

Fair looking for ‘blue ribbon’ contestants

Rules for entering the blue ribbon competitions and contests available

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Allentown, Pa.—The Great Allentown Fair’s Premium List detailing the procedures and categories for entering the fair’s blue ribbon competitions is now available on the Allentown Fair’s website at www.AllentownFairPA.org. This is the time to put your best to the blue ribbon test!

Placement ribbons and cash prizes are awarded in each of the exhibitor categories judged prior and throughout fairweek running Wednesday, August 28 through Labor Day Monday, September 2. There are special contests for youth entrants in addition to the all-ages categories.

The listing for Agri~Plex entries is available now. The livestock entries book will be available online in July.

Farmers, gardeners, antique collectors, crafters, bakers, cooks, photographers and more have the opportunity to compete for small monetary awards and prestigious Allentown Fair blue ribbons. There is a competition for almost everything and everyone.

Fair competitions are some of the grandest traditions - dating back to the 1850s. This year, the fair is looking forward to welcoming approximately 7,000 entries and 700 farm animals that will be in the running for more than \$65,000 in total prize money.

The vast number of award categories include over 170 types of fruits, vegetables and herbs along with 20 different varieties of organic vegetables that are judged and then on display inside Agri~Plex, the fair’s main exhibit hall and “heart of the fair.”

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As a special attraction, 11 culinary contests offer cooks and bakers extra incentives for whipping up favorite recipes or creating new dishes that are judged during the fair with an audience. *(See list below.)* These sponsored contests are included in the Agri~Plex Premium List but require the completion of separate, individual applications providing important details.

The Agri~Plex Premium List and applications for the special contests are available on the fair's website at www.allentownfairpa.org/contests. Hard copies of the Premium List can be picked up at the Fair Office, located behind the Ritz Barbecue, weekdays between 9am-4pm. The final deadline for Agri~Plex entries is Monday, July 29. All registrations must be completed by mail. No onsite registration will be held.

For more information, call 610-433-7541.

Allentown Fair Special Culinary Contests sponsored by PenTeleData

Extra-incentive prize contests are described in the Fair Premium List but require the completion of separate applications available online at allentownfairpa.org/contests.

1. **PA Preferred Junior Baking Cookies, Brownies and Bars Contests** *sponsored by Newburg Deli & Catering*
2. **Ultimate Fruit Pie Challenge (no apple)** *sponsored by The Buttered Crumb*
3. **Quiche Contest** *sponsored by Sweet Girlz Bakery*
4. **"Any Kind of Fruit" Upside-Down Fruit Cake Contest** *sponsored by Kyms Creation Bakery*
5. King Arthur Flour **Ultimate Brownie/Blondie Contest**
6. Clover Hill Vineyard & Winery's **Mac & Cheese with a Twist Contest**
7. The Pampered Chef **Cake Roll Up Contest**
8. Bechdolts Orchard **Fresh Peach Dessert Contest**
9. **Best "No Bake" Dessert Contest** *sponsored by Sparkle with Jeanine and Park Lane Jewelry*
10. **Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest** *sponsored by Vynecrest Winery and PA Association of County Fairs*
11. **Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest** *sponsored by Grim's Orchard & Family Farms*

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