

PLUMAS SIERRA COUNTY FAIR

July 23-26, 2026



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Plumas Sierra County Fair

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For 17 years, I've sat down in the winter to write the letter to all of you. The message has always been the same, and at least for this year, will continue to be the same. This booklet opens the door to all of us sharing what we have made, grown and raised. The practice has been part of mankind from the beginning. Showing our friends and neighbors what we have created brings joy, inspiration, and enlightenment. It is also the backbone of fairs and has been for hundreds of years. If electronic diversions are something you complain about, well, this is your chance to steer your ship a different direction. Put down that tablet and tend to your Boston Fern, or berries, or flower bed. Find some material and make an apron. Knit a scarf. Break out the watercolors. You will always have time to stream "Stranger Things". This year, enter something in the fair!

We've seen the good times, and the challenging times. With the demise of the High Sierra Music Festival, along with a shift in how people gather for most everything, it appears we are moving into a challenging time. Now, more than ever, your fairgrounds need your participation and as trivial as it may seem to enter a loaf of bread, it shows your support and love for something that has been part of our lives for decades. It's as easy as deciding on what things you want to enter, filling out the entry form at the back of this booklet, returning the form with your entry fee, and then taking note of what day and time you bring your entries to drop off at the fairgrounds.

Finally, I mentioned 17 years. The best 17 years of my life. These fairgrounds are truly magical to me and a big part of that is the people who share their love of the fairgrounds with me. The people I've worked with, the volunteers, people who have rented space, the people that attend all the events and most special, those that come to the Fair every year. I have bragged about all of you to any other fair manager that would listen and I'll be honest; I don't think many of them "got" it. Are the people that visit the Plumas Sierra County Fair any different from those that attend the Alameda County Fair? Yes, yes they are. We know each other, we care for each other. We lift each other up. We look for the best in each other. This is a special place.

By the time the 2026 Plumas County Fair opens on July 23, I will no longer be the Fair Manager. Next to Dad and Grandpa, Fair Manager is the greatest title I've had. I won't be gone, but I won't be around as much. Whoever follows me deserves the same treatment as I have had and I ask for everyone to give a little more; time, entries, help and kindness. It will take all of us to see the Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds continue to be the heart and soul of our area. I thank you for all you have done, and I thank you in advance for what you will do in the future. See you at the Fair!

Warmest Regards,
John Steffanic
Fair Manager



January 26, 2026

On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, I am delighted to welcome you and to thank you for your involvement as we look ahead to the 2026 fair season. Each year, our fairs bring people together from every corner of our state to celebrate agriculture, community, and the dedication of those who make it all possible.

The heart of every fair lies in its people: families, volunteers, youth leaders, and countless others who share their talents and passions. Your participation as exhibitors strengthens these connections, turning each fair into a place where learning, collaboration, and pride in California agriculture come to life.

We are especially grateful for the young people who engage through 4-H, FFA, Grange, and other youth programs. Their enthusiasm and commitment represent the future of agriculture, inspiring the next generation to value hard work, stewardship, and innovation. The skills they develop through these programs, such as leadership, responsibility, and community service, extend far beyond the fairgrounds and enrich the entire state. These experiences are supported by the very spaces that make them possible, which continue to serve their communities long after the fair season ends.

Our fairgrounds are more than event spaces; they are year-round centers of community life. They host educational workshops, local markets, and cultural celebrations that bring people together and strengthen our shared sense of belonging. During emergencies, they also serve as critical response and recovery sites, underscoring their role as essential community infrastructure. These roles highlight the enduring partnership between our fairgrounds and the exhibitors, volunteers, and communities that keep them thriving.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the effort, care, and time you invest in preparing for the fair. Your commitment ensures that these traditions continue to thrive and that agriculture remains at the heart of California's identity.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. We look forward to another successful fair season and to celebrating the incredible spirit of California's agricultural community together.

