration for being permitted by the Fair, the County of Merced (“the County”) and the State of California to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Fair, the County or the State of California or any of their affiliated organizations for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, however caused, by any director, employee, agent, or contractor of the Fair, the County or the State of California or any of their affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in the activities described above. I forever release the Fair, the County and the State of California and any of their affiliated organizations from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described above.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE FAIR, THE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_, California on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR SIGNATURE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Exhibiting Livestock

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Exhibiting Rabbits and/or Avian Science

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# COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS SURVEY

## 2008 Merced County Fair

Your opinion counts! Please take some time to fill out this survey to let us know how we can make your experience as an exhibitor even greater. Your answers to this survey are valuable to us.

Please mail completed survey with your entry forms or drop off at the  
**Merced County Fair, 900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced, CA 95341**

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1. **Number of years exhibiting (circle one):**    3 Years or Less                      4 – 7 Years                      7+ Years
  
2. **Exhibitor age group (check one):**                      \_\_\_ Junior Exhibitor (19 & under)  
    \_\_\_ 20 – 28 Years  
    \_\_\_ 29 – 35 Years  
    \_\_\_ 36 – 42 Years  
    \_\_\_ 43 – 55 Years  
    \_\_\_ 56 and better
  
3. **Department you typically have the most entries in (circle one):**                      \_\_\_ Agriculture/Horticulture  
    \_\_\_ Floriculture  
    \_\_\_ Junior Department                      \_\_\_ Home Arts  
    \_\_\_ 4-H Still Exhibits                      \_\_\_ Crafts and Hobbies  
    \_\_\_ FFA Still Exhibits                      \_\_\_ Fine Arts  
    \_\_\_ Junior Livestock/Small Animals                      \_\_\_ Computer Arts/Graphics  
    \_\_\_ Photography
  
4. **Gender of survey taker (circle one):**                      Male                      Female
  
5. **What city/town do you live in?** \_\_\_\_\_

**For the following statements (#7 – 10) please respond using the scale below.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Disagree			Undecided/Neutral				Agree		

6. The quality of ribbons, plaques, trophies, etc given to winning exhibits is sufficient. \_\_\_\_\_ (1-10)
7. Cash premium money is one of the top reasons why I exhibit at the fair. \_\_\_\_\_ (1-10)
8. Fair staff have been helpful and service minded when working with me. \_\_\_\_\_ (1-10)
9. The 2008 Exhibitor's Handbook is user friendly and easy to navigate. \_\_\_\_\_ (1-10)

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10. Do you attend the Fair (circle one): Yes No

If no, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you visit our website [www.MercedCountyFair.com](http://www.MercedCountyFair.com) ? Yes No

12. Did you know that the Exhibitor's Handbook is available online and that you can download and print Entry Forms (circle one)?

Yes No

13. Would you be willing to pay a surcharge for the convenience of entering exhibits online (circle one)?

Yes No

14. Please list any divisions or classes that are NOT currently in this Exhibitor's Handbook that you would like to see in the future.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. To help us recruit new exhibitors where would you suggest placing information about competitive exhibits?

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\_\_\_\_\_

16. Please list the top three reasons you exhibit at the Merced County Fair.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Do you have needs that we have not met (circle one)? Yes No

How can we do better? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FINISHED! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!**