Whip Cracking Contest

Contest rules & registration

Saturday, November 7, 2026 | Time to be announced
One winner: $200 & a belt buckle

01 The Whip Cracking Contest will be held on Saturday, November 7th at a time to be announced - at a specified location on the grounds. Registration must be received by Thursday, November 5, 2026.

02 **Contestants must be a registered Show exhibitor, and must complete and return this form by email to franc@swflcfair.com by the deadline of Thursday, November 5, 2026.**

03 Contestants will have a maximum of two (2) minutes to perform as many tricks/pops as possible. A whistle will sound at the end of two minutes. Exhibitors must wear long pants or leg coverings, safety goggles, and closed toe shoes (boots and jeans are recommended).

04 Contestant Conduct: Any unbecoming behavior of a contestant will disqualify them from the contests, and all awards/premiums will be forfeited.

05 Contestants will be disqualified from the contest and removed from the grounds if found cracking or popping whips at any time before or after the show.

06 Check-in is Saturday, November 7th at a time to be announced and at a specified location on the grounds. Whips can be brought to the grounds at that time and must be removed, put away/secured immediately following the contest.

07 There will be a "warm up" session prior to the contest beginning.

08 In case of a tie, there will be a pop-off to determine the winner.

09 Contestants will be judged on the most original, sharpness, loudness, and best overall performance.

10 Final interpretation and administration of the rules will be vested in the judges provided by the management of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. and their decision is final.

11 All contestants must sign the waiver that is part of this registration form.

12 Premiums will be paid by check and mailed at the closeout of the Show.

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Complete and sign the registration form on page 2.

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Contestant registration & waiver

Return by Thursday, November 5, 2026
Email the completed, signed form to **franc@swflcfair.com**. Contestants must be registered Show exhibitors.

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Contestant name

Age (as of September 1, 2026)

Address / City / State / ZIP

Contact phone

Email address

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WAIVER

I certify that the above information is correct and that I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and regulations governing the Whip Cracking Contest as established by the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. for this event. I agree to indemnify and Hold Harmless with Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. it's Directors, Officers, and Agents, Staff, Volunteers, and Judges, from any self-inflicted injuries arising from my participation in the Whip Cracking Competition at the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Fall Classic Livestock Show & Exposition.

Exhibitor signature

Date

Parent signature