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Youth Plant Show & Sale

Premium Book

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LAKE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

DEPARTMENT H

2010 General Rules & Regulations

YOUTH PLANT SHOW AND SALE

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Lake County Fair Youth Plant Show and Sale is to provide an opportunity for FFA and 4-H members of Lake County to develop industry skills and leadership potential through growing, exhibiting and marketing quality plants.

The Lake County Fair exists for the residents of Lake County. Our goal in sponsoring this event is to provide an opportunity for participants, including both students and parents, to learn/experience the following:

Accountability
Camaraderie
Cooperation
Education
Leadership
Enthusiasm
Responsibility
Teamwork
Sportsmanship

II. EVENT DESCRIPTION:

The *Youth Plant Show and Sale* allows students to plan for and carry-out specific plant projects that they choose. A project consists of a specific number, kind and size of plant as described in Sections VII & VIII.

Exhibitors may exhibit and have sold (at auction) their individual project(s) provided that both the exhibitor and the project meet the requirements, as set forth in this document. Each student's plants are exhibited, judged and auctioned as a group or project – not as individual plants. For a list of possible projects, please refer to the "Plant Project Schedule", Section VIII.

Exhibitors may also earn achievement premiums based on their participation in activities associated with the *Youth Plant Show and Sale*. **Note that some activities are mandatory and others are considered optional.** Refer to Section VI, "Plant Project Premiums and Awards Qualifications" for more details.

* *It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know each and every rule. Final interpretation and administration of these rules are vested in the Executive Committee of the Lake County Fair Board of Directors or the superintendent of the Horticulture Department, as appropriate. Their decisions will be final. The Lake County Fair offers no guarantee of profitability nor does anyone have the right to show or sell any plant project that is disqualified for any reason.*

III. EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:

- A. The Lake County Fair Plant Show and Sale is exclusively open to bona fide FFA and 4-H members.
- B. All exhibitors MUST be a resident of Lake County or attending an accredited Lake County school. High School graduates are NOT eligible to enter or exhibit.

- C. All FFA and 4-H members must qualify to participate according to the rules which govern their organization.
 - D. Each participant must provide a Statement of Eligibility from the principal or extension office respectively.
 - E. Exhibitors are required to wear the appropriate attire, according to their FFA Chapter or 4-H Club, when showing and selling their plants.
 - F. The residence requirement is waived only for entrants in Invitational Shows.
 - G. A FFA chapter or 4-H club shall be considered to be an eligible exhibitor.
 - H. An official Exhibitor Entry Form must be completed and accepted for each plant project to be exhibited.
 - I. Junior exhibitors are defined as 8 years old by September 1st prior to the fair through middle school of the current school year.
 - J. Senior exhibitors are defined as high school students.
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IV. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:

A. Exhibitors must download and review the Horticulture Grower's Guide from the 4-H and FFA Plant Show link on the Fair website (www.lakecofair.com).

****Note: If you have any questions about the program, please contact your 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor.***

B. All plants for “woody ornamental” projects must be purchased by the student, in his/her possession, and under his/her care at the time that entry forms are submitted (see Sections VII and VIII).

C. All plants/plant material must be personally grown by the exhibitor and may be grown at home, at school or any place the student has appropriate permission and access to.

D. Junior Exhibitors are eligible to enter one project. Senior exhibitors may enter one or two projects provided that they are a different species or cultivar.

E. All plant projects/plants will be graded and inspected at the time of entry. Strict quantity and quality standards will be enforced based upon Florida Grades and Standards.

** Projects with fewer plants than called for by the Plant Project Schedule may be disqualified (grow extras and pick the best for the show).*

** Plants/plant material must: 1) be of show quality, 2) be free of insect, disease, nutritional stress & other damage, 3) be sufficiently rooted in the container, 4) be of marketable size for the container and 5) have been correctly pruned – if needed..*

** Containers must be undamaged, clean and attractive. Buckets, tin cans and other types of salvage containers are not acceptable.*

E. The Lake County Fair Board reserves the right to: limit the number projects, alter the number of plants per project in all shows and sales, and alter plant classes when necessary.

