

# CREATIVE LIVING CENTER

## OFFICIAL RULES

1. The Creative Living Center will accept entry items for competition only on the following days: Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (except for baking & perishable horticultural products). Items will **NOT** be accepted after 5:00 pm Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Baking and perishable horticultural products will be accepted on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 1:00 pm ONLY. Exhibitors can make entries online at [www.alnationalfair.org](http://www.alnationalfair.org) under the competition link. There are instructions on how to enter your Creative Living Center entries. Deadline for online entries will be Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
2. The Creative Living Center is located in the building nearest Fairground Road. Exhibitors must enter the fairground off of Coliseum Blvd. There will be signs for directions at the gate.
3. There is no charge for entering exhibits in the Creative Living Center. Contestants must purchase a competitor pass at the Creative Living Center during drop off times (see #1). One competitor's pass is good for all Live Cooking Contest entries. This pass is \$15.00 per competitor and includes parking. Pass will be accepted at all gates. Pass will only be valid for the competitor entering the contest. If anyone is found violating the competitors pass, they will forfeit all premium monies and will not be allowed to participate in the Creative Living Center.
4. Items to be exhibited must be brought to the Creative Living Center on the dates listed in #1.
5. All exhibits must be the handiwork of the exhibitor (except for Antiques & Collectibles). Articles bought or borrowed will be disqualified.
6. ANY ITEM AND/OR RECIPES ENTERED IN A PREVIOUS YEAR'S FAIR WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE. THIS INCLUDES ALL CONTESTS.
7. You may enter one (1) item per class.
8. Entry may be brought to Creative Living Center by another person but must be entered in the name of the owner/exhibitor.
9. COOKING/BAKING: The recipe must be on an Alabama National Fair recipe form.
10. RE-HEATING INSTRUCTIONS: Contestants may re-heat your food items thirty (30) minutes prior to the cooking contest. Ovens will be pre-heated 45 minutes prior to a cooking contest. No longer than thirty (30) minutes is allowed to reheat any food items (any contestant re-heating over thirty (30) minutes will be disqualified). Once re-heated, please move to your assigned spot to prepare your dish (preparation in the CLC kitchen is prohibited).

### IMPORTANT

11. **The Fair will not be responsible for washing or cleaning any items entered.**
12. While every reasonable precaution will be taken for safeguarding exhibits, it should be understood that the exhibits are entered in competition for prizes, and the owner assumes all responsibility for any accidents, loss, or damage that may occur. Neither the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc., its officers, directors, employees or volunteers; the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, its officers, directors, or members, or the State of Alabama will be responsible for any such accident, loss or damage.
13. THE FAIR MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ANY ENTRY OR EXHIBIT.
14. Home Baking items and Theme Cakes become the property of the Alabama National Fair. We will dispose of the items.

**The basic USDA rules of food safety must be followed. All meat, poultry, milk, eggs, and vegetable dishes must be kept cold (below 40 degrees F) or hot (above 160 degrees F). This means that ice chests or other insulated containers must be used when transporting or holding food. For information on food safety, contact your County Extension Agent.**

## PICKING UP ARTICLES

15. Tag stubs will be given to the exhibitor when exhibits are delivered for entry. **TAG STUBS** must be retained by exhibitor until the close of the Fair and **MUST BE PRESENTED TO CLAIM EXHIBITS.**
16. Exhibits CANNOT be removed for the duration of the Fair. The Director or Assistants must check out all exhibits on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, or Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. **\*\*\*All items that are left after 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> will be discarded.\*\*\***

## JUDGING

17. Judging times for Early Entries will be before the opening of the Fair. Judging for Live Cooking Contest will be at the time of the contest.
18. Contests are judged by two types of judging. Open judging held during the Fair and closed judging held before the Fair.
19. All exhibits are judged by the criteria defined for each contest (see each individual contest for judging criteria). Where only one entry is made in any one class, the entry will be judged on its own merits. All awards will be made according to quality.
20. Judging criteria and points are listed on all special contest.
21. **The Judges and Fair officials reserve the right to reclassify and/or disqualify any entry for no given reason.**
22. No ribbons will be awarded for any article not mentioned or classified in the Exhibitor's Information for each contest.
23. Premiums and prizes are paid ONLY from awards made by the judges as recorded on the signed judge's sheets, and not from ribbons that may be attached to exhibits.
24. During all live judging, contestants must refrain from interacting with officials.
25. Judges decisions are **FINAL**.

