

2024 Country Store Rules
Frio County Junior Livestock Show
January 24-27, 2024

1. The exhibits will be shown in the Frio County Junior Livestock Show Barn, located north of the Pearsall Livestock Market, on IH 35, Pearsall. Exhibitors must abide by the general rules of the Frio County Junior Livestock Show.
2. All exhibits must be made by the exhibitor after last year's show date and before the present date of the show, only those exhibits will be considered.
3. All exhibitors will be required to show membership of good standing in one of the Frio County's FFA clubs, 4-H clubs, or Homemaking classes. This includes attending the appropriate number of meetings and be passing all subjects in school. The committee will gather this information from club managers and the Frio County Extension Office.
4. All entries must have (1) copy of a DETAILED list of materials used and a description on how the item was prepared. This must be done by the youth entering the project. IF the entry used a ready-made item in it, please specify. Examples would be, "I used a 12X12 framed mirror," or "I used a ready-made kit." If you choose to use photos of yourself making the project make sure it does not include your face, as all judging is blind-judging.
5. Entries that receive a Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, or First Place will be allowed to sell their items in the Auction Ring. All other items will have the opportunity to be sold in the Silent Auction. IF the exhibitor decides not to sell their item in the silent auction, the item must be removed immediately.
6. There will be a non-refundable \$7 entry fee per item exhibited. This will be paid to the Country Store no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024. No late entry fees will be accepted.
7. Entry forms can be submitted by paper form beginning Wednesday, December 6, 2023 and ending Friday, January 12, 2024. Each entry must be specific, calling for one form per entry. For example, if you enter **two entries** you must have **two forms**. If the form is incorrectly filled out, not listing what is being made, it will be disqualified. **(TWO entries is the maximum number of entries per child.)**
8. There will be three age divisions, these are determined the day a child registered for their perspective club:
 - A. Intermediate Division: 3rd-5th grade
 - B. Junior Division: 6th-8th grade
 - C. Senior Division: 9th-12th grade
9. Categories are as follows:
 - A. Food
 - i. Desserts (pies, cake, cookies)
 - ii. Candy
 - iii. Bread
 - iv. Canned Goods (preserves, jellies, jams)
 - v. Dried Goods (smoked sausage, jerky)
 - vi. Salsa
 - B. Non-Food
 - i. Arts (2-D, such as paintings and photography)
 - ii. Crafts (3-D)
 - iii. Metal Working
 - iv. Wood Working
 - v. Sewing

(THE COMMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT TO RE-CATEGORIZE AN ITEM)

10. All Grand Champion items will be sold first in the Auction Ring, followed by the Reserve Grand Champion, then First Place. There **WILL NOT** be a cap set in the Auction Ring or Silent Auction. Participants are allowed to set a minimum bid in the silent auction, however, it is not required and the committee cannot guarantee the minimum bid will be met.
11. In order to receive your check for the items sold at the Country Store, participants must write thank you notes to each buyer and turn them in to the **Club or Chapter Leader**. Thank you notes must be hand-written, by the participant, and can include a photo of the project. Once the checks are ready, and thank you notes have been turned in, participants will receive their check. If a check is lost, there will be a \$35 charge to reissue a check. The Country Store will receive 7% of all money received by the participants.
12. All items must be paid for on Saturday, January 27, 2024. No exceptions. All add-ons must be sent to the country store within TWO WEEKS of the sale. NO Exceptions.
13. IF an entry is the sole entry in a category, the highest place that can be earned is first place.
14. All participants selling in the live auction must be back by the time posted on Saturday, January 27, 2024 for line-up. If the participant is not back **THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SELL IN THE LIVE AUCTION**. However, their item may be sold in the silent auction.
15. In the event there is an Ag Mechanic Show, eligible participants may enter both shows; however, they will not be allowed to enter the same project in both events. In addition, if they place high enough to sell in the Country Store's live auction, they must choose to sell in either the Ag Mechanic Show OR the Country Store they cannot take both items to the auction ring.

SOME FRIENDLY BUT IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. **Friday, January 26, 2024:** All projects that are non-food (arts and crafts, woodworking, metalworking, and sewing) are to be checked in between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. No late entries will be accepted. Judging on these items will be completed during the afternoon and early evening. The committee will do its best to protect these items overnight, however; there is no guarantee or warranty provided. Items will not be available for viewing Friday evening.
2. **Saturday, January 27, 2024:** All food items must be checked in between **7 and 8 a.m.** No late entries will be accepted. Judging will begin at **8:30 a.m.** (no non-food items will be accepted on Saturday.) The Country Store is not responsible for any item left at the completion of the Silent Auction.
3. No electricity will be available for food categories.
4. Each entry will be attractively presented on a dish or board no larger than a small cookie sheet, **(13X13). If the item is larger than this, you run the risk of being disqualified based on failure to follow directions. Space is limited.**
5. Items must be covered by a plastic lid or clear plastic wrap for easy access for judges.
6. A judge's sample is required. Please provide a small sample of the food item for 3 to 5 judges. The judges' reserve the right to sample the larger display.
7. Each item will require a recipe/instruction card without the participant's name. Please attach the card where the judges can see it.
8. Entries must be set up by the participant, parents/guardians are not allowed to help. Please note, older siblings, who are participating in the Country Store, may help. There will also be committee members available to help.

EIGHTH ANNUAL ADULT DESSERT CONTEST (tentative)

This contest is for adults only. There will be a \$10, non-refundable entry fee; the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and First Place will be awarded. Desserts can either be auctioned off in the Silent Auction or donated to the buyers table Saturday evening. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be sold in the Auction Ring with the proceeds going back to the Country Store. Basically, it is bragging rights.