F. Plants submitted for exhibition and sale must be the same plants entered on the official Exhibitor Entry Form.

G. The Lake County Fair will not sponsor the sale of any plant project/plants that have been eliminated or disqualified for any reason.

V. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. *Exhibitor Entry Forms* must be signed by the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parent or guardian and the exhibitor's FFA advisor or 4-H leader. Applications must be accepted in the fair office or postmarked on or before the appropriate deadline, depending on type of project.

** The entry deadline for woody ornamentals is Friday, November 6, 2009.*

** The entry deadline for non-woody ornamentals (annuals, foliage...) is Friday, February 5, 2010.*

B. Exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times and each exhibitor is responsible for his or her own behavior. Conduct that violates the laws of the State of Florida, the rules of the Lake County Fair, or which, in any way, brings discredit to the Fair or Shows may lead to disqualification from showing or selling the exhibitor's entries, and may bar the exhibitor from future exhibition, or both.

C. The Lake County Fair Youth Plant Show & Sale Record Book is available on our website at www.lakecofair.com. If you have any questions, please call the fair office at 357-7111. Record books must be completed, approved and signed by the exhibitor, parent or guardian, and FFA advisor or 4-H leader and submitted to the Horticulture Superintendent or Designee within ONE HOUR after the close of plant check-in time. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN THE PLANT PROJECT/PLANTS BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM THE PLANT SHOW AND SALE.

** Records must be submitted in the Lake County Fair Youth Plant Show & Sale Record Book. Unacceptable or incomplete record books, as determined by the plant show and sale committee, MAY be cause for exhibitor disqualification from the plant show and sale.*

** Should plant projects be eliminated from the Fair for a reason other than disciplinary or an unacceptable record book, the exhibitor's record book remains eligible for record book contests and awards, if any.*

D. Each exhibitor must be present at check-in and is responsible for: 1) placing plants where assigned for check-in, 2) moving plants to assigned display area, and 3) setting up display in accordance with display requirements (see Section VII.). The horticulture superintendent, plant show chairperson or designee shall assign check-in and display areas to all exhibitors.

** Any equipment or labor needed to transport plants must be provided by the exhibitor and all equipment must be removed by the end of check-in.*

E. Exhibitors may choose, by indicating it on their *Exhibitor Entry Form*, to have their projects displayed and judged for showmanship. A specific allotment of space will be designated for each project entered for showmanship (see section VII).

F. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to maintain plants to show quality throughout the fair. Exhibitors must follow all guidelines as given by the horticulture superintendent or designee. Cooperation among and between exhibitors is permitted and encouraged.

I. Each exhibitor must personally show and sell his or her plant project unless prior permission of the Horticulture Superintendent or Designee is received to do otherwise. FFA chapter and 4-H club projects may be exhibited by any member of the organization who would otherwise qualify as an eligible exhibitor. A person exhibiting for an organization may also exhibit personally in the same show.

J. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of the death or injury to plants/plant material until sold. The purchaser assumes liability at the time of sale. The Lake County Fair at no time assumes responsibility for the health or injury of any plant/plant material exhibited at the Fair.

K. All exhibits must stay until the removal date and time for that exhibit. If an exhibitor removes a plant project/plants early, all premiums will be forfeited and the exhibitor will not be allowed to participate in any Lake County Fair show or sale the following year.

L. Exhibitors will be issued Fair tickets for the day of their show, skill-a-thon and sale. Tickets are not issued for parents and/or family. Tickets must be purchased for entry to the fair during fair hours. You may purchase a discounted ticket that the Fair Association will be offering for FFA and 4-H members and their families. FFA and 4-H members and their family members can purchase a 10-day ticket for \$10.00 (\$70.00 value). Please fill out the order form and return it to the fair office prior to the last weekday in February of the year of the fair.

M. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the Fairgrounds. Lake County Fair Association has a Zero Tolerance Policy for alcohol and drugs on the fairgrounds. Any evidence of drug or alcohol use will result in elimination of participation in any fair functions.

