

2026 Iroquois County Fair Exhibitor Entries

Entry dates and times:

Fair House June 2 - July 2

Fairgrounds Office July 6

Entries close July 2 at 6:00 pm

Late entries may be made on July 6, 2026 until 2:00 pm with a \$25.00 late fee

Mailing Address: Iroquois County Fair, PO Box 301, Crescent City, IL 60928

	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6
June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13
June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20
June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27
June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
July 12	July 13					

Office Closed
Fair House open 9 am – 2 pm or by appointment. Tag pick-up at Fair Office on fairgrounds. June 28 hours: Noon to 3:00 pm
July 1 & 2 - Fair House open 9 am – 6 pm or by appointment. Tag pick-up at Fair Office
Fair Office open 9 am – 2 pm or by appointment. Late Entries taken with a \$25.00 per person fee. Tag pick-up at Fair Office
July 7 – July 13 Fair Office on Fairgrounds open 9 am – 2 pm. Tag pick-up at Fair Office

Online entries at iroquoisfair.com

Exhibitor's Instructions

1. General Rules apply to all exhibitors.
2. 4-H entries must be made through 4-H leader. FFA entries must be made through FFA Advisor.
3. All open and junior show entries must be made as outlined in the general rules through the Fair Office.
4. Camper Permit were mailed out in May for last year's campers. New camper applications can be found on our website.
5. All entries in the Open Class and Junior Class Shows will close at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2026, and at 2:00 pm Monday, July 6th for late entries, except Tractor Pulling Contests, Horse & Pony Shows (Department R), and the Open & Youth Sanction Rabbit Show which accept entries on show day. All entries shall be in place by the time indicated in departmental rules. LIVESTOCK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO UNLOAD BEFORE 7:00 a.m. for swine and 8:00 am for the rest of the livestock ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026. No Entry Fees will be refunded on changes made after July 6, 2026. (Social Security number is required)
6. All livestock exhibitors are required to fill out the Animal Identification Blank. This form is to be turned in to your livestock superintendent with your health papers upon arrival at the fairgrounds. The Code of Ethics in the General Rules will be strictly enforced. Registration papers for all purebred animals must be available for inspections and remain on the Fairgrounds.
7. If you have any questions about filling out an entry blank, call Debbie Krones @ (815)228-2924 or email: debkrones@gmail.com. Individual appointments can be made by contacting Debbie to set one up.
8. Premise ID is recommended for All Livestock entries. Beef, Dairy & Swine must have 840 Tags.
9. Online Registration link is available on website – www.iroquoisfair.com. Online Registration closes on July 2, 2026 for on-time registrations and July 6th for late registrations.
10. Entry Tags will need to be picked up during office hours at the Fair House by July 2, 2026 or at the Fair Office beginning July 6th.

Fees:

Season Pass: \$17.00

Senior Citizen Exhibitor Pass: \$10.00

Exhibitor Pass: \$15.00

Late Fee: \$25.00

All exhibitors over age 5 must purchase an exhibitor pass

Department Entry Fees

Department	Page Number	Children's Show	Junior Show	Open Show
Ag Products		\$2.00	\$2.00	Classes 1301-1362 – \$2.00 Classes 1363-1368 – \$3.00 Class 1369 – \$5.00
Floriculture		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Fine Arts & Textiles		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Culinary		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00

Arrival of Entries

All exhibits must be in place by 9:00 am. Wednesday. The Open Class Building will be open to accept entries on Tuesday from 5:00-7:30 pm. and on Wednesday from 7-9 am. Judging will start at 9:30 am.

Release of Entries

Entries will be released on Sunday from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. No exceptions to this time frame. Any perishable entries not picked up by 4:00 will be disposed. All other entries will be locked up. You will need to call the Fair Office on Monday to make arrangements to pick up.

