

2023 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair **School Booth Competitive Exhibits**

Theme: BARN IN THE USA

Showcase your student's work at the 99th annual Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair, February 23 – March 5, 2023. The Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair extends an invitation to all Lee County schools, teachers, and students to display their artwork, student projects, photography, Vo-tech projects, culinary arts, or horticulture projects. This is a great way to motivate and reward your students' efforts, as well as take part in this Annual Event honoring our County, its history and growth.

DIVISIONS, JUDGING, AND AWARDS

Competition is divided into four (4) divisions: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Vocational/Special Learning Centers, and judged on the following criteria:

- Theme/Booth Title 10 % Booth should demonstrate a use of the theme in the title.
- Educational Use of Theme 10 % Theme should be incorporated into the booth display.
- Durability 15 % -Display/booth should be sturdy and durable to withstand the duration of the Fair.
- Originality 20 % Booth should be pleasing to the eye, and should use creative and new ideas.
- Overall Appearance 15 % Booth must be attractive, simple, and neat.
- Student-made Work Contributions 30 % Booth must show evidence of student participation. This can be demonstrated through pictures, artwork, student projects, research papers, etc. The more evidence of student works the greater the score.

Booths will be judged and awarded in each division, as follows: 1st Place in Each Division - \$500, Blue Rosette; 2nd Place in each Division - \$300, Red Rosette; 3rd Place in each Division - \$200, White Rosette.

General Rules:

- 1. Registration for the School Booth Competitive Exhibits competition is open to any Lee County school.
- 2. All booth exhibits must include the school name and the 2023 Fair Theme 'BARN IN THE USA'.
- 3. Booth set up hours are between 9am 7pm, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21 & 22, 2023. Booth size is 10'x10'. Power is accessible, but schools must supply their own 100' heavy duty extension cord.
- 4. Booths must be ready for viewing by 7pm on Wednesday, February 22ND and remain in place until 4 pm on Sunday, March 5th. Early tear down is prohibited and will result in forfeiture of any premiums won, and may result in forfeiting participation the following year. All booths must be vacated between the hours of 4pm and 7pm on Sunday, March 5, 2023.
- 5. The doors to the Lee Civic Center remain open until 9pm nightly and all booth materials must be secure due to the occasional windy environment of the building.
- Booths will be judged on Thursday, February 23rd prior to the Fair opening. Students nor faculty members are permitted inside the Lee Civic Center during the judging process.

Registration Deadline is February 9, 2023, and space is limited.

Registration must be made electronically at: swflcfair.com, on the Competitions tab. Please carefully read the instructions on the Welcome page of the registration program. Please keep a copy of this registration information.

2022 Winners

Elementary School

2nd – Ray V. Pottorf Elementary 3rd – Diplomat Middle

Middle School

1st – James Stephens Elementary 1st – North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts

2nd – Challenger Middle

High School

1st – Lehigh Senior High

2nd – Mariner High

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