

Woodburning Guidelines

Age Groups:

Beginner: Ages 7-11

Junior: Ages 12-15

Senior: 16-19

Notes:

- At this time, Woodburning is not split into age groups at the Cass County Fair. However, the following guidelines are designed for the progression of skills by age group.
- The exhibitor should spend time experimenting with materials to be used in the project.
- The exhibitor should try working with different types of wood and finishes to help yield the desirable results for the project.
- Originals or kits are acceptable as project entries. If using a kit, the instructions should be included for judging.
- The project must consist of one to three articles, depending on skill level, using different skills, techniques, and textures.

Beginner:

- Learn correct methods of sharpening and using tools safely.
- Learn how to hold and turn tool to get different lines.
- Learn different points and how to change and clean them.
- Learn different types of woods that work best.
- Suggested projects: (Remember, projects that are supposed to hang need to include the hanging mechanism).
 - Wooden plaque or wall hanging

Junior:

- Continue using and expanding skills learned in previous years.
- Learn different types of materials that can be burnt like cork, leather, velvet, etc.
- Suggested projects:
 - Belt, wallet, bookmark – leather
 - Hot pads, coasters, etc. – cork
 - Larger wall plaque or hanger, decorative cutting board, tray – wood

Senior:

- Learn to do foil writing.
- Learn to use wood burner to cut, join, form, and emboss plastic safely.
- Learn to paint wood burnt objects with watercolors.
- Learn to use more points.
- Suggested projects:
 - Large painted wall hanging
 - Picture frame, napkin rings