



2023 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Wheelbarrow Decorating Competition

Theme: BARN IN THE USA

2023 Fair Whip Cracking Contest Rules & Information

Contest Date & Time: Sunday, February 26, 6pm

1. The Whip Cracking Contest will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Horse Arena.
2. Age Divisions are Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18), and Adult (19 and over).
3. Youth Contestants must be a registered Exhibitor of the Fair.
4. **Pre-Registration is required, and the deadline is Friday, February 17, 2023 by midnight.**
5. Pre-Registration forms are to be emailed to fcrone@leeciviccenter.com prior by the deadline.
6. 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 the two-minute period.
7. Contestants must wear long pants or leg coverings, safety goggles, and closed toe shoes (boots and jeans are recommended).
8. Contestant Conduct: Any unbecoming behavior of a contestant will disqualify them from the contests, and all awards/premiums will be forfeited.
9. Contestants will be disqualified from the contest and removed from the Fairgrounds if found cracking or popping whips at any time before or after they enter the arena or during the Fair.
10. Check-in is Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Horse Arena. Whips can be brought to the arena at that time and must be removed from the grounds immediately following the contest.
11. There will be a 'warm up' session with a committee member from 5:40pm to 5:50pm prior to the contest beginning.
12. In case of a tie, there will be a pop-off to determine the winner.
13. Judges will score on the 1 to 10 scale with 10 being the highest score. Contestants will be judged on the most original, sharpness, loudness, and best overall performance.
14. 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 and their decision is final.
15. Contestants may compete in only one (1) division.
16. All contestants must sign the waiver that is part of the registration form.

Awards In Each Division:

1st Place | Belt Buckle & Mega Pass

2nd Place | Mega Pass

Whip Cracking Registration Form

Must be received prior to the Competition

Contestant Name: _____ Age: (as of 9/1/22) _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Competing Age Division: _____ Junior (8-10) _____ Intermediate (11-13)

_____ Senior (14-18) _____ Adult (19 and over)

I certify that the above information is correct and the 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. I agree to Indemnify and Hold Harmless with Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, it's Directors, Officers, and Agents, Staff, Volunteers, and Judges, the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, it's Directors, Officers, and Agents, from any self-inflicted injuries arising from my participation in the Whip Cracking Competition at the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If Contestant is competing as a Junior, Intermediate or Senior)

