

Subject: Exhibit Drop off Points

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For hundreds of years Fairs have existed to show off what people in a particular area have grown, raised or made. Before modern distractions, real celebrity often came in the form of growing the biggest carrot. While many things have changed, most of us are still amazed at the size of that carrot, or the sight of a 10 year old leading a 1500 pound steer. This could be the year you become a local celebrity with something you've grown, raised or made. The Plumas Sierra County Fair is where that road to fame starts.

The new exhibit book, available throughout Plumas and Sierra Counties lists dozens of categories you can enter with your handiwork. Residents can enter vegetables, flowers, sewn items, knitted items, candies, cookies and the classic jelly. People have always cherished the blue ribbon they've won at their county fair for years. It's what makes a fair, a fair.

Being such a far flung county, some people may be hesitant to enter because of the distance to Quincy. Most entries forms need to be submitted by July 15. Then, actual exhibits are brought to the fairgrounds in Quincy over the two weeks prior to the Fair. When the Fair wraps up, but not before, entrants must travel to Quincy and pick up their exhibits. For some, that's too much traveling.

The Plumas Sierra Fairboard thinks it's very important to make sure anyone with something to show, is able to enter. To help make that happen, the Plumas Sierra County Fair is teaming up with county 4H Clubs to offer drop-off and pick-up days in each outlying community. On August 1st, clubs in Chester, Taylorsville, Portola and Loyalton will collect your actual still exhibits and transport them to Quincy for judging. After the Fair, on August 22nd, those same clubs will gather entries that were shown at the Fair, and take them back to their respective communities so entrants can pick them up. Long time Fair employee, Willo Vieira says, "People can still bring their own entries to the fairgrounds in Quincy if they like. This is just another way we can make it easier for Plumas and Sierra County residents to enter their exhibits. The 4H Club volunteers are really going above and beyond to serve their communities."

The pick-up and drop-off point in Loyalton is the Loyalton Elementary School Multi-purpose Room. Portola's will be the Methodist Church Social Hall. The Mineral Building in Taylorsville will serve Indian Valley. The hours for these locations is 9am to 3pm. Drop off and pick up in the Chester/Lake Almanor area will be at Chester High School and the hours will be from 9am to 1pm.

Look for a copy of the exhibit guide at all Plumas Bank locations, local libraries, businesses and churches. You can also access the guide online at www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net. Be part of an American tradition, enter the county fair.