Iroquois County Agricultural & 4-H Club Fair Open & Junior Class General Project Rules

1. These rules apply to all classes in the Open & Junior General Projects Departments. Please read and follow these rules
2. Open class entries are open to the world. Junior Entries are limited exclusively to Illinois residents. Junior Class entries are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade and not yet 21 years of age on or before September 1 of the year prior to the fair.
3. All non-exhibitors, age 6 and older, must pay daily admission (\$5.00) or have a season pass (\$17.00).
4. The interpretation of all rules governing the Open & Junior Fairs shall rest entirely with the Fair Association and their decisions shall be final.
5. No Alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds. Use and possession of intoxicating beverages for livestock and human consumption are strictly prohibited on grounds.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language, possession of, or partaking in consumption of alcoholic beverages, fighting, or inappropriate behavior as deemed by the Superintendent and Fair Board Officials will be grounds for dismissal from the fairgrounds and forfeiture of any premiums.
7. No concealed firearms will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
8. No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds except for the 4-H Dog Show and those must be on a leash.

Entries

9. Each exhibitor must purchase an exhibitor pass (\$15.00) or senior exhibitor pass (\$10.00) at the time of making entries, a firm being treated as an exhibitor. Only one member of the firm will be admitted to the grounds on this ticket, which entitles their firm to compete or exhibit. 4-H members are given free passes and may not purchase exhibitor passes.
10. Make entries legible, using entry blanks and supplying all information requested. Exhibitors are requested to submit their entries as early as possible as this will save office work and will be to the

advantage of both the exhibitor and association. Social Security Numbers are required on all entries. No exceptions.

11. No exhibitor will be permitted to make more than two entries in any one class which is considered as one premium number. All youth exhibitors that exhibit in the Open Class Building must have separate exhibits for each show.
12. A charge of \$40.00 will be made for all checks NSF.

Exhibits

13. When bringing exhibits to the fair, report to the superintendent in charge of the department in which you have entered. Be sure that your entries are properly made. Attach your entry tags to your exhibit. Please be sure to complete your entry tags with your name, town, and description on them. Remove the claim stub before arriving at the fair. You will need it when checking out articles on Sunday.
14. Judges will be instructed to disqualify all exhibits that do not conform to specifications of the schedule.
15. ALL exhibitors are strongly encouraged to sign up to help watch the Open Class Building during fair week. Sign-up sheets will be available when you bring your entries. This is for the protection of your exhibits.
16. No article may be exhibited that has won a premium at a previous Iroquois County Fair.
17. Superintendents of each department shall arrange and supervise all exhibits within their department.
18. All superintendents in each department shall have the right and responsibility to settle any controversy which may arise in their department. **Superintendents cannot make changes to the fair book.**
19. Superintendents shall record winners, affix ribbons, and be responsible for returning appropriate information to the Fair Office for payment of premiums.
20. The Superintendents will assure that award books are returned to the Fair Office properly certified by the judge and superintendent of the Department as soon as the awards are concluded. Superintendents and Judges' affidavits must be signed and notarized before payment of premiums. Payments of premiums can be authorized only upon entries contained in the judge's book therein.
21. No one shall be allowed in the show area while the exhibit is being judged. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with judges during their judging will be promptly excluded from competition.
22. The decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered. Exhibitors may be barred from competition for trying to influence or finding fault with the judges' decision.
23. **PROTEST:** Any exhibitor lodging a protest must first deposit \$25.00 with the Secretary, which sum will be forfeited to the Iroquois County Agricultural and 4-H Club Fair Association if the protest is not sustained. All protests must be made in writing, signed by the protester, and be lodged within six (6) hours after showing.
24. Neither the Secretary or any officer of the Fair shall disclose to competitors or any other person, what entries have been made, nor shall any other person, other than the Secretary and officers of the Fair, be allowed to know what other entries have been made before entries close.
25. Exhibitors display their exhibits at their own risk.
26. Sponsors of the show will take every precaution to prevent injury or sickness to exhibitors occurring in connection with the show.
27. While every precaution will be taken by the management to avoid thefts and accidents, the Fair Association cannot and will not be responsible for accidents or damage to exhibitors or anyone in attendance. In no case shall the Iroquois County Fair or any of its officers or directors be held responsible in damages for any loss, damage injury, or disability by disease or from the theft of from any other cause to such property, or to any person coming upon said fairgrounds, while said person or property are on the Iroquois County Fairgrounds.
28. The Iroquois County Fair Association hereby refuses to assume responsibility for the safety as bailee or otherwise, of any property brought upon said fairgrounds—said property being brought upon and kept upon said grounds at the owner's risk.
29. The Iroquois County Agricultural & 4-H Club Fair Association refuses to assume responsibility for injuries to the person of any exhibitor or their officers and employees or to any patron or other persons

