

2024 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR COMMUNITY DECORATING CONTEST INFORMATION



ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 19TH, 2024

CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL LOCAL NEBRASKA BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, & CIVIC GROUPS

CONTEST TIMELINE

JUNE 3RD: ENTRIES OPEN

JULY 19TH: DEADLINE! ENTRIES CLOSE!

JULY 26TH: ENTRIES NOTIFIED of selection

AUGUST 5TH-7TH: PICK UP DATES! Selected groups will need to pick up their medium from the Nebraska State Fair Office during regular business hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm

AUGUST 8TH & 9TH: TIME TO DECORATE! (Be sure to review all guidelines before decorating)

AUGUST 12TH & 13TH: JUDGING HAPPENS

AUGUST 16TH: CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!!! Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) entries, plus one (1) People's Choice (PC will be determined by photo likes on the Nebraska State Fair Facebook page). Winners will receive twenty gate admission tickets & NSF Rosette.

AUGUST 23RD - SEPTEMBER 2ND: Nebraska State Fair! Come out and celebrate our great state!

CONTEST JUDGING CRITERIA

- Eye Appeal, Construction, Use of Materials, Creativity
- Points will be deducted for contest guideline violations within the design (see guidelines above).
- Extra points will be given to those who incorporate the 2024 Nebraska State Fair theme, "All Roads Lead to Fun" into their design

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Five (5) wooden pallets will be provided to the selected thirty (30) contestants. They will be provided free of charge. Contestants are welcome to use more at their expense.
- Entries are built on your own, using your own materials and decorations, setting up and displaying at your selected location.
- Pallets must be picked up from the Nebraska State Fair Office August 5th-7th during regular business hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm. State Fair staff can assist with loading, but not with unloading.
- Pallets must be secured together & to the ground, for safety & theft reasons.
- Each display needs to be placed onto a very sturdy base/structure: Grass or pavement is preferred. **They must be sound and secure.**
- All entries must be **RAIN & WIND TOLERANT**. They need to be built to last through September 2nd.
- Use of business, organization, or civic groups logo, slogan, and/or mascot will **NOT** be allowed within the design. **NO** commercial, business or political signage of **ANY KIND** is allowed.
- The Nebraska State Fair will provide group signage for each entry.
- Contestants are responsible for all cleanup and disposal at their sites after September 2nd. If entry is on the fairgrounds, State Fair Operations will take care of disposal.

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ENTRY FORM

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ENTRY INFORMATION

NAME

CONTACT PERSON

FULL ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

WHO PROVIDES THE PALLETS

- ☐ We will find our own pallets
- ☐ NSF, please provide us five (5) pallets to decorate

LOCATION OF PALLETS (REQUEST ONLY-NOT A GUARANTEE)

- ☐ NSF FAIRGROUNDS: Location chosen by the Operations Team (Details on decorating onsite will come later)
- ☐ We have secured our own location in the COMMUNITY at:



Pallet Measurements: 48in X48in

PLEASE ATTACH SKETCH/DIAGRAM OF ENTRY

Submit by July 19th, 2024
Mail or email your completed entry form to:
The Nebraska State Fair
Attn: Community Decorating Contest
501 E. Fonner Park Road, #200
Grand Island, NE 68801
hroush@statefair.org
Nebraska State Fair: August 23rd - September 2nd, 2024

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JUDGING CRITERIA

5-VERY HIGH 4-HIGH 3-MODERATE 2-LOW 0-NONE

QUALITY OF CONSTRUCTION

Are all the items neatly placed on/around the display? How creative was the overall design?

5 4 3 2 1

CREATIVITY

Did the business put thought into the design? How creative was the overall design?

5 4 3 2 1

DESIGN

Has care been taken to balance all the images within the design? Are all the proportions appropriately sized & arranged well?

5 4 3 2 1

THEME

How well does the entry fit into the overall theme, "All Roads Lead to Fun"?

5 4 3 2 1

EYE APPEAL

How appealing is the design to the eye? Does it catch your attention?

5 4 3 2 1

DEDUCTIONS - FIVE POINT DEDUCTION FOR EVERY RULE NOT FOLLOWED

Did the entry follow the guidelines provided?

If no, please list rule/s broken & provide details:

TOTAL SCORE: /25 POINTS

JUDGES SIGNATURE: