

Department S4

DECORATED TREES

2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1

DROP OFF DAYS

Friday, September 25: 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 26: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 27: 12 to 4 p.m.

PICK UP DAYS

Monday, October 12: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS OFFICE

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**CLICK HERE TO ENTER
A COMPETITION!**

SET UP & TEAR DOWN

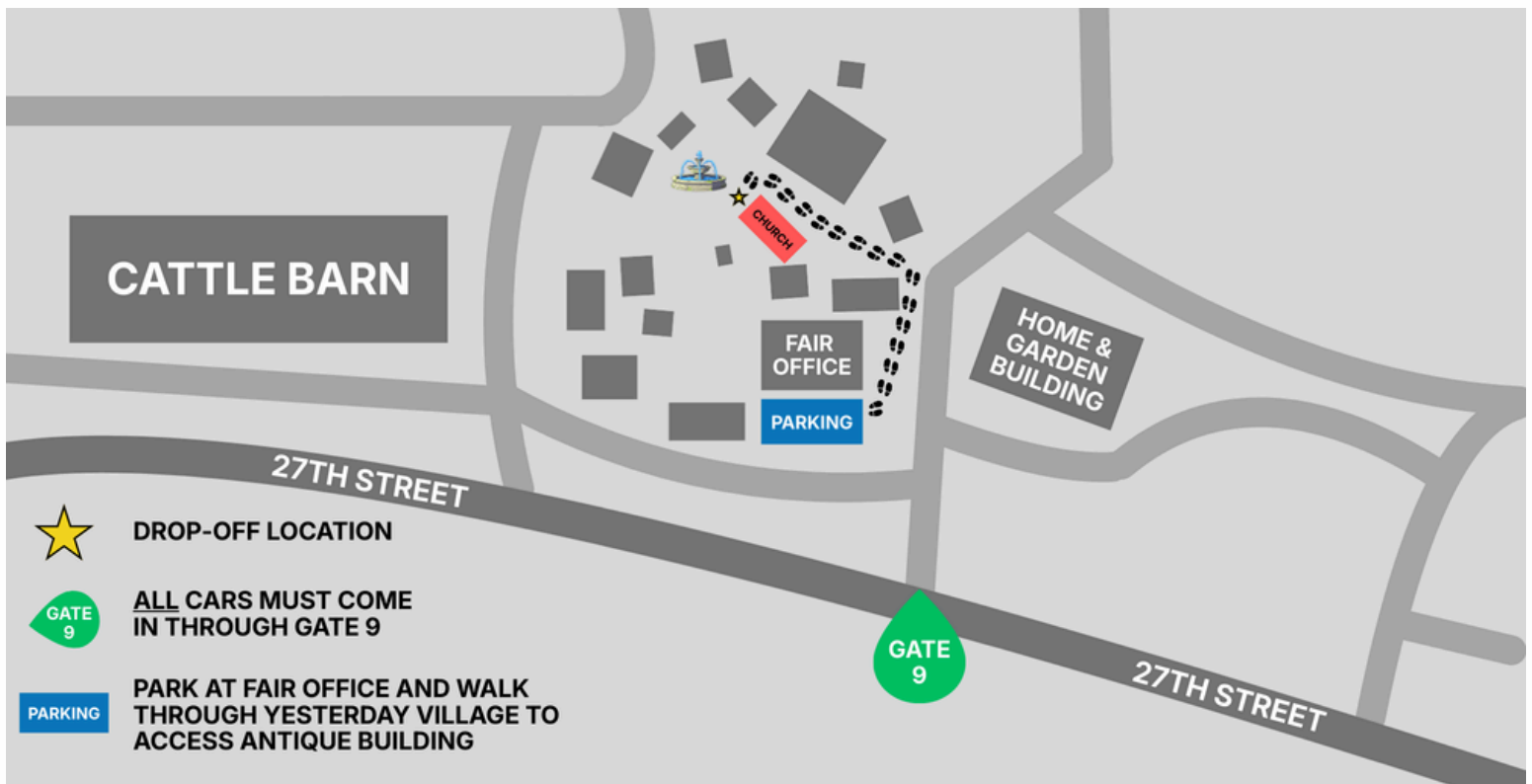
SET UP INFORMATION

- Set up times for **DECORATED TREE** exhibits are:
 - **Friday, September 25 from 4 to 8 p.m.**
 - **Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
 - **Sunday, September 27 from 12 to 4 p.m.**
- If you have entries for other departments, you may have a separate drop-off date. Please read each departments rules and guidelines when entering.
- Do **NOT** remove the claim check portion; you will need this to pick up your exhibit(s).

TEAR DOWN INFORMATION

- Pick-up for ALL exhibits is **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**:
 - **Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
 - **Tuesday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- You **MUST** have your claim check tag to reclaim your entry, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Exhibits cannot be removed prior to October 12.
- **All items will be discarded after October 13.**

ADDRESS: 421 W. 27TH STREET, GATE 9



FAQs & ENTRY INFORMATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can enter? This competition is open to YOUTH non-profit organizations ONLY.

Where do I go to drop off my exhibit(s)? Please come in through Gate 8. See the map located on the drop off and pick up information page.

When will I receive my entry tag(s)? Entry tags will be mailed after September 1.

Can I mail in my entry form? Yes, you should mail your entry form in as trees are selected by a lottery process (there will be six spots). If your organization is selected, the Contest Coordinator will contact you by phone and/or email.

Is there a theme we should follow? Yes, the theme for this year's fair is PATRIOTIC.

Is a tree provided? Trees are NOT provided. All organizations should have a 7' artificial tree. Tree may be pre-lit or pre-strung with lights. Pre-decorated, fiber optic, or fiber-glow trees will NOT be accepted. Only green, traditional, layered branch, artificial Christmas tree will be accepted.

What can I not use on the tree? Food, candy, and lit candles must NOT be used.

How many people should we have to decorate the tree? You MUST have at least four (4) people present to help decorate the tree. At least two (2) must be youth.

Where will my exhibit(s) be displayed at the fair? Decorated Trees are displayed in the Church in Yesterday Village.

How do I pick up my exhibit(s) after the fair? All entries **MUST** be picked up on **Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** No items will be removed before October 12. All items will be discarded after October 13. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NEW CLASSES

No new classes in Department S4: Decorated Trees.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- A ribbon is a badge of merit, and in no case should be attached to an article or animal where meritorious qualities are lacking.
- The following colors will be used to designate awards:
 - **Judge's Choice:** Red, White and Blue
 - **First Place:** Blue
 - **Second Place:** Red
 - **Third Place:** White
 - **Fourth Place:** Pink
 - **Fifth Place:** Yellow
 - **Sixth Place:** Dark Green
 - **Seventh Place:** Light Green
 - **Eighth Place:** Brown
- If awarded, all ribbons must be picked up following the Fair (October 12-13).
- Premiums will be paid only from the judging results records and **NOT** from the ribbon or tags on exhibits.
- Errors or omissions in premium payments not reported to the Fair Administrative Office by December 31, 2026, will **NOT** be paid.



CATEGORIES

THEME:



JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Theme Followed:** 20 points
- **Attractiveness/Neatness:** 20 points
- **Creativity:** 20 points
- **Effort:** 20 points
- **Youth Participation:** 20 points
- **Total: 100 points**

SECTION 100

DECORATED TREES

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$400 | 2ND: \$350 | 3RD: \$300 | 4TH: \$250 | 5TH: \$200
6TH: \$150 | 7TH: \$125 | 8TH: \$100 |

001. Decorated Tree