coming upon the fairgrounds, but no claim for injury to any person or property shall be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the Iroquois County Fair, its officers, agents, representatives or contractual representatives from said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damages are specifically waived.

Premiums

30. Premiums will be paid out at the pay windows as soon as they are ready. Announcements will be made via the PA system as to when Pay Windows will open. Tentative Pay window hours are noon to 7:00 pm.
31. The Iroquois County Fair intends to award all prizes and premiums listed within the premium book.
32. Payments for premiums are based on the continued funding from the Illinois Department of Agriculture's premium fund for agricultural fairs. The Iroquois County Fair reserves the right to amend premiums and prizes based upon support from this fund.
33. The Treasurer of the Iroquois County Fair Association reserves the right to cancel or stop payment on any check issued by them if not cashed within 60 days after the date of issuance.
34. All premiums will be paid in full, if receipts warrant it, on or before October 1 following the closing of the fair. Premiums will not be paid for any event not held.

Junior Show Rules

For Departments PJ, PL, PM and PO

Department PJ Superintendent - Sheila Schmidt 815-383-6841

Assistants: Linda Bruniga, Lynda Wyss, Julie Senffner

Departments PL, PM, PO Superintendent - Pam Anderson 486-7025 or cell 815-471-7027

Theme for 2026: USA 250 Years – “Be True to Our Red, White & Blue”

1. All articles must have been made within the past two years. To avoid problems with 4-H judging, you may exhibit last year's 4-H project if it was not shown in last years' Junior Show.
2. No article may be exhibited that has won a premium at a previous Iroquois County Junior Show.
3. Each junior exhibitor may enter a maximum of 2 entries per premium number, but separate exhibits are required for all junior and open class exhibits. For example, if you enter chocolate chip cookies you must have separate plates for open & junior show. We no longer have projects moving between buildings. You may show two entries in each class (ex. 2 paintings or 2 photos - people) but each entry will be tagged either open or junior class entry tags
4. Entry fee of \$2.00 must be paid at time of entry for Junior Department exhibits.
5. All entries in **Department PJ** are to be displayed on paper plates or trays that **WILL BE PROVIDED**.

Junior Department PJ - Garden

Superintendent - Sheila Schmidt 815-383-6841

\$478.00 offered in this Department

Premiums for classes 1101 -1113 will be \$8.00 \$7.00 \$6.00 \$5.00 \$4.00

Section A

- 1101 Single stalk of field corn
- 1102 Soybeans – 10 plants tied
- 1103 Cucumbers for slicing – 5 – 6” or longer

- 1104 Squash – Zucchini – 5
- 1105 Potatoes any one variety – 5
- 1106 Onions any one variety – 5 – unwashed and not peeled
- 1107 Snap Beans any one variety – 12 pods
- 1108 Cabbage any one variety – 1 head - trimmed
- 1109 Tomatoes – red slicing – 5
- 1110 Tomatoes – green – 5
- 1111 Tomatoes – Cherry or grape type – 12 with stem tops
- 1112 Green bell peppers – 5
- 1113 Sweet Corn – 5 ears with husks

Section B

Premiums for Classes 1114 – 1115 will be \$11.00 \$10.00 \$9.00 \$8.00 \$6.00

- 1114 Garden Tray – 5 or more different kinds of vegetables on a tray – 1 type of each kind
- 1115 Market Basket – a 20” x 30” space will be allotted for a themed display containing 5 and no more than 8 kinds of garden vegetables and herbs. Not more than 2 varieties of a single kind. ½ bushel capacity.