N. Soft drinks may be served in paper or plastic cups, approved cans or plastic bottles. No glass bottles please.

O. Smoking will not be permitted in the show buildings, sheds, tents or barns at any time.

P. Each exhibitor must prepare a letter of thanks to the buyer of his or her plant project and present the letter with an addressed stamped envelope, ready for mailing but not sealed, to their FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader. Your advisor will approve and forward these letters to the Fair Manager / Office. **NO CHECKS WILL BE MAILED TO AN EXHIBITOR UNTIL THEIR LETTER IS RECEIVED IN THE FAIR OFFICE.** Exhibitors are also encouraged to send thank you letters to the sponsors of all the trophies, plaques or awards they receive.

Q. All exhibitors, whose projects are sold at the Fair Sale, will pay 5% of the auction price plus 5% of all add-ons that are paid through the Fair Office. The fee is for promotion and production of the Lake County Fair Youth Plant Show and Sale.

R. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to furnish the fair office with all prospective buyer's names and addresses. Buyer ribbons and fair tickets will be mailed to the prospective buyer through the fair office. No tickets will be handed out to exhibitors. You must have their name and address in the office by Friday, March 5th in order for us to mail tickets to them in time for your show and sale. Previous year's buyers will be sent tickets so please provide information only on those not listed on the website.

S. All plant projects must be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

T. No graffiti will be permitted on plant projects. Graffiti is any symbol, writing, etc. in or on the plant or container. Any project displaying graffiti will not be allowed to sell.

U. Pictures of the exhibitor with buyer will be presented to the buyer as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that they are presented to the buyer (preferably framed).

VI. PLANT PROJECT PREMIUMS & AWARDS QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Judging: All judging (unless otherwise noted) will be done on the Danish system of blue, red and white ribbons as follows:

Blue Ribbon:	\$10.00
Red Ribbon:	\$7.50
White Ribbon:	\$5.00

B. Achievement Point System: * *mandatory*

* Exhibitor Entry Form (on-time, correct, complete)	0 - 50 points
* Record Book	0 - 100 points
* Skill-a-Thon	0 - 100 points
Exhibit Set-up	0 - 100 points
Care of Plants at Fair	0 - 100 points
Grower Ethic (behavior)	0 - 100 points
Volunteering in Horticulture Building	0 - 400 points (100 per hour)
Showmanship (<i>optional</i>)	0 - 100 points
Blue ribbon	100 points
Red ribbon	50 points
White ribbon	25 points
Best of Class – Woody Ornamentals	50
Best of Class – Non Woody Ornamentals	50
Best of Show – Woody Ornamentals	50
Best of Show – Non Woody Ornamentals	50
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	1425

C. Exhibitor Ethic points will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of display and display area.
2. Personal appearance of exhibitors and demeanor of exhibitor.
3. Cooperation and interaction with each other, the public and show officials.

D. The following 4 Outstanding Grower awards will be awarded for each grower division and plant classification based on achievement point totals:

1. Outstanding Senior Grower, Woody Ornamentals
2. Outstanding Senior Grower, Non-Woody Ornamentals
3. Outstanding Junior Grower, Woody Ornamentals
4. Outstanding Junior Grower, Non-Woody Ornamentals

E. The Lake County Fair may announce and offer additional awards. It shall be the responsibility of the Plant Show and Sale Committee to select the recipients of all special awards. The committee's decision is final.

F. Awards will be presented prior to the start of the plant sale.

G. Premium money will be mailed along with sale money to the exhibitor as soon as the letter of thanks is received by the FAIR MANAGER/OFFICE and the buyer has paid for the project.

H. There is no money paid for the rosette ribbons. These winners are chosen from the blue ribbon winners and they are paid only for the blue ribbon.

I. There will be an award given to the Best All-Around Lake County FFA Chapter or 4-H Club for outstanding participation, cleanliness, courtesy, personal appearance and attitude.

J. There will be an Outstanding New Grower award given.

K. Trophy and plaque sponsorship is determined upon the approval of the Lake County Fair Board of Directors.

VII. PLANT SHOW AND SALE:

A. The entry deadline is determined by the type of plant project – woody ornamental or non-woody ornamental. An official Exhibitor Entry Form must be on file in the Fair office by the deadline.

* **The deadline for woody ornamentals** including trees, shrubs and ground covers is will be Friday, November 6, 2009.

* **The deadline for non-woody ornamentals**, including annuals, bedding plants, dish gardens, herbaceous perennials, plant collections, terrariums, will be Friday, February 5, 2010.