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary



Thank You to the 2025 Plumas-Sierra County Junior Livestock Auction Buyers

Alice York	Lights Creek Construction *
Andrew & Robin Clarke *	Maddalena Ranch
Bamford Timber *	Marilyn & Charlie Neer *
Barker Construction *	Mark Leonhardt
Bengard Ranch *	McGarr Excavation *
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Bordges Timber	Motorsport Tech-Lenny Stahl *
Breaux Group	Mouser Brothers Enterprises *
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Brian West *	Pangaea Cafe
Cal Sierra Title *	Plumas Sanitation
Carey Candy Company	Quarter Circle OS Bookkeeping
Cattlemans Livestock Mkt *	Quincy Hot Spot *
Chris & Judy Alexander *	Ralph & Trish Wilburn
Froggatt Farms-Cindie Froggatt	Ramelli Ranch
Cody Joe Pearce Livestock *	Red Bluff Bull & Gelding Sale
Colleen & Joe Griffin	Rob Church
Curran Tires	Roberti Ranch
Darcy Cameron	Safeway
Dean & Tanya Morgan	Sam & Ashley Blesse
Dig It Construction *	Schor Ranches
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Edith Jobe	Sierra Valley Large Animal Vet
Ellen Balaam	Services
Empire Cat – Dana Taylor *	Sierra Valley Mobile Repair
Eric & Laurie Petterson	Sierra Valley Ranch
Erin Barnes	Silver State Geotechnical *
Esther Ballard/Terry Groves	Stella Higginbotham
Forest Stationers	Steve & Joani Utterback
Green's Feed *	Steve & Sherri Drybread
Griffin Livestock	Steven Metcalf *
Hat Creek Construction	Susanville Auto Center *
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Hunt Propane	The Top Story
Indian Valley Butchers	Tony Commendatore
Indian Valley Construction *	Travis Goings- Valley Grind
Integrity Heating & Air *	Veritas Mountain Medical *
Joe & Annie Tipton	Vestra Resources
John Selby	Von Tour Crane & Rigging *
Jose Coronado	Western Video Market *
Joy Engineering *	Wilburn Construction *
Kaley Bentz- Riley's Jerky *	
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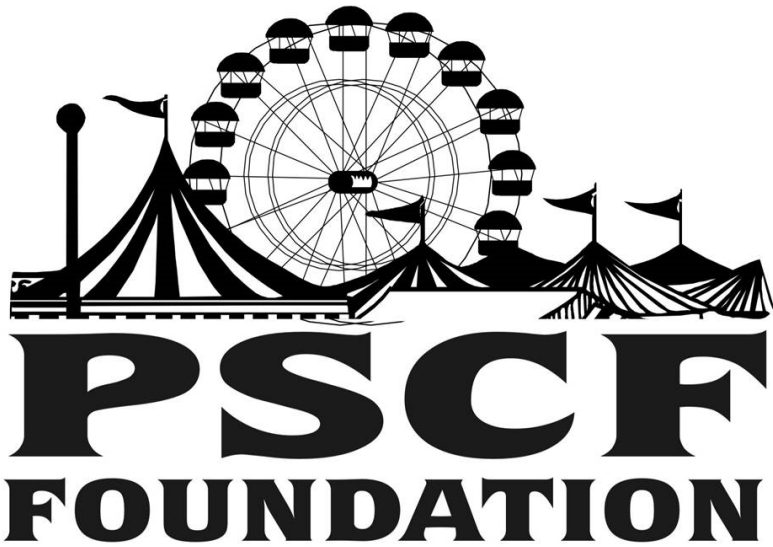
*Notes multiple animal purchases