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- 1116 Award for first place Market Basket will be donated by Garden Superintendent and Assistants**

Junior Department PL - Floriculture

Superintendent - Pam Anderson 486-7025 or cell 815-471-7027

\$475.00 offered in this Department

1. Flowers must be grown and staged by exhibitor.
2. Flowers must be displayed with foliage - except gladiolus.
3. Please groom for show. Clean, young, disease-free flowers preferred.
4. Bottles will be provided for display.
5. Premiums for Floriculture Classes will be: \$7.00 \$6.00 \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00

Section A - Specimens in Glass Container

- 1117 Zinnia - 1 stem, 2 inches and over
- 1118 Zinnia - 3 stems, under 2 inches
- 1119 Geranium - 1 bloom, any color
- 1120 Wildflower - 1 stem, any variety
- 1121 Daisy - 3 stems, any variety
- 1122 Marigold - 1 bloom over 3 inches
- 1123 Marigolds - 3 blooms - under 3 inches
- 1124 Petunia - single type bloom - display 1 stem
- 1125 Petunia - double type bloom - display 1 stem
- 1126 Snapdragon - 1 stem
- 1127 Ornamental Grass - 5 stems with inflorescence (head) and leaves
- 1128 Sunflower - 1 bloom
- 1129 Any other annual flower - not listed above
- 1130 Any other perennial

1131 Champion Section A – Rosette

Section B - Arrangements & Plants

1. Arrangements will be judged on Design, Form, Scale, Selection of Materials and Expression.
2. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor.
3. Fresh, dried, silk or artificial plant materials may be used in arrangements.
4. All houseplants must be in possession of exhibitor for at least three months prior to time of exhibition.
5. Potted plants MUST have tag with common name attached.

1132 Any arrangement

1133 Cactus & Succulents

1134 Potted Patio Plant – planter will not be judged; must contain more than one variety

1135 House plants - any suitable container

1136 Fairy Gardens – They are small scenes that are crafted to create a whimsical home for pixie creatures. Not to exceed 18” x 24”. Must be placed on display shelves. May not sit on floor.

1137 Champion Section B - Rosette

Junior Department PM - Fine Arts

Superintendent - Pam Anderson 486-7025 or cell 815-471-7027

\$2,050.00 offered in this Department

1. Articles must be made by exhibitor.
2. Articles entered may not be entered in any other department. Separate items are needed for each section.
3. Premiums for Fine Arts will be \$7.00 \$6.00 \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00

Section A - TEXTILES

1138 Handmade clothing, any article - 8 to 13 yrs.

1139 Handmade clothing, any article - 14 to 21 yrs.

Section B - STITCHERY

1140 Any other needlework - any item

1141 Any Quilted item

1142 Champion Textile or Stitchery - Rosette

Section C - CRAFTS

1143 Decorative Item using recyclable materials (wood, metal, glass, etc.)

1144 Decorative wreath - fabric or natural material

1145 Candle - one (1)

1146 Greeting Card – handmade – one card

1147 Greeting Card – computer generated – one card

1148 Origami – one design

1149 Ceramic – stained

1150 Ceramic - hand formed

1151 Wood Craft

1152 Metal Working – one item

1153 Wearable article from recycled fabric - one item

1154 Decorated T shirt/sweatshirt, hat, shoes, tote, etc. - one item

1155 Basketweaving

1156 Decorative Gift Wrapping - box or bag

1157 Scale Model (planes, ships, auto, rockets, etc.) - one item

1158 Lego – one item made from a kit (no bigger than 20” x 20” - must fit in display case)

- 1159 Lego – one original item - no kits (no bigger than 20" x 20" - must fit in display case)
- 1160 Jewelry - (necklace, bracelet, etc.) 1 item
- 1161 Bead Art – using beads with wire – NOT JEWELRY
- 1162 Decorated Clay Pot
- 1163 Scrapbook or album
- 1164 Any collection 8-13 years – 6 items
- 1165 Any Collection 14-21 years – 6 items
- 1166 Any other craft – one item
- 1167 Champion - Craft Division – Rosette**

Section D - ORIGINAL ART

All artwork must be mounted, securely wired and ready to hang.

