

# Hay Bale Decorating Contest

## Rules for Contest

- Hay Bale Decorating Contest is open to all
- Hay Bales will be decorated ON-SITE at the Western Carolina State Fairgrounds
- Entry forms must be received by Sept 30, 2023, and the number of hay bales are limited!
- The Western Carolina State Fair will provide 3-square bales for each participating group. Hay bales will be available for decoration between Friday October 6th and Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Hay bales must be completed no later than noon on Wednesday October 11th. Judging will take place before the fair opens on Friday, October 13. Bales not completed by the time of judging will not be judged.
- Decorations must be of a good, clean, wholesome nature and fitting with the overall theme and atmosphere of the fair. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed.
- Bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end. A maximum of 5 additional square bales for decoration, feet, or props etc. is allowed. Placement of bale and additional bale usage **MUST BE** stated on the entry form and included in the sketch. The area for the bale and additional items must not exceed a 10x10 space.
- Latex paint may be used. No oil based or toxic materials can be used.
- Decorations should be weather/wind proof.
- Bale will stay decorated and on display at the fair through the fair dates and decorations may not be removed before Monday, October 23, 2023
- The Western Carolina State Fair, its' volunteers, directors, or agents are not responsible for lost, stolen, and/or damaged property.

Prizes will be issued to the top three participating groups in each category:

Best decorated bale for fair theme **"take flight"**.

Best decorated bale for overall fair design.

Best decorated bale for fair awareness (dates, invitation to fair, etc.).

First Prize-\$100

Second Prize-\$50

Third Prize-\$25