From the Plumas-Sierra Junior Livestock Auction Committee

2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Sunday, July 26 9am

Buyer's breakfast starts at 7:30am



The PSCF Foundation is a registered non-profit that exists for the sole purpose of keeping the Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds vibrant and viable for years to come. It raises money from memberships and innovative fundraisers. Those funds are used for projects that range from Chipper's Christmas Wonderland to making the purchase of a floor cleaner for our buildings. By becoming a member, you can proudly become a vital part of the health of the Fairgrounds. Consider investing in this worthwhile foundation by reviewing the various levels of commitment below. We also hope that you consider not only supporting the PSCF Foundation financially, but with your time as well. Volunteers are critical to our success, and the experience and benefits of physically helping at the Fairgrounds is incalculable.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

SINGLE FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP - \$50

Single week pass to the fair

Invitation to regular social events held in the exciting VIPer Lounge

Recognition in fair program and foundation roster*

FAMILY FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP - \$100

Family week pass to the fair

Invitation to regular social events held in the exciting VIPer Lounge

Recognition in fair program and foundation roster*

FOUNDATION SPONSOR - \$500

Five family day passes to the fair

Membership certificate for display

Invitation to regular social events held in the exciting VIPer Lounge

Recognition in fair program and foundation roster*

*The Foundation Roster is a sign that will be on display all year round, located in the Tulsa Scott Pavilion entry listing all PSCF Foundation members updated annually.

To become a member, contact the Fair Office at

530-283-6272

or e-mail the Foundation at

pscffoundation@gmail.com

If you aren't interested in becoming a member, the Foundation still appreciates donations of any size.

Thank You!

The PSCF Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and your contributions are tax deductible.



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PROUD MEMBER

Volunteers

A community event the size of the Plumas Sierra County Fair relies heavily on volunteer labor. During the Fair, we look for help in the following areas:

Monitoring and answering questions in any of the exhibit buildings

Conducting demonstrations of your special skills

Staffing the information booth

Strolling the grounds to direct people to where they want to go, answer questions, and be the eyes and ears of the Fair

Assisting the judges as a clerk

Receiving and placing exhibits

Coordinate information to vendors and entertainers

Set up for entertainers

Volunteers receive a week-long pass to the Fair and any other goodies we can dream up. Mostly, the pay comes in the form of helping put on the most loved event in our community. Contact the Fair office today and let us know when you're available and what you would be interested in doing. Thank you.

Exhibit Guide Review

If you have any corrections or suggestions about this Exhibit Guide, you can mail or e-mail that information. Written suggestions have a much better chance of being reviewed as opposed to phone calls. Suggestions regarding Divisions and Classes are all reviewed and considered, so it is worth your effort.

FAIR CALENDAR

June 26, Friday 5:00pm - **ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES DUE**
July 10, Friday 5:00pm - **ALL ENTRIES CLOSE**, except Horse Show, Agriculture, Horticulture & Floriculture
FFA Record Books received at Fair Office

July 12, Sunday
9:00am - 4H Horse Show /Horse Arena

July 16, Thursday
3:00pm - 7:00pm – Receiving Photography (except 4H), Arts & Crafts exhibits in Art Barn

July 17 Friday
3:00pm - 7:00pm - Receiving Photography (except 4H), Arts & Crafts exhibits in Art Barn
3:00pm - 7:00pm - Receiving of Textiles, Quilts, Fibers, Preserved Foods, Brew & Wine, Home Crafts (except 4H/FFA)
5:00pm - **HORSE SHOW ENTRIES CLOSE**
5:00pm - **ALL FLORICULTURE/AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE ENTRIES CLOSE**

July 18, Saturday
8:00am - 2:00pm - 4H/FFA Still exhibits including home arts (Baked goods will be received Tuesday, July 22 between 8am to 11am in Tulsa Building), 4H Record books, 4H/FFA Photography and arts & crafts in Jr. Ag Barn
9:00am to 6:00pm - Arrival of Campers
3:00pm - 7:00pm - Receiving of Textiles, Quilts, Fibers, Preserved Foods, Brew & Wine, Home Crafts (except 4H) in Tulsa Building

July 19, Sunday
9:00am to 6:00pm – Arrival of Campers

July 20, Monday
5:00am - Receiving of Large Livestock begins
9:00am - Judging of Quilts, Textiles & Fibers including 4H

