



2026 Porch Goose Decorating Contest

Time: 2pm on Saturday, August 1, 2026

Location: Ozaukee County Fair AP Income & Accounting Expo Center

Rules & Guidelines

Get creative and show off your decorating talents by transforming a classic porch goose into a one-of-a-kind masterpiece!

Eligibility

- Open to individuals, families, clubs, organizations, businesses, and groups.
- Entries may be created by one person or a team.
- Participants of all ages are welcome.

Entry Requirements

- **Register your entry by filling out the simple form by July 31, 2026.**
- **This contest is limited to the first 25 registered entries.**
- Each entry must feature a traditional porch goose (concrete or plastic, absolutely no live geese) as the primary display element.
- Size may vary.
- Contestants are responsible for getting their own entry to and from the Expo Center. The Fair does *not* provide transportation.
- Entries may be painted, dressed, accessorized, or decorated in any theme.
- All decorations must be securely attached and suitable for public display.
- Entries must be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages.
- Entries may not contain political messages, profanity, offensive content, or copyrighted material used without permission.

Size & Display Limitations

- The decorated goose must be able to stand safely on its own.
- Total display footprint may not exceed 36" x 36".
- Maximum display height is 48", including accessories and props.

- Electrical components are permitted only if battery-operated. No extension cords or open flames are allowed.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be evaluated on:

- Creativity and originality
- Overall appearance and craftsmanship
- Effective use of theme and materials
- Attention to detail
- Visual impact

Entry Drop-Off

- Entries must be delivered to the designated contest area during the posted check-in period.
- All entries must include a label with the participant's name, age (if applicable), and title of the display.

Display & Public Viewing

- Entries will be displayed on Saturday 8/1/26 only from 2pm until after the Stuffed Animal Show (approx. 3:45pm) for public viewing.
- Fair officials reserve the right to determine final placement and display location.

Awards

Awards may be presented for:

- Best Overall Goose
- Most Creative
- Funniest Goose
- Best Fair Theme
- Youth Division Winner (if applicable)
- "Goose on the Loose" (People's Choice/Crowd Favorite)

Liability

- Reasonable care will be taken with all entries; however, the Ozaukee County Fair and Ozaukee County Agricultural Society are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage.
- Entries left after the Stuffed Animal Show may become property of the Fair.

Pick-Up

- Entries must be picked up following the close of the Stuffed Animal Show.
- Any entry not claimed by the stated deadline may be removed at the discretion of Fair management.

***Fair Theme Bonus**

Participants are encouraged (*not required*) to incorporate agriculture, livestock, carnival rides, fair food, rural traditions, Wisconsin pride, America's 250th or the Ozaukee County Fair spirit into their designs!