



**2025
DEPARTMENT 25
JUNIOR CLASS FOODS & NUTRITION
PREMIUM LIST**



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- A. All exhibits will be judged face-to-face, Monday of Fair, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a break at 2:30 p.m. The Youth Building will be open at 10:00 a.m. Numbers will be available at 10:45 a.m. After judging is finished, the building will close. Judging will take place in the 4-H Youth Building.
- B. Only one (1) exhibit will be allowed for each entry number.
- C. All entries must be made by the exhibitor.
- D. Entries must be made entirely from scratch, unless otherwise stated.
- E. For Divisions 1 – 5, recipe **MUST** be available for judging.
- F. All entries must have the exhibitor's entry tags firmly attached to them before coming to the Fair.
- G. Your claim check is required to receive ribbon awards (Grand Champion / Reserve Champion / Spotlight, etc.) and jars.
- H. **ANY ENTRY WILL BE DROPPED ONE (1) PLACE IF THE EXHIBITOR DOES NOT ADHERE TO ALL THE RULES.**

Division 1 – Preservation

- A. **NO FREEZER JAM ALLOWED**
- B. All exhibits must have been preserved since the last Fair.
- C. All entries must have the exhibitor's entry tags firmly attached to them before coming to the Fair.
- D. Limit of five (5) entries in this division.
- E. All jars must be glass canning jars with a **NEW** lid and ring. No paraffin allowed.
- F. **Members of the same family may not exhibit identical entries.** For example, if one child enters Apple Jelly, the other child may not enter that item, but they may enter Strawberry Jelly.
- G. No items, except for canning jars, lids, and rings will be returned to the exhibitor. Your claim checks are required to collect.
- H. Jars may be opened and entry tasted upon judge's discretion.
- I. All entries will be judged based on current industry safety standards. Refer to the Ball / Kerr Canning and Preserving Book and/or UW-Extension Publications.
- J. Examples / Division Rules:
 - a. Any food item that is canned, pickled, fermented, juiced, or sauced:
 - i. Entries must be properly labeled with contents, date, and method used for canning / fermenting
 - ii. EXAMPLE:
 - 1. Dill Pickles, 8/19/24
 - 2. Hot Packed
 - 3. 15 min boiling water bath
 - iii. Entries must be in a clear, glass canning jar

Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.75 White - \$1.50 Pink - \$1.25

Class No.	Entry
1	First Entry
2	Second Entry
3	Third Entry
4	Fourth Entry
5	Fifth Entry

Division 2 – Dried / Dehydrated Foods

- A. All foods must have been dried / dehydrated since the last Fair.
- B. Limit of five (5) entries in this division.
- C. **Members of the same family may not exhibit identical entries.** For example, if one child enters dried bananas, the other child may not enter that item, but they may enter dried pineapple.

- D. Taste testing may be done at the judge's discretion.
- E. No items will be returned to the exhibitor.
- F. Examples / Division Rules:
 - a. Any food item that is dried / dehydrated. Items may be air dried, heat dried, or freeze dried.
 - i. Entries must be properly labeled with contents, date, and method used for drying / dehydration.
 - ii. EXAMPLE:
 - 1. Beef Jerky, 8/19/24
 - 2. Dehydrator
 - 3. 235 degrees for 6 hours
 - iii. Entries must be of appropriate size and be in appropriate size zipper seal bags
 - 1. Jerky or Leather – 6 pieces
 - 2. Fruit, Vegetable, or Herb – ½ cup
 - 3. Pasta – ¼ lb.
 - 4. Any other entry – ½ cup or ¼ lb.

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1	First Entry
2	Second Entry
3	Third Entry
4	Fourth Entry
5	Fifth Entry

Division 3 – Foods & Nutrition

- A. No items will be returned to the Exhibitor.
- B. All entries must be made entirely from scratch by the exhibitor, unless otherwise stated.
- C. **Members of the same family may not exhibit identical entries.** For example, if one child enters yellow cake, the other child may not, but they may enter white cake.
- D. Taste testing will be done at the judge's discretion.
- E. Examples / Division Rules:
 - a. Cakes
 - i. ½ of 8 or 9" Round Cake, 1 Layer, No filling or frosting
 - ii. Label type on entry tag
 - iii. Display on a 10" **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag.
 - b. Cookies & Bars
 - i. Three (3) Cookies or One (1) – 4" x 4" corner of a bar (No frosting).
 - ii. Label type on entry tag.
 - iii. Display on 6" **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag.
 - c. Items made with Yeast, Sourdough, or Bread made with a starter
 - i. ½ of an 8" or 9" loaf or three (3) rolls / doughnuts (No frosting).
 - ii. Label type on entry tag.
 - iii. Do not grease after baking.
 - iv. Display on appropriate size **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag.
 - d. Quick Breads
 - i. Loaf – no larger than 6"
 - ii. Muffins, Scones, Biscuits – No paper liners; 3 of the same items
 - iii. Coffee Cake, Corn Bread, or Gingerbread – 4"x4" corner piece
 - iv. No Frosting. Label type on entry tag.
 - v. Display on a 6" **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag.
 - e. Pies and Tarts
 - i. 4 to 5 ½" individual foil pan, no frosting
 - ii. Label type on entry tag

- iii. Display on 6" **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag
- f. Pastries
 - i. Three (3) of the same item.
 - ii. Label type on entry tag
 - iii. Display an appropriate size **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag.
- g. Any Other Food Item
 - i. Single Serving
 - ii. Label type on entry tag
 - iii. Display on/in appropriate size **firm** disposable plate/bowl inside of a zipper seal bag.

