

4-H Contests for Youth at the 2024 North Georgia State Fair

Hay Bale Decorating Contest

Cupcake Decorating Contest



**HAY BALE & CUPCAKE
DECORATING CONTESTS**

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Hay Bale Decorating Contest: 1st Place - \$1,000, 2nd Place - \$500, 3rd Place - \$250! Many thanks to **Georgia Grown for sponsoring this year's prizes! All groups that participate will receive 15 admission passes to the fair!**

1. Who Can Participate?

Contest is open to K-12 youth and school clubs/organizations (examples: 4-H Horse and Pony Club, Girls Inc., Boy Scouts, softball team, high school band, middle school recycling club, elementary school reading club). **Youth participation is what this is about!**

2. Registration Information:

There is no fee to register for this contest. The registration form and sketch of hay bale design must be emailed to Kathleen.McElroy@cobbcounty.org by Tues., Sept. 3. Type "Hay Bale Contest" in the subject line. *No late submissions will be accepted.* Only 15 spots are available. First come, first served.

3. Hay Bale and Decoration Information:

The theme is "Let's Ride"!

- Decorating time is open Saturday, September 14 (2-6pm); Sunday, September 15 (1-5pm); Monday-Wednesday; September 16-18 (9am-8pm). Judging will take place the morning of Thurs., Sept. 19.
- Entries will be judged on representation of the theme, creativity, use of materials, construction, and eye appeal.
- One round hay bale per group is provided by the North Georgia State Fair. The hay bale will be positioned on its side. Groups may bring up to 4 additional small rectangular bales. This should be indicated on the sketch. Do not stack other hay bales on the large round one. **Think safety!**
- Upon arrival, one group member goes to the Fair Office at Jim R. Miller Park Event Center. Fair Staff will assist with directions to the hay bales. A maximum of 8 people from each group are allowed to decorate at one time.
- Hay bales must be decorated so that they are family appropriate and abide by the Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct: <http://secure.georgia4h.org/documents/CodeOfConduct.pdf>. Do not promote religious, commercial or political themes.
- Items attached to the bale must be able to withstand 2 weeks of outdoor treatment (weather and wind proof). Paper products should be laminated ahead of time.
- Decorations can extend up to 2 feet on each side and 3 feet in front. Paint should only be applied to the hay bale and not the surrounding ground.
- The North Georgia State Fair & the University of Georgia Extension - Cobb County will not be held responsible for any personal items removed or damaged.
- Decorations must remain on the hay bale during the fair. Decorations must be picked up on Mon., Sept. 30, 9am-12pm and 5pm-8pm. Items not picked up will be discarded. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- It is the group's responsibility to notify their organization's administration about their participation in this event. Winners will be given a check in the name of the organization that you are representing. All permissions, insurance, medical forms, sign-in sheets, code of conduct forms, and other administrative requirements as required by your respective organizations for this event are the responsibility of the registering group. For example, 4-H Clubs should notify their Extension Agent or club liaison several days in advance to procure insurance for the event.

Registration Form for Hay Bale Decorating Contest

School, club, organization name. Contest is open to K-12 youth and school clubs/organizations:

Adult leader responsible for the youth group:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Phone number:



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Cupcake Decorating Contest: Winners will receive admission and ride tickets to the North Georgia State Fair! The surprise theme will be revealed at the beginning of the contest!

1. Who Can Participate?

Cupcake Contest is open to 2nd-5th graders.

2. Registration Information:

\$5 registration fee and a completed registration form secures your spot. Email the registration form to Kathleen McElroy at Kathleen.McElroy@cobbcounty.org by Tues., Sept. 3. \$5 must be paid by Tues., Sept. 3. Payments are accepted at the Extension Office (678 South Cobb Dr., 2nd floor, Marietta, GA 30060) with debit/credit card (Visa/MasterCard/ Discover), cash, money order, or check. All checks should be made out to Cobb Extension/4-H. Credit card payments can also be taken over the phone during office hours. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm. 770-528-4070. Only 15 spots are available. First come, first served.

3. Contest Information:

The Cupcake Decorating Contest will be at 4:30pm on Fri., Sept. 20. Registrants will meet at the UGA Cobb Extension booth in the Exhibit Hall. Contestant must provide their own admission into the fair. Contestants must arrive on time to participate. All materials will be provided. Specific guidelines and rules will be given at the contest. Parents and guardians must stay during the contest (this is not a drop-off event).

Registration Form for Cupcake Decorating Contest

Name of child. Contest is open to 2nd-5th graders:

Grade: _____

School: _____

Email Address of Parent/Guardian:

Mailing Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent Cell Phone Number:

Allergies:



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