






Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee

Youth Ranch Penning



Event Details:

-  **Date:** May 14, 2026. Will begin after the conclusion of the Youth Stampede Events.
-  **Location:** Calaveras County Fairgrounds – Frogtown Arena
-  **Entry Fee:** \$50 per team (two-person team)

-  **Division 101 (9-13 yrs.)** – Buckles awarded to the winning team.
-  **Division 201 (14-17 yrs.)** – Buckles awarded to the winning team.

Ranch Penning Rules

Contestants must be between the ages of 9 and 17, as of January 1, 2026. Each team will consist of 2 riders. Time will begin when contestants gallop across the starting line. There will be a 3-minute time limit, and a 1-minute warning will be given. There will be 3 head of cattle released in the arena. Riders must attempt to get the cattle into the catch pen. To call for time, one rider must raise their hand for the flag as the horse's nose crosses the opening of the pen. Team must have at least one animal penned to call for time. If teams are unable to pen 3 cattle, awards will be named according to the fastest time made by the teams penning 2 cattle, etc. If one team pens 3 cattle within the allotted time, that team will take precedence over 2 cattle, regardless of time.

Arena Committee Members:

Ace Anderson, Clinton Brownlie, Joe & Suzanne Butler, Aaron Cole, Krista Delgado, Tim Folendorf, Shane Lucore, Chris Markus, Kelsey Markus, Nikole Tippit, Lyle Vandeburgh.

Arena Director: Tillie Mann

The Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee is May 14-17, 2026.
For additional information contact tillie.frogtown@gmail.com or visit frogtown.org.

In Memory of Stan Dell'Orto



The Calaveras County Fair is excited to be bringing back Ranch Penning for our young cowboys and cowgirls. This longtime favorite event will be dedicated to the memory of Stan Dell'Orto. Stanford "Stan" Carl Dell'Orto, 71, of Mokelumne Hill, passed away on August 9, 2025, while riding his horse in the Stanislaus National Forest on his summer grazing allotment, moving cattle alongside his son.

Born in San Andreas in 1954, Stan attended Mokelumne Hill Elementary and later Calaveras High School. Stan was part of a proud, multi-generational cattle ranching family. The ranch was not just his livelihood, but his life's calling, and he devoted himself to improving the land, caring for cattle and the cowboy way.

In 1980, he married Robin Cuneo and together they built a life rooted in love, hard work and deep family ties. To his children and grandchildren, Stan was both a teacher and a steady leader, always showing by example what it meant to live with integrity, grit and devotion.

He was the heart and leader of the ranch when it came to cattle. There seemed to be nothing he couldn't do – how to bring the herd safely out of the mountains for fall calving season, bottle feeding an orphaned calf, doctoring a sick animal, milling lumber, fixing fence, training dogs, driving a cattle truck, brushing landscape, knowing where every salt block was placed, or how to track a single cow for miles through the forest until he found her. Through careful breeding and a sharp eye for quality, he dedicated himself to raising the genetic bar in his herd, ensuring that the cattle operation would remain strong and excellent. He especially loved his summer grazing allotment in the Stanislaus National Forest, where he spent countless seasons in the high country watching over the herd with the same dedication his family had shown for generations.

Stan passed down to his children and grandchildren the skills, patience and determination it takes to run cattle and keep the ranch strong. His wisdom was deep, his knowledge hard-earned and his lessons came not from books, but from years in the saddle and a life on the land. Though the work ahead will be harder without him, his teachings will guide the family forward and they hope to make him proud by continuing the ranching legacy he built and cherished. He was a true steward of the land and guardian of the herd.

Stan especially loved watching his kids, grandkids & friends compete in the Frogtown Arena and in the livestock rings and he is dearly missed by all.

General Guidelines:

Residency Requirements: Open to Calaveras, Amador, Tuolumne and Alpine counties. Annually the Calaveras County Fair is homecoming for many people who grew up in Calaveras County and attended the Fair. We would like to encourage participation from cowpokes whose western roots are steeped in Calaveras County. These out of the area riders may participate in events if 50% of their team is a resident or producer in Calaveras County.

Residency shall be determined by a valid Driver's License, physical address, address of brand registration, or address of property used for grazing cattle.

Entry Deadline: If Ranch Penning has not been filled by April 10, 2026, contestants may enter a second team.

Final Deadline: May 1, 2026.

Entry Limit: Each Division will be limited to 12 teams. Contestants may not enter more than twice.

A release of liability signed by the contestant or contestant & parent/guardian is required.

Admission: (Ranch Penning Contestants) The entered contestant will be allowed free admission to the Fair on Thursday, May 14, 2026. All other individuals in the vehicle will need admission passes. Contestant names will be on a list at the lower gate.

Age Restrictions: Age is determined by the contestant's age on January 1, 2026.

To compete in the **Ranch Penning**, a contestant must be at least 9 years old as of January 1, 2026.

All contestants are encouraged to wear helmets during competition.

All contestants must wear a cowboy hat or helmet and long-sleeved western style shirt or blouse.

Contestants may not ride more than once on the same team. The second entry must be with a different partner. Please make any substitutions to the secretary prior to the event.

Once a team or individual is called to enter the arena, they have one minute to get into the arena. If they do not respond, the team/individual will be disqualified.

If a 9–13-year-old partners with a 14–17-year-old, they must enter in Division 201 (14-17).

Buckles will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

No outside alcohol is permitted past the holding area. Violation may result in disqualification.

The judge's decisions are final.

Youth Ranch Penning Entry Form

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Team Name _____

Division 101 (9-13) _____ Division 201 (14-17) _____

Entry Fee \$50

Contestant Name #1	
_____	Age _____ DOB _____
	Address _____
	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
	Phone _____
	Email _____
Contestant Name #2	
_____	Age _____ DOB _____
	Address _____
	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
	Phone _____
	Email _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I, _____ A YOUTH RANCH PENNING ENTRANT ("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) – RANCH PENNING

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 these rules. 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 ANGELS CAMP, CA ON _____

ALL PARTICIPANT SIGNATURES:

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, YOU AND YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.