B. The Horticulture Committee will apply numbered plant tags to each plant project.

C. DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITORS SHALL REMOVE THEIR PLANT PROJECTS AND ALL EQUIPEMENT AND SUPPLIES FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS BEFORE THE FAIR OPENS TO THE PUBLIC.

D. Projects will be divided by classification into workable classes in FFA and 4-H divisions.

E. Exhibitor's will place projects in the area assigned by the horticulture superintendent, plant show chairperson or designee.

F. Project/plant placement may be changed only by the horticulture superintendent, plant show chairperson or designee.

G. Student participating in showmanship must indicate it on their *Exhibitor Entry Form* and should prepare their display for an area no larger 6 X 10 - six feet deep and ten feet long. Exhibitors should plan a display that is visually appealing, educational to the public and limited to the assigned space. Any special requirements needed for display need to be noted on the exhibitor entry form (ex. electricity) and must be approved by the horticulture superintendent or designee.

H. All exhibitors are required to wear the appropriate attire (FFA or 4-H) when exhibiting and selling plants.

VIII. PLANT PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Below is a list of plant projects that students choose from.

Plant Projects

<u>Class</u>	<u># of Plants</u>	<u>Size of Container</u>	<u>Entry Form Due</u>
1. Hanging Baskets - woody	8	10 or 12-inch baskets	November 6 th
2. Hanging Baskets – non-woody	8	10 or 12-inch baskets	February 5 th
3. Potted Flowering Plants – woody	20	6-inch tub	November 6 th
4. Potted Flowering Plants – non-woody	20	6-inch tub	February 5 th
5. Potted Flowering Plants - woody	20	1 gal. pot	November 6 th
6. Potted Flowering Plants - non-woody	20	1 gal. pot	February 5 th
7. Potted Flowering Plants - woody	8	3 gal. pot	November 6 th
8. Potted Flowering Plants – non-woody	8	3 gal. pot	February 5 th
9. Potted Foliage - woody	20	6-inch tub to 1-gal. pot	November 6 th
10. Potted Foliage - non-woody	20	6-inch tub to 1-gal. pot	February 5 th
11. Potted Foliage - woody	8	3 gallon pot	November 6 th
12. Potted Foliage - non-woody	8	3 gallon pot	February 5 th
13. Annuals / Bedding Plants - woody	20	4-inch or 4.5-inch cup	November 6 th
14. Annuals / Bedding Plants - non-woody	20	4-inch or 4.5-inch cup	February 5 th
15. Trees or Shrubs - woody	20	1 gal.	November 6 th
16. Trees or Shrubs - non-woody	20	1 gal.	February 5 th
17. Trees or Shrubs - woody	10	2.5 to 3 gal.	November 6 th
18. Trees or Shrubs - non-woody	10	2.5 to 3 gal.	February 5 th
19. Trees or Shrubs - woody	5	7 gal.	November 6 th
20. Trees or Shrubs - non-woody	5	7 gal.	February 5 th
21. Liners - woody	200	40 or 60-cell or rose pots	November 6 th
22. Liners - non-woody	200	40 or 60-cell or rose pots	February 5 th
23. Dish Gardens - woody	5	various	November 6 th
24. Dish Gardens - non-woody	5	various	February 5 th
25. Terrariums - non-woody	*	various	February 5 th
26. Plant collections - non-woody	*	various	February 5 th
27. Other- woody	*	various	November 6 th
28. Other – non-woody	*	various	February 5 th

*** The number of plants and size of container for projects classified as other must be submitted for approval on the official *Exhibitor Entry Form*.**

IX. CALENDAR:

Lake County Fair

CALENDAR FOR THE 2010 YOUTH PLANT SHOW AND SALE

- Friday, November 6th Entry Deadline for Woody Ornamental Projects
- Friday, February 5th Entry Deadline for Non-Woody Projects
- Friday, March 5th Buyer's Addresses to Fair Office
- Monday, April 12th Plant Project Check-in
- Thursday, April 15th Skill-a-Thon (5 p.m. Seniors go first followed by Juniors)
- Saturday, April 17th Awards Presentations and Plant Auction
* **Sale will be in early afternoon – time TBA**