



Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee Jr. Weld It! Competition



Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Distinctive Metals – 2502 Gun Club Road, Angels Camp

ENTRIES DUE: Saturday, April 4, 2026 by 5 PM

Entry Fee: \$10

Safety: All contestants will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to participating in the Jr. Weld It! Competition. Liability waivers will be provided the morning of the event. Distinctive Metals has the option to include safe work habits as part of the scorecard of up to 10% of the total points possible in that specific skill event. After a warning, Distinctive Metals reserves the right to remove any contestant that violates accepted safety practices that endanger themselves or others in the contest.

Category 1: Novice Elementary (Ages 8-12) “Future Welder Skills Challenge”

Purpose:

- Introduce kids to welding concepts in a safe, hands-on, educational way, without using live welding equipment.
- Competition format – Participants rotate through stations and earn points.

Stations:

1. Safety Gear Relay
 - Kids identify and correctly put on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Score based on fastest time
2. Wing Nut Man Challenge
 - Using small metal pieces (nuts, washers, rods), kids assemble a simple “wing nut man”
 - Score based on fastest time, creativity, accuracy, and proportionality
3. *TENTATIVE* – Mock Welding Simulator (if available)
 - Use a virtual welder to weld a bead line
 - Score based on consistency

Awards for Novice Elementary – Sponsored by Fastenal:

1. Best Safety Skills
2. Most Creative Metal Design
3. Future Welder Award

Category 2: Advanced (Ages 13-18) “Junior Weld-Off”

Purpose:

- Give experienced youth welders a real challenge using approved welding equipment, safety checks, and skilled judging.
- Competition format – Participants rotate through stations and earn points.
- This is a real welding competition supervised by certified adults.

Stations:

1. Safety and Tool Identification Test
 - Kids identify and correctly put on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Kids identify tools
 - Score based on accuracy
2. Welding Competition
 - Using three prefabricated metal cutouts, contestants will weld one project of choice:
 - Steer
 - Pig
 - Lamb
 - Horse
 - Frog
 - Score based on weld quality (cleanliness, penetration, straightness)

Awards for Advanced – Sponsored by Fastenal:

1. Best Safety Skills
2. Champion Steer
3. Champion Pig
4. Champion Lamb
5. Champion Horse
6. Champion Frog

Additional Awards for Advanced Seniors – Final Sponsors TBD:

1. Advanced Male Welder – Belt Buckle & Scholarship (dollar amount TBD)
2. Advanced Female Welder – Belt Buckle & Scholarship (dollar amount TBD)

PPE & Equipment: PPE will be provided for the competition by Fastenal; however, participants may bring their own PPE if they choose. Welding equipment and tools will be provided for the competition by Distinctive Metals.

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PO Box 489

Angels Camp CA 95222

Jr. Weld It! Competition – Entry Form

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Contestant Information

Contestant Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ **Age (as of 5/16/26):** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): YS / YM / YL / AS / AM / AL / AXL

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Category Selection (check one)

Category 1: Novice Elementary (Ages 8–12) – *Future Welder Skills Challenge*

Category 2: Advanced (Ages 13–18) – *Junior Weld-Off*

Advanced Category Only (Ages 13–18)

Project Choice (check one):

Steer **Pig** **Lamb** **Horse** **Frog**

PPE Plan (check one):

I will use PPE provided at the competition

I will bring my own PPE

Emergency Contact (required)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Safety & Waiver Acknowledgement

All contestants must sign a **liability waiver** prior to participating.

Payment

Entry Fee: \$10

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Payment Method (check one): Cash Check Other: _____

Payment Received (office use): Yes No **Date:** // _____ **Initials:** _____

Signatures

I certify the contestant meets the age requirement for the selected category and agrees to follow all safety rules and instructions.

Contestant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submission (office use / instructions)

Return completed entry form by: Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM

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PO Box 489
Angels Camp CA 95222
There is a drop box for your convenience.

**Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee
39th District Agricultural Association**

2026 Junior Welding Competition

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I _____ ("PARTICIPANT") ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE VOLUNTARILY APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE 39TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. (CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS) (FROGTOWN)

I AM AWARE THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in this program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The fair management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property. I certify that these entries comply with Local, State and Department Rules contained in this Handbook. I certify that I have read the statement listed above.

As consideration for being permitted by the Fair and the State of California to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Fair or the State of California or any of their affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in the activities described above. I forever release the Fair and the State of California and any of their **affiliated organizations** from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now or hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described above.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE FAIR, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

EXECUTED AT Calaveras County Fairgrounds, Angels Camp CA ON -----

PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Signature _____

Date; _____

