

Welcome to the 72^{nd} annual Alabama National Fair. Our staff has been working diligently to assemble the various early entry and live cooking contests. We encourage our past exhibitors to return and new exhibitors to join in for some exciting new contest. There are plenty of contests and categories to allow everyone to express their talents and skills. So, 2025 here we come!

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our former CLC Director, Deborah Paul. Deborah's leadership and direction opened the door for me to step in as your new CLC Director. For the past 13 years, I have competed alongside many of you and worked in the CLC to help ensure that we were able to have a successful Creative Living Center. I look forward to the upcoming challenges that this new position brings and cannot wait to see you all very soon.

All information pertaining to our 2025 competitive contests, CLC Rules, individual contest rules, entry forms, recipe forms, etc., can be found on the Alabama National Fair website. To locate this information please go to https://www.alnationalfair.org. Once on the website, click on the "Participate" tab, choose "Competitions" then click on the "Creative Living Center."

If you plan to participate in any of the contests at the Create Living Center, please make a point to read not only the Official Creative Living Center Rules, but also the individual contest rules applicable to the contest(s) you plan to enter. Failure to comply with the rules will disqualify your entry.

To make registration more convenient, we offer online registration where you can pre-register your entries (see CLC Rule #13). Online registration should be available beginning Tuesday, July 1st. The CLC deadline for on-line registration is Sunday, September 14th. You may register your entries in person during the scheduled dates/times noted on the Alabama National Fair's website and individual contest information sheets.

Registration and recipe forms are available for printing on the ANF website. Feel free to print and complete the registration form and bring it with you when you deliver your entries. Your participation ensures the continuation and success of the Creative Living Center. I hope you will make a point to visit the Creative Living Center when you visit the 2025 Alabama National Fair. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call or send us an email.

See you at the Fair!

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