

Hay Bale Decorating Contest



2024 Butler County Fair

**The contest theme is YOUR CHOICE!
Let's see how creative your club can be!**

Any youth group or organization can join in the fun!

For more information, rules, and entry forms, contact
OSU Extension Butler County
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Registration deadline is July 1, 2024, so don't wait!

HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST

Entry Deadline: Monday, July 1, 2024

Entrants must submit a sketch/diagram and the completed Hay Bale Decorating Contest entry form to the OSU Extension Office via email: simpson-sloan.1@osu.edu.

Decoration Dates: Friday, July 29, 2024, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 20, 2023, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Awards: Sunday, July 21, 2024, time TBA, at the Special Interest Awards Ceremony in the Multipurpose Building.

Location: Butler County Fairgrounds, 1715 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entry is limited to the first 10 groups. Any youth group/organization may enter the contest.
2. All entrants **MUST** submit **both** a sketch/diagram of the design – including estimated dimensions – and the completed Hay Bale Decorating Contest entry form. The finished design should not exceed 10 feet by 10 feet.
3. No Theme: **YOUR CHOICE!** Be creative!
4. The base of your project may be made out of the following items: Hay bales or rolls, tires, pallets, or wheelbarrows. All items used in the display must be safe. Entrants may order hay bales/rolls from the extension office using the provided space on the entry form or may bring all their own materials. Groups bringing their own materials are responsible for transporting them to the fairground on set-up day.
5. Fair authorities will decide where your project will be placed on the fairgrounds based on its planned size. Someone will be in touch with your registered contact person on the Monday or Tuesday prior to the fair to let you know what area you have been assigned.
6. Purchased hay bales will be delivered to the fairgrounds on Thursday, July 18, 2024. If your group is bringing your own materials, contact the Extension Office to set up a time to drop off your materials.



7. Spray painting must be done off-site. **NO PAINTING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS!** Spray painting is the only thing that may be done before the designated time. All other assembly and decorating must be done in the assigned time span. All projects must be completed by 3:00 pm on July 20, 2024 and your area must be clear of any debris that is not a part of the display.
8. Removal of Hay Bales: Please remove bales by Sunday after the completion of fair. Any bales that are left behind, club will be charge a removal fee of \$50.00.
9. We encourage your displays to be picturesque in nature. Fairgoers may want to take pictures around your display during the open hours of the fair. The displays should be decorated with good, clean, wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations are permitted.
10. Decorations must be weather and wind proof. All parts of the display must be stable.
11. No political signs are allowed. Commercial/business signs are allowed if they sponsored the display.
12. **The youth participants should take a very active role in the project**, under adult supervision. Adults should only help construct the project if there is a threat of injury to a youth member.
13. **ALL decorations and removal of hay bale must be picked up on Sunday after the conclusion of the fair! Any bales that are left behind will be charged a \$50.00 removal fee payable to Butler County Fair.**