July 21, Tuesday
8:00-11am - Receiving of 4-H/Youth/Adult Baked Goods in Tulsa Building
8:00am - Swine in place
8:00am - Swine Weigh-In
9:00am - 10:00am - Poultry Inspection and Weigh In
9:00am - 10:00am Eggs in place
9:00am - Judging of 4-H/Youth/Adult Preserved Foods & Home Arts
10:00am - Poultry in place
10:00am - Judging of Arts, Crafts, Photography, Poetry
10:00am - 11am – Rabbit Health Inspection & Weigh In
11:00am - Rabbits/Cavies in place
11:30pm - Mandatory Small Livestock Exhibitor Meeting
12 noon - Beef, Sheep, Goats and Breeding Animals in place
1:00pm - Beef, Sheep and Goats weigh-in
1:00pm - Judging of Baked Goods including 4H
1:00pm - Judging of 4H Woodworking & FFA Ag. Mechanics
3:00 - 6:00pm - Receiving of All Horticulture/Agriculture
3:00 - 6:00pm - Receiving of Potted Plants & Silk/Dried Arrangements
3:30pm - Breeding animal identification and paper check
4:00pm - Mandatory Lg. Animal meeting/SPI Pavilion
4:00pm - 4-H/FFA Feature/Poster Exhibits in place
5:00pm - Judging of Home Brew
5:00pm - Judging of 4-H/FFA Feature/Poster Exhibits, 4-H/ FFA Still Exhibits, 4H Photography, 4H Arts & Crafts

July 22, Wednesday
8:00am - Poultry Breeding/Egg Judging
9:00 am - 4-H/FFA Swine Show
Noon - Poultry Market and Showmanship/SPI Pavilion
4:00pm - Rabbit/Cavy Show, Primary Show to Follow
3:00-6:00pm - Receiving of All Horticulture/Agriculture

July 23, Thursday/Senior & Kids Day
VISITORS 62+ YEARS AND 12 AND UNDER GET FREE ADMISSION TODAY
8:30am - 10:30am - Receiving of Adult & Youth Floriculture Fresh Arrangements, & Cut Flowers for Saturday Show
9:00am - 4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship, Market, Breeding and Jr. Buck Open Sheep Show to follow Jr. Buckaroo

9:00am - Trail Horse Show/Horse Arena
9:00am - 10:30am - Receiving Table Settings for Thursday Show
10:30am - Family/Organizational Gardens to be complete
11:00am - Judging of Potted Plants
11:00am - Judging of Family/Organizational Gardens
11:00am - Judging of Silk & Dried Arrangements
11:00am - Judging of all Horticulture/Agriculture
11:00am - Judging of Adult & Youth Floriculture Thursday Shows, Potted Plants, Table Settings & Cut Flowers
NOON - FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENS
12:00pm - Special Luncheon for Seniors
1:00pm - 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Showmanship, Market & Breeding 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat to follow other goat classes, Primary Member Show (Nigerian Dwarf) to follow, Pygmy Goat to follow primary
2:00pm - Carnival Opens
5:00pm - Open Western Show/Horse Arena
10:00pm - Fair & Carnival Closes

July 24, Friday
9:00am - Novice Open Horse Show/Horse Arena
9:00am - 10:30am - Receiving Table Settings for Friday Show
9:00am - 4-H/FFA Beef Show, Jr. Breeding Beef, Jr. Buckaroo
11:00am - Judging Table Settings for Friday Show
NOON - FAIR OPENS
2:00pm - Carnival Opens
2:00pm - 4-H Dog Showmanship & Obedience/SPI Pavilion
5:00pm - Hog Calling Contest/SPI Pavilion
5:00pm - Gymkhana/Horse Arena
7:00pm - Ladies and Gentlemen's Lead/SPI Pavilion
11:00pm - Carnival Closes
Midnight - Fair Closes

