

# Alaska State Fair 2016

August 25 ~ September 5

Monday - Friday Noon ~ 10 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday 10 a.m. ~ 10 p.m.

Labor Day 10 a.m. ~ 8 p.m.

Visit the Fair's website at: [alaskastatefair.org](http://alaskastatefair.org)

## General Information

### Non-perishable Entries:

#### Fairgrounds Entry:

Friday, August 12, 11:00 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 13, 11:00 a.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Fairgrounds Pick-up:

Tuesday, September 6, 2 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

***The Anchorage entry option is no longer available.***

### Non-perishable Departments:

Art, Creative Arts & Crafts, Canning, Clay Arts, Fiber & Fleece, Handwork & Needlework, Honey & Beekeeping, Photography, Quilts, Spirited Beverages, Sewing, and Woodworking.

### Department Locations:

#### Hoskins Exhibits:

Art, Baked Goods, Canning, Spirited Beverages, Photography, and Special Contests

#### Irwin Exhibits:

Creative Arts & Crafts, Clay Arts, Fiber & Fleece, Handwork & Needlework, Quilts, Sewing, and Woodworking

#### Farm Exhibits:

Crops, Flowers, Honey & Beekeeping, Livestock, Poultry, and Rabbits



### Livestock and Perishable Departments:

#### FAIRGROUNDS ENTRY ONLY

#### Poultry & Rabbits **1st Entry**

Tuesday, August 23, 4 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Honey & Beekeeping

Tuesday, August 23, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

#### Baked Goods, Crops, Flowers **1st Entry**

Wednesday, August 24, Noon - 9 p.m.

#### Open Livestock

Wednesday, August 24, 4 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Poultry & Rabbits **2nd Entry**

Tuesday, August 30, 4 - 8:30 p.m.

#### 4-H livestock Entry

Tuesday, August 30, 3 - 7 p.m.

#### Baked Goods, Crops, Flowers **2nd Entry**

Wednesday August 31, Noon - 9 p.m.

### Fairground entry procedures:

#### Non perishables

Credentials are not required. Entrant may drive to the respective exhibit building, enter items, and leave to accommodate others.

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#### 2nd entry Perishables

Only the entrant may enter the fairgrounds free of charge for 2nd entry. All others must have admission tickets. If justified, the entrant may drive to the exhibit building, enter items, and return to the general parking lot.

Free second entry parking vouchers will be available at first entry. Check with on-site attendant for more information.

No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds or in any entry vehicle!

## **General Rules & Regulations**

Exhibitors must have a lifetime entry number to place an entry. Numbers are available on entry day, or you may call 907-746-7159 before July 1 to obtain one. Previously assigned entry numbers may be researched on entry day. 4-H entry numbers are not valid for Open Fair competition.

Each exhibit requires a completed entry form available on entry day. Those who enter many exhibits may obtain forms before entry day from the Main Office on the fairgrounds.

Upon entering, exhibitors receive a yellow copy of the entry form. This must be retained and presented as a claim check to pick up exhibits.

Exhibits must remain on display until designated pick-up dates. No early pick up allowed.

Unclaimed exhibits become the property of Alaska State Fair, Inc., and are disposed of after 30 days unless otherwise arranged for in advance.

## **General Entry Information**

Entries are open to all. Entries without entrant contact or mailing information will be automatically disqualified and not judged.

The Fair management or department superintendent may reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, requires excessive space, or if the department capacity is full.

"For Sale" signs and business cards are not permitted on any exhibit during the Fair, and raffles may not be held within departments, unless approved by management.

Once entered, all articles come entirely under the control and jurisdiction of the Fair management, and may not be removed or disturbed by exhibitors until designated pick-up days.

Entries must be by the maker or grower. Livestock, rabbits, and poultry are to be entered by the current owner.

Except for animals or plants, exhibits entered in previous Alaska State Fairs may not be re-entered. An entry deemed as such by a superintendent or judge will be disqualified. All items must have been completed since the previous Fair.

The Fair accepts mailed or freighted entries from non-local exhibitors when accompanied by return postage and instructions for return. Insurance of mailed items is encouraged. Items may be mailed to Alaska State Fair, Exhibit Department, 2075 Glenn Highway, Palmer, AK 99645. *Please mail your entry by August 1st to insure timely delivery.*

No entrant may compete in more than one category per department, i.e. Open and Professional. Senior is not considered a sub-category. If sub-category is not specified, entry will be classified as Open. Unique rules may prevail in any department.

Items must be entered in the proper category and accompanied by an entry form. Improperly completed forms may result in disqualification and forfeited awards. Exhibitors are fully responsible for correct entry forms and classes. Superintendents may transfer erroneously entered exhibits to proper classes, and if such classes have been judged, judging will not be reopened.

No entry may compete for more than one premium or be entered in more than one class unless otherwise specified.

The Alaska State Fair, Inc. Directors interpret these rules and regulations and accompanying entry information.

## **Judging**

Judges may not award prizes to unworthy exhibits. Judges are not required to award 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each class. No person shall judge any exhibit in which there is any direct or indirect interest as owner or agent. The American System of judging shall prevail throughout the exhibit program.

Superintendents control their departments, subject only to the orders of Fair management. Superintendents may change, combine, or further break down classes and/or divisions at their discretion.

## **Premiums and Ribbons**

Ribbons and premiums are as follows unless otherwise noted within the department.

1st place Blue Ribbon \$7.00  
2nd place Red Ribbon \$5.00  
3rd place White Ribbon \$3.00

Division Champion, Judges' Choice, Honorable Mention, People's Choice, and Best of Show ribbons/rosettes may be awarded, however no premiums are paid. Premium Checks and Special Awards will be mailed after the end of the Fair. Ribbons may be claimed along with exhibits. First entry perishable ribbons may be claimed on the Fairgrounds during second entry or on designated pick up dates. Entrants wishing to have ribbons mailed must submit an appropriate size, self-addressed envelope with adequate postage to the Alaska State Fair, Exhibit Department, 2075 Glenn Highway, Palmer, AK 99645.

## **Protests**

Protests must be written and accompanied by a \$25 deposit which is forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protest must be received by Fair management within 24 hours after the official opening of the Fair. Protests must plainly state the complaint or appeal. No appeal based upon alleged incompetence of judges will be considered.

## **Demonstration Program**

Come to Hoskins or Irwin for exciting demonstrations. See quilters, woodworkers, and other handcrafters in action. To volunteer in the demonstration program, contact the department superintendent or call 907-746-7159.