

## SHOP PROJECTS DIVISION

1. This division is open to all 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA members enrolled in the public and parochial schools of Jim Wells County.
2. Individual Projects and Team Projects can be entered. Team Project(s) cannot exceed more than four exhibitors on a team
3. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per Individual Project and \$20.00 per Team Project. Have entry cards completed and signed by the teacher or 4-H leader or FFA Advisor. EXHIBITOR MUST SELL A FAIR MEMBERSHIP.
4. Projects constructed during the previous 12 month period prior to the fair are eligible. The project must be the direct result of the student's own efforts.
  - Prefabricated, nor prepackaged project kits that require assembly only are not qualified to be entered in the Shop Project Division.
  - Portfolios will be required for each project; they must contain: 1) Design/Drawing plans, 2) Bill of materials, 3) Photos of building process (Start to Finish). 4) Research, and 5) MSDS of chemicals (metals, paints and primers).
5. A removable exhibitor sign will need to be attached to the project(s). Information may only include Exhibitor's name and Club name. This information needs to be on an 8 x10 paper/sign.
6. Exhibitors may enter three projects per class. The exhibitor will assign the Class to which the project belongs. No changes can be made after entry card is turned in. Classes are determined on construction, materials. Intended use, etc. Projects will be divided into the following Classes for Individual and Team

| Class | Individual                                                                            | Team                                                                                  |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Farm machinery and livestock trailers (Chutes, head gates, movers, work tables, etc.) | Farm Machinery and livestock trailers (Chutes, head gates, movers, work tables, etc.) |
| 2     | Welding projects (Headache racks, barbecue pits, flatbed and utility trailers, etc.)  | Welding projects (Headache racks, barbecue pits, flatbed and utility trailers, etc.)  |
| 3     | Yard conveniences (Picnic table, swing set, hanging baskets)                          | Yard conveniences (Picnic table, swing sets, hanging baskets)                         |
| 4     | Indoor furniture (Gun cabinets, coffee tables, stereo cabinets, etc.)                 | Indoor furniture (Gun cabinets, coffee tables, stereo cabinets, etc.)                 |
| 5     | Internal combustion engines                                                           | Internal combustion engines                                                           |
| 6     | All others                                                                            | All other                                                                             |

7. Shop Projects entry cards and fees must be turned in to 4-H leaders, FFA advisors or FCCLA teachers by 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of September to JWCFA Office. Shop Projects must be delivered to the BACK of Merchant's Building on Tuesday October 20, 2026 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Check-in signatures are required from either exhibitor, designated individuals, FCCLA teachers, 4H leaders, FFA advisors or Parent/Guardians at drop-off. Superintendent will designate a display area for each project.

8. Any project with a lid or door (example, barbecue pit) will need to be secured by exhibitors to prevent accidental injury to JWCFA patrons in either an open or closed position when not being judged. Exhibitors may make final touchups at check-in only (Dusting, Polishing and Wipe-downs etc.)

9. Projects will be judged at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday. JWCFA patrons will be allowed to view judging in designated area. No comments, cheering, or interaction with exhibitor(s) or judge while judging/interviewing will be allowed. Any infraction will result in disqualification of the exhibitor.

10. Exhibitor ribbons will be presented at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Merchant's Building following judging. If exhibitor is not able to attend, please send a representative.

11. Judges(s) will award each project a ribbon according to the following: Excellent, Blue Ribbon (100-90 pts); Good, Red Ribbon (89-80pts); Fair, White Ribbon (79-70 pts). Awards will be presented to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion which will be chosen from the First place and Second place in each Division. Any ties will result in a second interview. Judges results are final.

| Categories           | Points |
|----------------------|--------|
| Workmanship          | 30     |
| Documentation        | 20     |
| Knowledge of Project | 20     |
| Design               | 10     |
| Interview            | 10     |
| Difficulty           | 5      |
| Safety               | 5      |
| TOTAL                | 100    |

12. Exhibitors may sell their project by private treaty at any time during the show; A "For Sale" sign may be displayed. Exhibitors will be held responsible for issuing a receipt to the purchaser and seeing that the project is not removed prior to the release date and time.

13. Awards as follows: Grand Champion Project; \$500.00 and Reserve Grand Champion Project; \$300.00. If a Team wins then they will split Grand Champion Premium of \$500 and Reserve Grand Champion Premium of \$300.

14. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors will need to be at the Presentation of Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 24, 2026 by 12:30 p.m. at designated area.

15. Projects may be removed by exhibitors/designated individuals between 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Saturday, October 24th or 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sunday October 25th. No early pick-ups. Any projects left after 11:00 a.m. Sunday October 25th will be surrendered to the Jim Wells County Fair Association.

16. All Shop Projects are eligible for add-ons.