July 25, Saturday
8:00 - 9:00am Thursday Floriculture Show Removed
8:00am - Ranch Versatility Show/Horse Arena
8:30 - 10:30am Receiving of Adult & Youth Floriculture Fresh Arrangements, & Cut Flowers for Saturday Show
9:00am - Large Animal Round Robin Judging at SPI Pavilion
9:00am - 10:30am - Receiving Table Settings for Saturday Show
10:00am - Parade in Downtown Quincy
11:00am - Judging Table Settings for Saturday Show
11:00am - Judging of Saturday Floriculture Show
NOON - FAIR OPENS
1:00pm - Small Animal Round Robin behind Ag Barn
2:00pm - Carnival Opens
7:00pm - Motorcycle Racing in the Grandstands
11:00pm - Carnival Closes
Midnight - Fair Closes

July 26, Sunday
TBD - Beef Brand Inspection
9:00am - Plumas-Sierra County Junior Livestock Auction
9:00am - Church Services on the West Lawn
NOON - FAIR OPENS
2:00pm - Carnival Opens
2:00pm - Release of all beef exhibits
3:00-5:30pm - Release of Campers
4:00pm - Start "Tear Down" and release of Livestock Exhibits
6:00pm - 8:00pm - Release of All Exhibits
7:00-Midnight - Release of campers continues
10:00pm - Fair & Carnival Closes **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

July 27, Monday
10:00am - 4:00pm - Release of all exhibits

August 1, Sunday
8:00am - Ranch Versatility Show/Horse Arena

August 29, Saturday
9:00am - Driving Show/Horse Arena

The schedule is subject to change. Please check out our daily newsletter at the fair, The Chipper Gazette, for any up-to-the-minute changes.

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PLUMAS SIERRA COUNTY FAIR RULES

The Plumas-Sierra County Fair officially opens at Noon, on Thursday, July 23, 2026 and officially closes at 10:00 PM, Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Thursday is Seniors and Kids Day and admission is free for everyone 62+ years of age and 12 and under.

GATE ADMISSION:

Adults (18 and up)	\$ 6.00
Senior/Student (13-17 years & 62+)	\$ 5.00
Kids (6-12)	\$ 4.00
Family Daily (up to 5 members)	\$14.00
Weekly Pass Adult	\$10.00
Weekly Pass Senior/Student	\$ 8.00
Weekly Pass Kids	\$ 6.00
Weekly Pass Family	\$35.00

General Rules 2026

STATE, LOCAL, AND LIVESTOCK RULES:

Please see 2026 State Rules for California Fairs available at the Fair Office or at www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net. All Local and General Rules apply to all departments. **Unless Local Rules are more restrictive, State rules supersede. See individual divisions for additional rules.**

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be aware of the applicable rules. There are changes from last year. Please review carefully.

DOGS:

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS, with the exception of official service dogs or those being exhibited for show.

BICYCLES: NO BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, OR HEELIES ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS.

AUTO PARKING:

Automobiles may be parked in parking lots made available near the Main Entrance of the Fairgrounds. Throughout the Fair, all motorized vehicles **MUST BE REMOVED FROM MAIN FAIRGROUNDS BY 8:00 AM** with the exception of official vehicles and those parked in areas designated by Fair Management. **NEW LIVESTOCK AND FAIR CAMPING POLICIES APPLY (SEE WEBSITE).**

No Unauthorized Golf carts or ATV's are allowed on grounds.

UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AFTER 11:00 A.M. WILL BE TOWED AWAY. PLUMAS COUNTY CODE-ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 4, SECTION 4-3.509: (AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 87-682-DEC. 15, 1987) at the owners expense.

The Fair Manager is authorized to designate "NO PARKING" areas on the Fairgrounds which will be strictly enforced.

COMMUNICATIONS:

As a courtesy to our Exhibitors, mail addressed in care of the Manager will be held until called for at the Fairgrounds Main Office.

