

# Angelina County Fair “Fair Pairs” Competition



**Who** can participate - 4-H & FFA members

**Contest Date** - TUESDAY, March 24, 2026 at the Huntington First Baptist Church (702 N Main St)

**Age Groups** - Junior (3rd-8th grade) or Senior (9-12th) - MAX of 30 teams in each age group

**Registration** - Deadline to register - January 17th at [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) or [www.angelinacountyfair.com](http://www.angelinacountyfair.com)

**Cost** - \$35.00

**Schedule:**

<b>Morning Check In</b>	<b>7:30 AM - 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Morning Pre-Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Contest</b>	<b>Junior Fair Pairs</b> <b>8:15 AM - 9:15 AM</b> <b>Senior Fair Cup</b> <b>8:15 AM - 9:15 AM</b>
<b>Afternoon Check In</b>	<b>10:30-11:00 AM</b>
<b>Afternoon Pre-Meeting</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Contest</b>	<b>Junior Fair Cup</b> <b>11:15 AM - 12:15 PM</b> <b>Senior Fair Pairs</b> <b>11:15 AM - 12:15 PM</b>
<b>Results</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>

*The Fair Pairs competition will consist of a team of 2 exhibitors and is subject to the ACF General Rules.*

*Questions regarding registration contact Kody Jenkins at [angelinacountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:angelinacountyfair@gmail.com). Questions concerning the contest format or rules contact the Division Superintendent, Ashlyn Childress, [ashlynpigg-childress@hudsonisd.org](mailto:ashlynpigg-childress@hudsonisd.org)*

## Theme for 2026: CIRQUE de FLEUR (CIRCUS OF FLOWERS)

**Competition Format:** Contestants are allowed to enter as a two member team. Those contestants that are entering as a team, both members must be in the same age category. Each team will compete in the design and execution of a fresh floral arrangement centerpiece and table design centered around the provided theme. The tablescapes may include but are not limited to such items as dishes, napkins, additional table coverings, etc. Tablescapes are not limited to just dining tables.

**Design Guidelines:** Each exhibitor should review the design guidelines prior to the Fair Pairs Competition. Exhibitors will also have an opportunity to ask questions at the mandatory pre-event meeting. Exhibitors will have **one hour** to execute their completed tablescape, which includes complete setup of their table.

- All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the contest theme.
- Entries are arrangements of fresh floral cut materials and design elements that fit the theme and your design concept.
- All floral materials and table design elements must be provided by the **Exhibitors** and not exceed \$150.00.
  - Flowers and foliage on the entry should be free of blemishes, insects, and disease
  - Flowers and foliage must be able to stay alive for at least 3 days from time of contest day.
- Each exhibitor will be furnished with a workstation, display table and tablecloth.
- Entries will be displayed on a 30" round table with a black table covering. The exhibitor is responsible for positioning all elements of their design on the table. Exhibitors are required to use the table covering provided by the Show, but can use their own table covering on top of the provided covering.
- Entries should be designed to be **VIEWED FROM ALL SIDES**.
- Each exhibitor must bring their own tools and flowers. Tools/Flowers cannot be shared by exhibitors/teams.
- **No advance preparation** (See Floral Cheat Sheet for more details). Foam will be soaked during orientation.
- Fresh flowers only. Small dry accents can be used (ex. wheat, lotus pods, and cotton)
- Exhibitors are required to bring two (2) copies of their Record book in a folder day of competition. This form can be found online on the floral design page on the ACF website.
- Ashlyn Childress has offered to order fresh flowers for 4-H exhibitors. Contact her for details and order deadlines.

**Exhibitors must provide their own floral tools. Permissible tools include:**

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| • Floral Glue(s)  | • Floral cutters   |
| • Scissors        | • Wrapped Wires    |
| • Wire cutters    | • Wired Wood Picks |
| • Knife           | • Floral Wire      |
| • Floral Tape(s)  | • Hot Glue Guns    |
| • Measuring stick | • Decorative Wire  |

**JUDGING:** The show will select qualified judges for each competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria may be directed to a committee member. Judging will be based on the following seven categories (See page 4 for point values):

- Design Elements – Line, Form, Color, Texture, Size, and Space
- Design Principles – Balance, Proportion, Scale, Rhythm, Contrast, Harmony, and Unity
- Mechanics – Creative Engineering of Mechanics, Proper Coverage of Foam, and Sturdiness of Design
- Execution – Neatness and Cleanliness of overall Design,
- Creativity – Uniqueness of Design, Use of Theme
- Record Book

Only judges and committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.

**No cell phones, watches, earbuds/headphones or any type of communication devices are permitted during the competition. Any exhibitor found communicating with anyone outside of the competition could result in immediate disqualification. Talking or gestures from outside the barrier will not be tolerated and result in immediate disqualification. The judges' decisions will be considered final.**

Winning entries will be announced after the competition/judging is complete. Approximate times will be given at the contest. **Grand and Reserved are REQUIRED to display arrangements in the VIP Section of ACF Expo (Same location as art exhibits).** *Floral Design entries will not be eligible for the ACF Auction.*

## **PRIZES INCLUDE:**

Overall Senior & Junior Champions - Banner

Overall Senior & Junior Reserve Champions - Banner

Senior & Junior Placing Ribbons – 3rd thru 10th

### County Participant Awards

*Monetary prizes may be awarded to Grand and Reserve Champions in each age division based upon number of entries.*

Senior Division Grand Champion – Buckle

Senior Division Reserve Champion – Banner

Junior Division Grand Champion – Buckle

Junior Division Reserve Champion – Banner

<b>Judging Criteria</b>	<b>Point Scale</b>
<b>Floral Design Elements:</b> Line, Form, Color, Space, and Texture	(40)
<b>Floral Design Principles:</b> Balance, Proportion, Depth, Unity, and Harmony	(40)
<b>Floral Mechanics:</b> Creative engineering/covering of mechanics.	(30)
<b>Floral Execution:</b> Neatness and cleanliness of overall design	(15)
<b>Overall Creativity:</b> Tablescape and design fits into the theme, unique use of inspiration décor and florals  <b>2026 Theme:</b> <i>CIRCUS OF FLOWERS</i>	(15)
<b>Record Book:</b> Finished and the tablescape reflects the journaled inspiration. Used florals written and described on the pricing.	(10)
<b>Totals Points</b>	150