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Division 4 – Education, Gifts, and Candy

- A. No baked goods, or parts thereof, may be removed from the Fair. Only non-food items will be returned to the exhibitor.
- B. Food entries must be made entirely from scratch, unless otherwise stated.
- C. All fudge entries must be cooked.
- D. Members of the same family may not exhibit identical entries. For example, if one child enters chocolate fudge, the other child may not, but they may enter peanut butter fudge.
- E. Taste testing will be done at the judge's discretion.
- F. Examples / Division Rules:
 - a. Poster (14" x 22")
 - i. Healthy Foods, Food Safety, Freezing Foods, Food Pyramid, Create a TV Dinner
 - b. Food for Gifts
 - i. Basket / Container containing at least two (2) different homemade items and no more than two (2) store bought food items; no alcoholic beverages
 - ii. No larger than 12" x 12"
 - c. Candy
 - i. Three (3) pieces
 - ii. Label type on entry tag
 - iii. Display on 6" **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag.
 - d. Place Setting with Meal Plan
 - i. No larger than 15" x 20"
 - e. Recipe Box / Book
 - i. Include at least 20 recipes from a variety of foods

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Division 5 – Product made with three (3) or more Dairy Products

- A. SPECIAL DAIRY AWARD – Racine County Dairy Promotion, Inc. will give a \$20.00 award for the best entry selected by the Junior Class Foods Judge(s).
- B. Entries must be made entirely from scratch, unless otherwise stated.
- C. No entries will be returned to the exhibitor.
- D. Members of the same family may not exhibit identical entries. For example, if one child enters a turtle cheesecake, the other child may not, but they may enter plain cheesecake.
- E. Taste testing will be done at the judge's discretion.
- F. Examples / Division Rules:
 - a. Any food item made with three (3) or more dairy products
 - i. Label type on entry tag
 - ii. Single serving or 4" x 4" corner piece
 - iii. Display on **firm** disposable plate inside of a zipper seal bag or in a **firm** disposable bowl inside of a zipper seal bag.

Blue - \$2.50 Red - \$2.25 White - \$2.00 Pink - \$1.75

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CAKE DECORATING

- A. Only the real cake base needs to be frosted in Buttercream frosting. Star tip cakes do not need to be pre-frosted.
- B. Buttercream frostings must have a stabilizer in the mix. You may use pre-made decorator icing (i.e. Wilton Ready-To-Use Decorator Icing, etc.). Grocery store canned frosting (i.e. Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, etc.) CANNOT be used, as it will not withstand the heat of the Fair.
- C. Do not cover or bag entries
- D. If copying a cake from a picture / publication, please have picture / book available at judging.
- E. No cake decorating entries will be returned to the exhibitor, except for cake boards, Styrofoam cake bases, and special ribbon awards. If you wish to have your cake board or cake base returned, please write SAVE on the front of your entry tag in the upper left-hand corner. Your claim check is required to receive boards / bases.
- F. Entries will be judged on decorating only.
- G. Examples:
 - a. Decorated Cakes / Cupcake Cakes
 - i. Display on a **COVERED, DOUBLE-LAYERED cake board or COVERED plywood board**, not exceeding 2" beyond the size of the cake; for display purposes, board cannot be larger than 15" x 20"
 - b. Decorated Cupcakes, Cookies, Graham Crackers
 - i. Display on a **firm** disposable plate
 - c. Decorated Sugar Mold
 - i. Display on a **firm** disposable plate

Division 6 – Beginner Cake Decorating

1 – 3 Years in Project

- A. Must use a real cake base (made from scratch or box) for at least one entry.
- B. Decorated Cakes / Cupcake Cakes
 - a. Must use a real cake base (made from scratch or box) for at least one entry; if entering more than two (2) cakes, you may use a Styrofoam base for any cakes after your first entry.
 - b. Cupcake cakes must contain at least 12 cupcakes in the design.
 - c. Decorated cupcakes, cookies, or graham crackers – 3 decorated with the same design

Blue - \$2.50 Red - \$2.25 White - \$2.00 Pink - \$1.75

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Division 7 – Advanced Cake Decorating

4 or more years in project

- A. May use Styrofoam bases for cakes.
- B. Cupcake cakes must be made with at least 24 cupcakes in the design
- C. Decorated cupcakes, cookies, or graham crackers – 6 items decorated with the same design

Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.75 White - \$2.50 Pink - \$2.25

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3	Third Entry