



2026 Project Fair



BASICS

- Open to all Panola County 4-H and FFA members, as well as students enrolled in art classes, photography classes or culinary/life skills classes.
- All exhibitors must be in good academic standing.
- All exhibits must be a product of the past year's work (made between March 3, 2025 and March 2, 2026).
- All exhibits (4-H, FFA, and other) will be judged together, but in their respective age divisions (Junior, Grades 3-5; Intermediate, Grades 6-8; Senior, Grades 9-12).
- There will be a separate division for 4-H Clover Kid exhibits (grades K-2) in which no competitive judging shall occur.
- Exhibitors may enter any number of divisions, with a **maximum of 1 entry per class** unless otherwise noted (ONE painting, ONE plate of cookies, etc.).

SCHEDULE

- Registration will open mid-December 2025 and is due February 6, 2026 via an online form. Entries will be made online but all payments must be in cash or check (payable to FCS Committee), due to the extension office by 4:30 pm on February 6.
- Exhibits **with attached entry tags** may be dropped off at the Civic Center Conference Rooms on Monday, March 2, 2026 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Closed Judging will take place on Tuesday, March 3.
- Awards can be viewed beginning Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and the building will close at 6:00 p.m.
- Public Viewing will take place on Wednesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 5 from 12-4 p.m.
- On Friday, March 6 all exhibits will be moved from the Conference Rooms to the Gymnasium in the Civic Center. They will be displayed during the buyers' luncheon and released from 1:15-4:00 p.m.

DIVISIONS & CLASSES:

1) Foods

- Cookies
- Bread
- Candy
- Food Preservation (vegetables, pickles, salsa, jam/jelly, etc.) exhibitors may enter up to **three** items in this class.
- Annual Ingredient Challenge: Any non-perishable food featuring **Oatmeal**.

2) Fabric & Fiber Arts

- Garments

- b. Accessories
- c. Home Décor
- d. Quilted items (quilts, wall hangings, pot holders, etc.)
- e. Other (anything not fitting into one of the above classes; may enter two exhibits in this class)

3) Arts & Crafts

- a. Colored drawings (colored pencil, pastels, crayons, etc.)
- b. Monochromatic art (ONE color/variation such as pencil, charcoal, ink, etc.)
- c. Paintings (any medium applied by brush such as watercolor, acrylic, etc.)
- d. 3D art or sculpture (wood, clay, stone, metal, etc.)
- e. Functional Woodworking or Metalwork (clocks, birdhouses, cutting boards, frames, etc.)
- f. Upcycled art- turn trash into treasure! Take an old "trash" item that's already been used for its original purpose and remake it into something useful or beautiful.
- g. Open (exhibit not fitting into an above class; may enter **two** exhibits in this class)

4) Legos- Any lego creations fitting on a 12x12 inch square base (or smaller).

- a. A new theme every year! The theme for 2026 is **Transportation**.
- b. Kit creations- 50% or more of the final product is from a kit.
- c. Other freestyle lego creations, 0-49% is from a kit (may enter **two** exhibits in this class).

5) Photography- This will also function as the county contest for 4-H members. Classes will coordinate with classes for the 2026 Texas 4-H Photography contest; youth may enter up to **one photograph per class**. Descriptions of classes are available at the end of the division rules or online at <https://panola.agrilife.org/4-h-project-fair/>

a. Animals-Domestic	j. Leading Line
b. Animals-Wildlife	k. Long Exposure
c. Catch-All	l. Motion/Action
d. Details & Macro	m. People
e. Dominant Color	n. Plant/Flora
f. Elements of Design	o. Reflections
g. Enhanced	p. Shadow/Silhouette
h. Food	q. Transportation
i. Landscape & Nature	r. Theme: Volunteers in Action

6) Floral Design

- a. Fresh flower arrangements
- b. Silk (artificial) flower arrangements
- c. Floral arrangement- a different container every year! The container for 2026 is **a watering can** (1 gallon or less; may use fresh or silk flowers).

7) Educational Displays (**Limit ONE per exhibitor**)

- a. Promote 4-H or FFA

- i. A promotional exhibit for 4-H and FFA that highlights the value of the program or a project within it. Can be any format (poster, flyer, etc.)
- b. Innovations (any educational display/interactive element such as science projects or circuit boards).
- c. Open Posters and Storyboards (any content not fitting into one of the other classes)

8) Clover Kids

- a. 4-H Clover Kids in K-2nd grade (must be officially enrolled in 4HOnline as a Clover Kid).
- b. Any exhibit(s) corresponding to one of the divisions/classes above.
- c. No competitive judging shall occur; all exhibits will receive a special Clover Kid ribbon.