SAFETY:

Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Plumas-Sierra County Fair, Management, Directors, Plumas County and the State of CA from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which he/she may incur, suffer or be put to, by any reason of any accident, or any person being injured or suffering damage.

THEFT & RISK AND OR DAMAGE:

All entries shown at the exhibitor's risk. The Fair and Management is not responsible for any theft, loss, or damages while exhibits are on the grounds.

Each exhibitor is solely responsible for any loss, injury, damage, occurring to an exhibit, caused by any animal or other exhibit. Signing the Entry Form, indemnifies Plumas-Sierra County Fair, Management, Directors, Plumas County and the State of California against all legal proceedings. All exhibits entered shall be subject to the control of Fair Management.

The Fair will not assume any responsibility for exhibits left on Fairgrounds after the designated exhibit release time. **NO EMPLOYEE OF THE FAIR HAS AUTHORITY TO CHANGE OR SUSPEND THIS RULE.**

CAMPING:

Applications are available at www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net. Exhibitors **MUST** make prior arrangements with the Fair Management. A fee of \$ 150.00 will be paid for each campsite, along with an application for the Carnival Area and in the Lower Camp Ground for the duration of the Fair. **NOTE: CARNIVAL – There will be NO Parking on the grass. ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER CAMP/RV SPACE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN DESIGNATED AREA.** Lower campground will be allowed one vehicle per camp/RV space. Campers will be allowed to park on Saturday and Sunday before the fair from 9:00 AM, till 6:00 PM., on Monday before the fair from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **All camper parking will be at the discretion of fair management and not at the discretion of the exhibitor.** Parking permits are to be picked up at livestock office before parking or setting-up. **No Refunds. Removal of carnival area campers begins on Sunday, July 26 from 3:00 to 5:30 PM and from 7:00 PM to 12 midnight.**

General Entry Information

ENTRY FORMS:

Entry forms are available in the Premium Book, at the Fair Office & online at www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net. Photocopies are acceptable. **SEPARATE ENTRY FORMS MUST BE USED FOR EACH DEPARTMENT ENTERED. INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Please see ENTRY DEADLINE for each specific Division's deadline. **All completed entry forms must be filled out properly, signed and dated with required fees and turned into the Fair Office by 5:00 PM on the closing date of entries or postmarked no later than midnight on the closing date listed for each division.**

An Exhibitor's signature on the Entry Form signifies acceptance of the rules and schedules governing the Plumas-Sierra County Fair.

Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors in entry forms. The Fair will be glad to assist in person or by telephone, any exhibitor who wishes help in filling out the entry form. Be certain to place your **CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS (INCLUDING ZIP CODE) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER** on entry form. Receipts will not be mailed and no refunds will be made under \$5.00.

ENTRY FEES:

Refer to the beginning of the specific department and division(s) you wish to enter.

A FEE OF \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY RETURNED CHECK.

Entry & stall fees **MUST accompany entry forms.**

REFUNDS:

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Fair no later than TEN (10) days after close of the Fair. Entry fees are non-refundable, except in special circumstances listed below. Refunds of

any kind will be granted only upon approval of the Fair Board of Directors and are made only because of sickness, accident, death, cancellation of a class, or return of entries for lack of exhibit space. In the case of illness of animals, a signed veterinarian's certificate stating that the animal in question is not fit to show due to illness or injury must be presented to Fair Management. There will be no refunds on any Stall Fees.

Exhibitor Definition

ADULT OPEN DEPARTMENT:

Adult Divisions are open to exhibitors of all ages, except for Youth Exhibitors who have divisions and classes available to them in the Youth Department.

Members of a family are considered one exhibitor and co-owners of exhibits. This includes mother, father, unmarried minor (under 18 years of age), children and minor foster children. In the Adult Open Department, classes that require that the exhibit be the creative work of the owner, husband and wife are considered separate exhibitors.

