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FRIDAY IS LAST CHANCE TO ENTER FAIR COMPETITIONS

TULARE — Tulare County residents have until Friday, Aug. 22 to enter competitions at the Tulare County Fair.

All entry forms and fees (if applicable) for competitions must be postmarked by Friday, Aug. 22 or hand delivered by 6 p.m. that day to the Fair office. Entry catalogs detailing all areas of competition are available online at TulareFair.org or at the Fair Administration office at 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Tulare. For a list of other locations where catalogs are available, call (559) 686-4707.

Cookie decorating and the most inventive salsa display are two of the newest competitions that will take place Sept. 10-14 at the Tulare County Fair. All Tulare County residents are eligible to enter fair contests and walk away with cash prizes and ribbons.

Also returning to the fair will be the intricate quilting designs and the highly anticipated baked foods and confection contests where people compete in the Best Homemade Pie in Tulare County contest and the Greatest Fair Cookie Contest. Among fair favorites are the Agriculture Monstrosities competition, where people compete for the title of largest fruits and vegetables and the Weeds, Worms and Whimsical competition where people compete for the tallest weed, corn stalk and oddest shaped fruit/vegetable.

There are baked food, confection and preserved food contests including divisions for men only, wine and homebrew contests, bonsai art competitions, sugar free baked food competitions, holiday decoration contests, fine art and photography contests, table setting competitions and many others.

But it's the fair's livestock competitions that really add to the experience of attending the Tulare County Fair each year. Such competitions are open to 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA) members or independent exhibitors who are residents of Tulare County or attend Delano High School, unless otherwise noted. Students have the chance to raise, show and auction off a variety of animals such as rabbits, market hogs, dairy cattle, market steer, replacement heifers, lambs and goats. In an effort to allow more livestock competitions to take place during the fair, a new show ring will be added to the

fairgrounds, bringing the number of show rings to four. Also new is a horse show competition that will take place Sunday, Sept. 9 before the fair begins and a new beef cattle division.

Tulare County residents will begin “Dancing with the Steers” Sept. 10-14 at the 2008 Tulare County Fair. Fair hours are 11 a.m.-midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 10; 4 p.m.-midnight on Thursday, Sept. 11 and 12 p.m.-midnight on all other days. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children age 6-12 and ages 62 and older. Children ages 5 and younger are admitted for free. Tickets for general fair admission, unlimited ride fair wristband tickets, the Destruction Derby and the Tulare Open Championship Bull Riding, presented by Tachi Palace can be purchased online at tularefair.org. Entertainment with general admission will include free concerts, exhibits and on Friday, Sept. 12, performances by freestyle Motocross riders of the 2008 Boost Mobile FreestyleMx.com Tour. For more information on the 2008 Tulare County Fair, call 686-4707, visit tularefair.org or stop by the fair Administration Office at 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Tulare.