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Alameda County Fair  
2018 Competitive Exhibits  
ENTER YOUR BEST

Make, Take, Grow or Show It!  
Enter by **April 25, 2018**

**Pleasanton, Calif.** -- Whatever your hobby, passion or distraction, there's likely a contest for it at the Alameda County Fair. Crafty types of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to enter their best work in any of the Fair's many youth or adult competitions.

Contest categories include Culinary Arts, Fiber Arts, Garden & Floral, Handcrafts, Hobby Collections and Science & Technology.

Popular categories:

- Baking
- Cake/Cupcake Decorating
- Ceramics
- Crochet/Knit
- Decorative Doors
- Dolls
- Garden & Produce
- Homebrew
- Flowers/Herbs
- Floral Arrangements
- Jams/Salsas
- Jewelry Making
- Livestock
- Metal Work
- Needlework
- Fine Art
- Photography
- Pinewood Derby
- Poetry
- Quilting
- Scrapbooking
- Sculptures
- Sewing
- Small Animals
- Stained Glass
- Table decoration
- Video
- Website
- Wine (amateur & commercial)
- Woodworking
- Wool & Fleece Show
- Wood Carving

Youth contests also include categories for school projects and performing arts. Visit [annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com) for more information.

The Fair also offers a variety of contests for specialized talents including:

- Classic Treats Made From Scratch– NEW!
- Tree Decorating
- Duct Tape Art
- Egg Carton Art
- Bling Something
- Origami
- Repurpose or Recycle It!
- Shoe Box Float
- Beef is King
- Mystery Cookie
- Many more

Divisions accommodate all ages and ability levels, including physically and/or mentally challenged.

The Fair also offers a variety of fun daily contests for all ages:

- Diaper Derby (babies)
- Cell phone photo scavenger hunt (youth)
- Photo at the Fair
- Poems at the Fair
- Plein Air Painting
- Soap Carving (youth)
- Wine Fest Hat Contest (adult & youth)
- National Anthem singers (selected in advance, must submit video)

For a complete list of contests, entry information & rules, visit:  
[annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com)

The deadline for general entries is **Wednesday, April 25, 2018.**

Some competitions are judged in advance of the Fair and require earlier entry deadlines including wine, homebrew, and national anthem. Visit website for details.

For more information including schedules, Discount Days and concert & special event ticket info, visit the Fair's website at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com). Facebook, Instagram and Twitter offer additional information, previews, updates, contests and giveaways.

## 2018 Alameda County Fair Information

**Dates:** June 15-July 8 (Closed June 18-19, 25-26, July 2-3)

**Hours:** 11AM-11PM daily

**Carnival Hours:** Wed-Thurs 12PM to closing, Fri-Sun 11AM to closing

**Horse Racing:** June 15-17, 21-24, 28-30, July 1, 4, 6-8

**Big O Tires FREE Concerts:** 8PM-9:15PM nightly. Fireworks show immediately following at Concert Lawn.

### **Special Pre-Fair Pricing\* (until 6/14/18):**

\*Purchase in advance (before June 15) and save up to 33%

- Adults (13-61) -- \$12 / \$15 at gate
- Seniors (62+) -- \$8 / \$10 at gate
- Kids (6-12) -- \$8 / \$10 at gate
- Children under 6 - FREE
- General Parking -- \$8 / \$10 at gate
- Unlimited Carnival Wristbands -- \$28 / Wed-Thurs \$30, Fri-Sun & July 4, \$35 at gate
- Carnival Fast Pass – NEW! Any single day \$10 (same at gate)
- Sky Ride – NEW! \$5 one-way, \$8 round-trip (same at gate)
- Season Pass (admission for all 18 days and discounts on events) -- \$40
- Fun Pack (4 general admission tickets and 1 parking pass) -- \$50

### **Special Days (ALL SPECIAL PRICING ENDS AT 5PM):**

- Opening Day: June 15 – \$1 Admission, \$1 Rides, UNTIL 5PM
- Father's Day: June 17 – Dads FREE until 5PM
- \$2 Fair Food Bites (Thursdays): June 21 & 28, July 5 -- Select fun-sized Fair treats for just \$2 each, UNTIL 5PM
- Kids FREE Thursdays (12 and under): June 21 & 28, July 5, UNTIL 5PM
- Boomers FREE Fridays (62+): June 22, 29 & July 6, UNTIL 5PM
- Clothing Drive for Foster Kids: June 20 — Bring a brand new child's clothing item and receive FREE admission & \$1 rides – UNTIL 5PM
- Feed the Need Food Drive benefitting Alameda County Community Food Bank presented by Lucky California: June 27 — Bring 4 non-perishable food items and receive FREE admission & \$1 rides) – UNTIL 5PM
- First Responder's Day: July 4 – Free admission with valid ID UNTIL 3PM
- Military Appreciation — One FREE Fair admission with valid Military ID, ALL DAY, EVERYDAY

**2018 Big O Tires Concert Series:**

6/15 – Blue Oyster Cult  
6/16 – Shaggy  
6/17 – En Vogue  
6/20 – Clay Walker  
6/21 – 38 Special  
6/22 – Smash Mouth  
6/23 – Boys of Summer (Eagles Tribute)  
6/24 – Sir Mix-a-Lot  
6/27 – TBD  
6/28 – Con Funk Shun  
6/29 – Queen Nation (Queen Tribute)  
6/30 – The Tubes  
7/1 – Purple Reign  
7/5 – LeAnn Rimes  
7/6 – Journey Revisited (Journey tribute)  
7/7 – Super Diamond (Neil Diamond tribute)  
7/8 – WAR

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The Alameda County Fair is operated by the non-profit Fair Association without any tax funding from the government. It is ranked one of the top 50 North American Fairs and the 7<sup>th</sup> largest fair in California. The Fairgrounds is home to the oldest one-mile race track in America.