

# DEPARTMENT M

## BUCKET OF JUNK COMPETITION

Superintendent: TBA

Entry form deadline:	July 10, 2026
Entry fee:	\$10 per team
Entry arrival:	Sculpture must be in place by 4:30pm Wednesday.
Entry removal:	After 2:00 pm Sunday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Prizes:	First - \$50.00; Second - \$40.00; Third - \$30.00
Limitations:	Contest is limited to 5 entries

The Fair will provide a five-gallon bucket of unique pieces, probably otherwise known as “junk”. All the buckets will include the same number of items and be as close to identical as possible. You can clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that were provided BUT no pieces can be added. Create whatever you want with the contents of your bucket. The goal is to use all the items in the bucket (but not the bucket, **bucket MUST be returned**). **If you have a question, ask it!**

### RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Please read and abide by all the Madison County Fair general rules and regulations.
2. All entries must be pre-registered by 4:30pm on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted.
3. One entry per family or household or other entity. The project must be the group effort of a family, household, organization, or business entity. Each team must have at least one **adult** member.
4. There will be 5 buckets of junk reservations available starting July 6<sup>th</sup>. The first 5 reservations will be informed by phone or email when and where they can pick up their buckets. Please send in your entry form early, reservations are expected to go fast.
5. Sculptures are to be brought to the Whitford Building on the Fairgrounds on Wednesday by 4:30 pm. Judging will be done at 6:00pm. Sculptures will be on display for the Fair. Sculptures not picked up by the end of the Fair on Sunday will be disposed of.
6. When you bring your creation, please remember to bring back the bucket. Buckets that are NOT returned will disqualify your project.
7. Each participant listed on the entry form must pay admission unless they meet criteria for an exhibitor's pass. Bucket of Junk content counts toward a pass.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

Contestants used only the materials that were provided (required)	25%
Contestants used the materials in a new way to create something different	25%
Contestants' ideas are recognizable (Clarity of the idea)	25%
Contestant's overall finished appearance of the sculpture (This includes the difficulty of the piece & how well it was made)	25%

### Theme of your project should be:

**“Madison County Fair Salutes America's 250 Year Legacy”**