



## Plein Air Youth One-Day Contest

Paint the San Diego County Fair's animals live on location in the **Plein Air Youth One-Day Contest!** Enjoy creativity in the moment and let the Fair's featured animals inspire your brushstrokes on contest day!

### Exhibition Timeline

<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Tuesday, June 23, 2026, by 11:59pm
<b>Contest Date</b>	Friday, June 26, 2026

### Eligibility

- Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 17 by the Entry Deadline listed above.
- Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor.
- Work by two (2) or more artists is *not* eligible.
- **Exhibitors may not use photos or sketches of the subject. All artwork must be created at the Fairgrounds on the day of the event.**

### Contact Us

**San Diego County Fair Entry Office**  
 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014  
 Office (858) 792-4207 - Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

The Local and State Rules apply to this contest. Copies are available at [sdfair.com](http://sdfair.com). Exhibitors acknowledge that they enter at their own risk and that these entries do not violate copyright or trademark laws.



## Entry Limit

One (1) entry per exhibitor

## Fair Ticket

Two (2) Exhibitor Access Passes, for each registered exhibitor and a guest for this date only, will be available at Will Call on the day of the contest. Please click [here](#) for a list of discounted and free parking options on the day of the event.

## How to Enter

Please pre-register at [sdfair.com](http://sdfair.com). This contest is limited to the first 15 registered participants. **There will be NO on-site registration.**

## Entry Requirements

We will provide art supplies and instruction. You are welcome to visit the Fair's Farm prior to the contest day to choose your subject area; however, no photos or sketches of your subject will be allowed on contest day.

## Check-In

**Check-in begins at 11am** at the fountain in front of the Fine Art Exhibit, East Grandstand. Only one (1) submission will be judged. **Youth participants must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a parent or legal guardian.**

## Schedule of Events

11 AM- 12 PM	Check-In & Stamping
12:30-1:30 PM	Demonstration/ Workshop
1:30-2:30 PM	Painting Session
3:00 PM	Submission & Judging
4:00 PM	Awards Ceremony

## Location

The Youth Plein Air competition will take place at the Fairgrounds' Farm.

## Judging

Youth artwork will be judged using the Danish system, where each entry is judged against a standard.

## Awards

First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded as merited. Awards will be presented after judging.



## Pick Up

All artwork must be retrieved immediately following the awards presentation. Any artwork not collected at that time will become the property of the San Diego County Fair and may be disposed of.

### Division 1022: Youth Plein Air

- Class 001**    Ages 5-10
- Class 002**    Ages 11-14
- Class 003**    Ages 15-17