See Specific Division Sections for resident requirements. Local, Limited, & Open

Local – Plumas & Sierra Counties

Limited – Plumas, Sierra, Lassen, Butte & Tehama Counties

Open/Extended – A division or class open to legal residents or producers in the State of CA and any additional territory that may be specified in the local rules. Unless designated, all divisions are "extended" and limited to California and Western Nevada.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT:

4-H

All 4-H Members must meet the Plumas-Sierra 4-H Councils' requirements for Fair participation. Members must be active in Plumas or Sierra County Clubs. Members must be 9 yrs. old as of December 31st of prior year in order to both show animals in the 4-H classes and sell them in the Junior Livestock Auction.

Junior Members- Ages 9-13 yrs.

Senior Members- Ages 14-19 yrs.

Primary Members- Age span is from 5 yrs. to 8 yrs. of age. Primary members may exhibit in special primary division and classes designated by the Fair. If you are registered by Sept. 1, 2025 you will remain a member until August 31, 2026. Ribbons will be awarded, no cash prizes.

FFA

All FFA Members may participate in classes and may exhibit as members to the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. They must be in good standing with the local and state organization to be eligible to exhibit at the Fair. The FFA Show is limited to Plumas-Sierra High Schools.

INDEPENDENT YOUTH EXHIBITORS

Independent Youth exhibitors who are not 4-H or FFA members must meet the following age requirements:

Exhibitor must be 9 years of age by January 1 of the current year to through December 31 of the year of which they turn 19 years of age and be residents of Plumas or Sierra Counties.

If exhibiting Livestock, refer to Livestock rules.

Exhibit Receiving, Judging & Removal

RECEIVING:

See Specific Division Sections for receiving information.

It's the exhibitor's responsibility to have his/her exhibit(s) ready at the receiving times. Fair management has the right to limit facilities available and to CANCEL any Division or Class in which there are not sufficient entries for judging. Any return of entries under this rule will be done on a non-discriminatory basis.

JUDGING:

The Plumas Sierra County Fair Board has decided to institute American System of judging for older youth in all still entries. Check each category for clarification on which divisions will now be judged American System. Primaries and younger exhibitors will still be judged using the Danish System.

American – The judging process to rank exhibitors against one another and award one placing for first, second and third.

Danish - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc., as merited.

MATERIALS:

All materials and decorations in Still and Livestock exhibits must be made from flameproof materials or treated and maintained in flame retardant condition. This is in accordance with Section 13115 through 13119 of the Health & Safety Code, State of California.

EXHIBIT REMOVAL:

See Specific Division Section for exhibit removal. No exhibits will be removed before release date and time.

RIBBONS:

Ribbon placement does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the official judging sheet constitutes the final placement.

Ribbons will be placed on exhibits in some departments.

All other ribbon awards not placed on exhibits will be distributed by the department supervisor upon removal of exhibit(s) by the exhibitor.

PREMIUM CHECKS:

Premium checks will be made payable to the exhibitor in whose name the entry was made. Checks may be picked up from department supervisor on Monday, July 27, 2026, when removing the exhibits according to the Specific Division Section. They will be mailed to exhibitor's address as listed on entry form. Please allow four (4) weeks for receipt of premium checks after close of the Fair. Premium checks must be cashed within six months from date of issuance or they become void. NOTE: Premiums are paid according to official judges record sheets. Possession of a ribbon, tag, or card has no bearing on premium payment.

Fair Management may withhold payment of Awards for exhibits that are in question under State and Local Rules, and may recover awards that have been paid for entries in question.

No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using American Judging System.

If you wish to donate your premium check to the Fair, it is greatly appreciated and will be used for the purchase of ribbons and other awards.

Exhibitors who's premiums exceed \$300 must complete a form W-9 before their check is issued by the Plumas County Auditor's office.

LATE ENTRIES:

Still Exhibits late entries will be accepted within one week of the posted closing of entries with a penalty of \$20.00 per class to be paid at time of entry.

