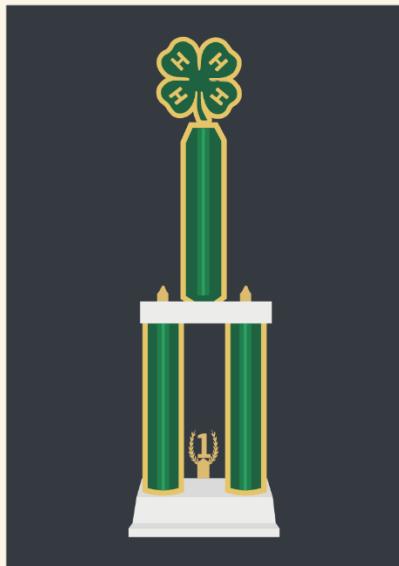




OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK



Instructions on How to Enter Open Class Exhibits and Overall Information

- 1. Fair Book:** The Fair Book contains all the entry guidelines, classes and descriptions. Access the 2026 Larimer County Fair Book online at: <https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair/4-h-and-open-class>. Each department is listed separately. Information follows regarding this specific department. Printed Fair Books may be requested from the Competitions Coordinator at 970-619-4023, boldtla@larimer.org
- 2. Schedule:** Read the Open Class Schedule at the end of this document.
- 3. General Information:** Read the general information and rules and follow the specific information for each departments. **Photography exhibitors should be sure to understand and follow the rules for size and mounting of photos before arriving at check-in.**
- 4. Exhibitors** do not need to be Larimer County residents to enter.
- 5. Online Entry:** Complete the Open Class Registration online through Fair Entry (not 4-H online) <http://lcfopenclass.fairentry.com>
If you entered last year, you are in the Fair Entry System as an exhibitor and you just need to add classes. If you are a new exhibitor, please sign up and follow the prompts to set you up as an exhibitor. Then add your classes. **Everyone should make sure to hit the submit button and receive email confirmation of your entries.**
- 6. Entry:** Pre-Registration Entry is recommended in all departments through the on-line Fair Entry system beginning **Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:50 pm**. Written entry forms can be requested through the Competitions Coordinator at 970-619-4023, boldtla@larimer.org. Printed entries can be emailed, delivered or mailed to the Larimer County Fair Office, 5280 Arena Circle, Ste #100, Loveland, CO 80538. Entry Office opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m. Postmarks, faxes, or email pre-registration will be accepted only if posted on or before July 23rd at 4:30 pm.
- 7. Late Registration:** Late Entries Taken at Department Check-In, Tuesday, July 28th. Horticulture late entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 29th from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 8. Check-In:** Park in the McKee Building parking lot or Lot A or B then enter the Northeast doors in Pedersen Toyota Center -South at The Ranch. Open Class exhibits (except Horticulture) must be received **Tuesday, July 28th between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Horticulture exhibits check-in Wednesday, July 29th between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. At check-in, arrive in time to receive your exhibitor identification tag(s). Review the information on the I.D. tag and assign one tag to each exhibit. Take exhibit(s) to the respective departments.
- 9. Check-Out:** Please return to The Ranch Pedersen Toyota Center-South to pick up your exhibits on **Wednesday, August 5th between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Collect any awards won. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits that evening, please have someone else do it for you. Otherwise your projects are available for pickup in the Event office during normal business hours. Removal of any exhibit before the designated time requires written approval from the Superintendent or Exhibitor Coordinator. Violation of this rule shall cause the exhibitor to forfeit any awards due to him or her.
- 10. Judging:** Viewing of judging is open to the public. You are welcome to listen and learn from the judges.

11. All products exhibited must have been prepared since August 1, 2025, except for quilts or photography. Exhibits can be entered only once in the Larimer County Fair.
12. Any article may be tested to the satisfaction of the judges. All articles and garments entered must be clean.
13. Children's age is determined as of December 31, 2025.
14. Only one entry will be accepted in each class from each exhibitor except Arts, Photography, and Spinning and Weaving. No Champion or Reserve Champion will be awarded if the exhibit is not worthy.
15. Special awards will be chosen at the discretion of the judge(s) in each department and coordinated through the Superintendents.
16. All exhibits must remain on exhibit for the entire Fair, regardless of whether an award is given. An open class exhibitor schedule included at the end of this Fair Book.
17. **Special Awards:** Exhibitors may collect special awards for department winners. Collection of the award is as follows:
Wednesday, August 5th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Otherwise at the Ranch Events office Thursday, August 6th, 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 7thth 8:30 a.m. – noon. Special awards not collected will be forfeited.
No Exceptions.
18. **Premiums/Money:** Premiums will be given for class placement in youth designated classes. No money is awarded for general/adult classes.
19. **The use of marijuana or CBD in any display, food item, or exhibit is prohibited and shall be rejected.**
20. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the superintendents. If there are 3 or more items in a miscellaneous or “Any Other” class, a new class may be made.
21. **Responsibility:** The Ranch staff, the Larimer County Fair Board and Volunteers will use reasonable diligence to ensure safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement. Under no circumstance will the parties listed be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any articles on exhibit. The exhibitors shall indemnify The Ranch, Larimer County Fair Board and volunteers of all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. The entry of any exhibits on the fairgrounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his or her agreement to abide by this rule.

Creative Crafts

Superintendent – Angela Vondy
Competition Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

Entry for Creative Crafts exhibits: Tuesday, July 28 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Judging time for Creative Crafts exhibits: Wednesday, July 29, 9:00 a.m.

