

# Innovate Everyday Life!

## 2026 Placer County Fair is holding an Invention Challenge!

Participants will design and display an original invention that improves everyday life. The invention may solve a common problem, make daily tasks easier, improve safety, or increase comfort or efficiency. All entries will be publicly displayed and must be understandable without digital tools or written explanation.

### Who Can Enter, and what is the prize?

- Elementary School-4 Lincoln Potter tickets
- Middle School-4 Lincoln Potter tickets
- High School- \$100
- College & Adults- \$150

All age groups follow the same rules and are judged within their age group only.

### What to Submit

Each entry must include both:

#### ● Invention or Design

- A prototype or model
- A non-functioning invention
- A blueprint or detailed drawing

(Inventions do not need to work)

#### ● Display Board

- Poster board, tri-fold board, foam board, or similar No digital screens, tablets, or electronics

#### ● Display Must Include

- Invention Name
- The Problem – What everyday problem does it solve?
- The Solution – How does it work?
- Everyday Impact – How does it improve daily life?

Text and visuals must be large and easy to read by fair attendees.

### Display Rules

- Displays must be clearly visible
- Must be self-standing
- No taping, hanging, or wall mounting
- Must be stable and safe for public viewing
- No sharp edges, hazardous materials
- Materials should be durable
- No electricity will be provided

### Public Judging

This competition uses public judging. Fair attendees will vote for entries based on:

- Creativity and originality
- Usefulness in everyday life
- Presentation is clear and easy to understand
- Winners will be determined by public votes within each age group
- Voting will conclude on Saturday June 27th at 11:00 pm

### Design Tip

A fair attendee should be able to understand your invention in under one minute by viewing your display.

### Due Date

June 18th Noon-7:00pm Drop off will be the back of Jones hall

### Located at

@the Grounds  
700 Event Center Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

- Item will be displayed June 25th-28th
- All entries can be picked up by June 29th, 2026 3:00pm - 6:30pm

