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Get Yourself a Blue Ribbon at El Dorado County Fair *Ribbons and Rides*

Placerville, CA - It's time to enter your favorite hobby or skill in the El Dorado County Fair. Don't panic — but don't procrastinate either... Forms are due soon, but projects (referred to as "Entries") aren't due until early June for most categories. (Check the website for dates and times).

This year's Fair, *Ribbons and Rides* will be held at the beautiful El Dorado County Fairgrounds June 15-18. Incorporating the fair theme into your project is an option in almost all categories of fair entries. "We enjoy seeing the great ideas people have incorporating the fair theme into their project," exclaims Jody Gray, CEO. "Ribbons and Rides is going to be great fun."

One of the special entries this year is the "Farm Bureau" art project. In celebration of the Farm Bureau's 100th birthday, children and adults are encouraged to make, remodel or repurpose bureaus depicting an agricultural theme. Folks can get very creative with this project. The winners of this competition will walk away with a nice check, first place award is \$200! The bureaus are then donated to the Farm Bureau for their silent auction fundraiser during fair.

Computer programming and web design have become popular. Adults and teens can compete in classes such as website construction, computer design, graphic design, video game animation and programming. And while it may be difficult to include the fair theme into some of these classes, a website all about ribbons and rides could be both colorful and interesting! And don't forget one of the trendier categories, the Ugliest Decorated Cake. Using your imagination can bring endless options to this entry.

Mineral and mining entries are coordinated and supervised by the El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society. Entries include mineral specimens, lapidary arts and gemstones, belt buckles and jewelry made with gemstones. Mineral and mining is one of the oldest sections of the Fair Entry Guide.

If you were to peak back in time to the 1901 El Dorado County Fair Entry Guide (then known as Premium List), you would see some things such as baking, food preservation and art are still part of the entry exhibits, yet some trades and skills such as 'Best Exhibit of Firearms,' 'Best 25 Pounds of Hops' or 'Best Clothes Wringer' (good riddance!) have gone with the times.

Enter to win in one or more Youth and Adult categories including Flower Arrangements, Cut Flowers, Plants, Baking & Sweets, Photography including Selfies, Snapshots and Mobilography, Fiber & Sewing, Quilts, Wine Label Design, Plein Air Painting, Crafts, Furniture Restoration, Fine Arts, Canning and More! Find entry forms and deadlines at eldoradocountyfair.org and at the Fair office, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA.

Calendar:

Who/What: El Dorado County Fair, "Ribbons and Rides"

When: Thursday, June 15 – Father's Day, Sunday June 18

Where: El Dorado County Fair & Event Center, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA

Tickets: Pre-sale: \$9-Regular, \$6 Junior & Senior; During the Fair: \$10-Regular, \$8 Junior & Senior. Attendees with active duty military ID get in FREE. Parking \$6 per car or take the free shuttle. (Check our website for details.)