



DEPARTMENT 41 – ROUND BALE CONTEST
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**ONLINE ENTRY MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY CLUB LEADER**

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. Participation will be limited to the first 12 Clubs registered.
2. A Club Leader must pre-enter a 4-H Club by June 1st.
3. Club Leaders must submit a sketch/diagram of decorations and theme. **Mail the sketch/diagram by June 15th to Valerie Harlan, 129 Greenmeadow Drive, Timonium, MD 21093-3454.** Include:
 - a. Club Name, Leaders name & contact information; email/phone#
 - b. Theme of design (i.e., sunflower, pig, chicken, camera, etc.) **See examples below.**
 - c. Bale placement – on its side or standing on end

Note: On its side, a bale's approximate measurements are 4½' long. The circumference is 4' and the height is 4'. If you stand it on its end, it is approximately 4½' tall.
4. Round bales will be provided and placed in outdoor locations.
5. Participants will be notified of the location of their bale and bales will be clearly marked with Club Name. Decorations should be appropriate for assigned location.
6. Participants must provide their own decorating supplies. No mechanical, electrical or electronic devices may be used.
7. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials, and creativity.
8. Hay bales may be decorated from July 1st to 4 pm on July 12th.
9. **It is imperative that Club's provide the means to stabilize the bale so it cannot be moved or shifted.**
10. The bales should be decorated with a good clean wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed – this includes people rolled up inside a bale with feet or head sticking out.
11. Decorations are to be weather and wind-proof, and durable enough to remain through the MD State Fair, until Labor Day. Decorations will become the property of the MD State Fair. Clubs are asked to “touch up” decorations prior to the opening of the State Fair, August 24th.
12. Paint (non-toxic only) may be applied to the hay bale.
13. NO Commercial or Political party signs of ANY KIND are allowed.

Proposed Premium: \$50 Participation

SECTION A – FAIR BEAUTIFICATION

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