Check-out for Creative Crafts exhibits: Wednesday, August 5, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. Viewing of judged and awarded items is open to the public Friday, July 31, beginning at 4:00 p.m.
2. Children, Youth and Teen exhibitors will need to supply their date of birth upon entry.
3. All items will be judged on workmanship, beauty of design, general appearance, creativity, and how it will be used.
- 4. An exhibitor may enter only one item in each class.**
5. Classes may be combined and/or divided at the discretion of the superintendent and judge.
- 6. Classes 110 - 300 should be made by a child with minimum supervision by an adult. Please indicate age at Fair Entry.**
7. Items meant to be hung will be hung, unless otherwise requested by the exhibitor.
8. If a class doesn't exist anywhere in the **OTHER** Open Class departments for an exhibit, it may be shown in the Open Class Creative Crafts class #**500**.
9. If your exhibit is overly large (i.e. wagon, saddle, doll house, furniture or other large object) please include dimensions and alert staff on entry form when entering so ample space can be planned for display.
- 10. Payment of Awards: Exhibitors may collect special awards. See Open Class Division General Rules and Regulations for schedule. Special awards not collected before noon Friday, August 6th, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.**

Children - 12 years and under

Class

- 110.** Children, 4 and under, any craft
- 120.** Children 5 & 6 years of age, any craft
- 130.** Handcrafted item of leather or wood,
- 140.** Item of paper, clay, stone, or any other medium not listed in class #**130**
- 150.** Jewelry, all materials
- 160.** Original creation made with Legos, **MUST BE MOUNTED TO A SOLID BASE**
- 170.** Any item made from a kit
- 180.** Children 7 years and older, any craft not above

Teens – 13 years through 18

Class

- 200. Handcrafted item of metal, leather, or wood
- 210. Item of paper, clay, stone, or any other item not listed in class #200
- 220. Jewelry, all materials
- 230. Original creation made with Legos, **MUST BE MOUNTED TO A SOLID BASE**
- 240. Any item made from a kit
- 250. Robotics, small engine items

All Ages

Class

- 300. Item made from recycled materials (enter recycled garment or sewn item in Machine Work Department)
- 310. Painting on any type of material – cloth, wood, etc. except paper
- 320. China Painting
- 330. Tole Painting
- 340. Memory Books / Scrapbooking, a single page entry
- 350. Any Holiday Craft
- 360. Floral Arranging, Silk & Dried Arrangements
- 370. Wreaths, all designs, and shapes
- 380. Basket, handmade, any material
- 390. Jewelry, hand crafted original designs
- 400. Jewelry, beads, wire, any other material designs
- 410. Beadwork, all designs, and items
- 420. Leathercraft, all styles, and designs
- 430. Stained Glass
- 440. Item made with natural stones, painted or with other added materials.
- 450. Woodcarving, people, including caricatures
- 460. Woodcarving, critters
- 470. Carving, all other materials and designs, bark, gourds, ornaments, i.e. pinewood derby car
- 480. Woodworking item using techniques other than carving
- 490. Functional item made with any material, furniture, home décor
- 500. Any item made from a kit
- 510. Robotics, small engine items
- 520. Any craft/material NOT listed in any other class
- 530. Any craft item made by individual 60 to 70 years old
- 540. Any craft item made by individual over 71 years old

Special Awards

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Exhibit will be selected, and Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for outstanding exhibits.

These special awards are made possible by the following sponsors:

Grand Champion Creative Crafts Exhibit

Planks and Paint
Heritage Fine Arts

Overall Reserve Champion Creative Crafts Exhibit

Heritage Fine Arts

Judge's Choice – Exceptional Merit

J. T's Woodworks

Most Creative Use of Materials – All Ages

J. T's Woodworks

Most Creative Use of Materials – Youth

J. T's Woodworks

Most Creative Use of Materials – Teens

J. T's Woodworks

Outstanding Creativity – Miscellaneous Classes

Stacie Hougard

Outstanding Woodcarving Exhibit - Techniques other than Carving

Northern Colorado Wood Carving Club

Outstanding Woodcarving Exhibit - People or Critters

Northern Colorado Wood Carving Club

Outstanding Woodcarving Exhibit – All Other Materials

Northern Colorado Wood Carving Club

Champion Craft Exhibit – Children 6 and under

Artisan You

Champion Craft Exhibit – Children 7-12

Artisan You

Champion Craft Exhibit – Teen 13-18

Artisan You

Champion Craft Exhibit – All Ages

Artisan You

2026 Larimer County Fair Schedule of Events for Open Class
SCHEDULE as of February 5, 2026

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

11:59 p.m. OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT ENTRY/PRE-REGISTRATION FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE-

SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:30 a.m. LARIMER COUNTY FAIR PARADE *Downtown Loveland*

MONDAY, JULY 27

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibits Set Up – Superintendents only *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

TUESDAY, JULY 28

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibits - Check-In *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Open Class Horticulture (Garden Flowers & Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs) Check-In *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open Class Arts, Baked Products, Creative Crafts, Knitting, Machine Work, Needlework, Preserved Food Products (& Honey), Quilting & Spinning & Weaving *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Open Class Garden Flowers & Floral Arrangements Judging *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs Judging *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

THURSDAY, JULY 30

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Building open to Superintendents for display *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

FRIDAY, JULY 31

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Free Pancake Breakfast *Party Tent outside Indoor Arena*

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open Class Check-Out *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *Event Office Pedersen Toyota Center*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *Event Office Pedersen Toyota Center*