All artwork must be original design, (not from a kit, copied, traced, copyrighted or stencil)

Any other mixed media – any two or more mediums – markers, paint, paper, wood, jewels, glitter, etc.

Original Design	8-12 years	13-16 years	17-21 years
Sketching or Drawing – Black Graphite	1168	1172	1176
Sketching or Drawing – Colored Pencil	1169	1173	1177
Painting	1170	1174	1178
Any other mixed media	1171	1175	1179

1180 Champion Original Art — Rosette

Section E – NON-ORIGINAL ART

All artwork must be mounted, securely wired and ready to hang.

All artwork must come from a photo or other source. Must submit photo of image used or tracing, stencil, copyright articles used here.

Non-Original Design	8-12 years	13-16 years	17-21 years
Sketching or Drawing	1181	1186	1191
Painting	1182	1187	1192
Kit Art made from a kit – drawing, paint by number etc.	1183	1188	1193
Computer Generated Art – designed and printed from the computer.	1184	1189	1194
Scratch Art – using multicolored scratch art paper	1185	1190	1195

1196 Champion Non-Original Art – Rosette

Section F - PHOTOGRAPHY (Using any type camera)

1. Photo size maximum 8" x 10"; minimum 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". Mounting margin maximum 2"; minimum 1". Pictures must be mounted on white poster board. (NO FRAME).
2. Please attach entry tag so both photo & tag may be viewed when hung.

DO NOT PUT PHOTOS IN PLASTIC BAGS

	8–12 years	13-16 years	17–21 years
People	1197	1206	1215
Seasonal	1198	1207	1216
Sports	1199	1208	1217

Animal	1200	1209	1218
Pets	1201	1210	1219
Landscape	1202	1211	1220
Holiday	1203	1212	1221
All Other Color	1204	1213	1222
All Other Black & White	1205	1214	1223

1224 Champion Photography - Rosette

Junior Department PO - Culinary

Superintendent - Pam Anderson 486-7025 or cell 815-471-7027

\$475.00 offered in this Department

1. Cookies, rolls and candy are to be displayed 3 on small paper plate in clear plastic bags. Bread loaves are displayed one on a large paper plate in a clear plastic bag. Pies are to be in disposable containers.
2. Tags should be taped or stapled to plate or jar, not the plastic bag.
3. Decorated cake - see Open Class Culinary rule #9.
4. Separate exhibits MUST be made for open class or 4-H but you may exhibit two entries for each class listed below.
5. Decorated items judged on display only (will not be tasted)
6. No plastic decorations on cakes/cupcakes. Must be decorated with edible items.
7. Edible art using non-perishable foods, candy dried fruits & vegetables, nuts, popcorn etc. Be creative. Base or container may be non-edible. Total display no larger than 16" x 16".
8. Canned item – see Open Class Culinary rule numbers 4-7.

Section A - Culinary

Premiums for the Culinary classes will be \$7.00 \$6.00 \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00

- 1225 Bar cookie
- 1226 Brownie
- 1227 Chocolate Chip Cookie
- 1228 Sugar Cookie
- 1229 Any Other Cookie
- 1230 Snack Mix - 1 pint jar
- 1231 Edible Art
- 1232 Fruit Pie any fruit, two or one crust – any size
- 1233 Muffins - three (3) on 7" plate
- 1234 Quick Bread - one loaf - any size
- 1235 Yeast Product - 1 loaf or 3 rolls on plate
- 1236 Microwave item - 1 loaf or 3 items on 7" plate
- 1237 Decorated Cookie - three (3) on 7" plate
- 1238 Decorated Cake
- 1239 Decorated Cupcake - 2 1/2" size (3) on 7" plate
- 1240 Cupcake or Cake (not decorated but may have frosting) 1 cake or (3) - 2 1/2" cupcakes on 7" plate
- 1241 Candy or fudge - three (3) on 7" plate
- 1242 Dehydrated Food - small jelly jar
- 1243 Any canned item – 1 jar
- 1244 Champion – Rosette**