Livestock Exhibits late entries will be accepted within one week of the posted closing of entries if a penalty of \$50.00 per Division is paid at the time of entry.

New In 2026

In an effort to streamline some activities, there have been several changes to times for receiving entries and judging. PLEASE be sure to check the section of your entry for specific times. Here are a few highlights:

Bottom Line: Check the times and dates for each section in which you enter something.

Livestock:

- The Poultry Show is back! Inspection and weigh-in is on Tuesday, July 21 between 9am and 10am.
- New times for the mandatory exhibitor meetings on Tuesday, July 21; Small Animal meeting is at 11:30am and Large Animal meeting is at 4pm.
- Ron wants all vehicles removed from livestock area by 8am daily.
- New minimum weights on most animals this year.
- Beef judging, all classes starts at 9am on Friday, July 24.

Horse Show:

All the classes have been streamlined and curated so see if there are any more opportunities for participation.

Floriculture:

This will be the second year for Tiered Trays. Check out page 15 and see what your imagination can come up with for this year's themes.

Time Capsule:

To celebrate the 250 years of America, we will be placing a time capsule on the fairgrounds filled with letters from our Plumas and Sierra youngsters to the future. We have yet to decide how long we will leave it before opening it, but it's an opportunity for our youth to describe what life is like in our community in 2026, and what their hopes and dreams are for the future. We will be working with the local schools on this project, but it is open to any young person who lives in Plumas or Sierra Counties. We encourage all families to have their children write a letter to the future and send it to the fairgrounds to be placed in the time capsule.

CHECK OUT THE HANDY CAMPING CHECKLIST ON PAGE 27 AND PAGE 42 FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR'S CHECKLIST

Adult's Code of Conduct

As the parent, guardian, leader or advisor of an animal exhibitor in the Plumas Sierra County Fair:

I believe my child should demonstrate his or her own ability, knowledge, and skill as a feeder, fitter, and show person of a show animal. I understand that no adult may participate in my child's duty of washing, grooming, fitting, handling, or showing of his or her animal while at the fair.

I will ensure that my child follows the competition rules, and does not use abusive, questionable or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting, or showing of any animals. I will ensure that my child does not resort to fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices while fitting or preparing the animal for show and will follow withdrawal protocol.

I have read and understand all of the rules and regulations found in the Exhibit Guide.

I realize that my child is responsible for:

1. The proper care and humane treatment of animals before, during, and after exhibition and sale.
2. The production of wholesome food when the exhibit animal is designated for market.

I will conduct myself at all times to be a credit to my child's organization, chapter, club, school, community, and family. I will follow proper procedures and chain of command if there is a conflict. I will not post negative comments or conflict on social media.

I am aware that **responsible alcohol use** is allowed on the fairgrounds and I will limit my use of alcohol so that I set a proper example for my child and the children of others around me. I shall ensure that other adults are equally responsible in the use of alcohol around my child. I shall not use any drugs that are considered illegal at the federal, state or local level while on the fairgrounds.

I understand that direct criticism or **interference with the judge**, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. I will not allow any person connected with my child's project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official. Protest rules can be found in the Entry Guide.

I understand and agree that **if I**, my child, my child's supervisor or leader or any other adult or minor connected with my child's project or animal(s) **break the rules**, I will accept the final decision of the Fair Management regarding the disqualification of my child and or the animal, the loss of prizes, the forfeiture of auction participation, loss of future eligibility, and forfeiture of any monetary award(s).

I understand that my minor child will not stay overnight at the Fairgrounds without their parent or guardian present.

I accept that **these entries are subject to the rules** and regulations as published in the official Exhibit Guide. I further declare that all statements made in connection with my child's entries are true.

I will remember **that children participate to have fun and that the competition is for the benefit of youth, not adults.**

Exhibitor's Name (Printed) _____ Club/Chapter _____

Signature of Parents, Guardians _____ **Date:** _____