

# Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee

**GOING FROG WILD, MAY 16-19, 2019**

## Frog Jump Team Package

**Registration Due Date: May 1, 2019**

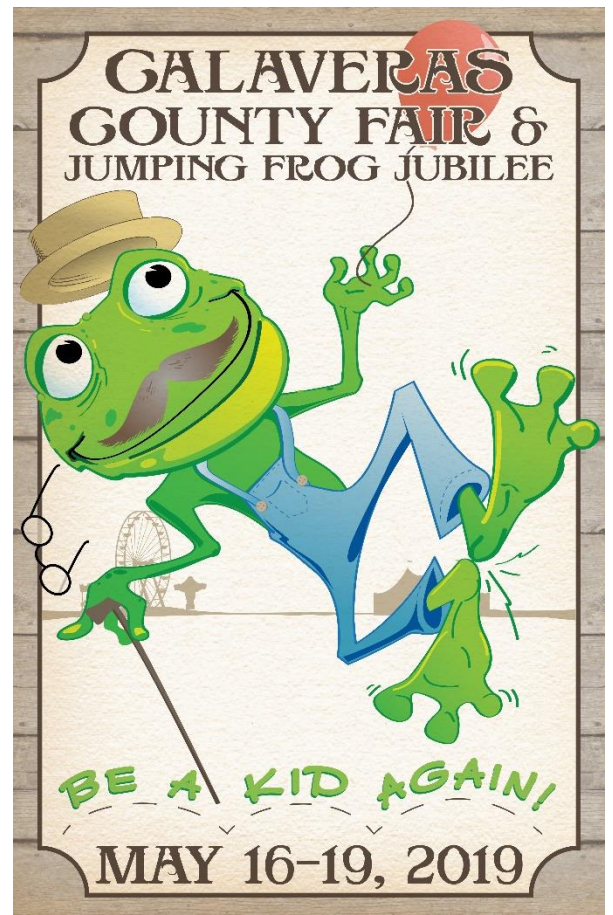
**Frog Bounty Due Date: April 1, 2019**

**Please return application to:**

**PO Box 489, Angels Camp CA 95222**

Enclosed please find:

1. **2019 Frog Jump Policy -Prices**
2. **Registration – Order Form**
3. **Official Rules**
4. **Be a Kid Photo Contest – Bio**
5. **Frog Bounty Program**
6. **Frog Welfare Policy**



## FROG JUMP TEAM POLICY - PRICES

Team Registration Fee: \$60, includes 10 prepaid jump forms (does not include frogs), 10 prepaid admission passes.

Other purchase options:

**Pond camping:** \$100 per spot, includes 1 vehicle parking pass. An additional vehicle may be purchased for \$20. Two vehicles are permitted per space.

**Lot A camping pass:** \$100, includes one parking pass. There is only one vehicle permitted per space.

**Ball Diamond Space:** \$35 per night, one vehicle pass, an additional pass can be purchased for \$20. Two vehicles are permitted per space.

**Parking passes:** Lot A, \$20, one per family. Season parking, any outside lot, \$20 unlimited.

**Admission:** 4-day junior participant wrist band, \$17, 4 day adult participant wristband \$25. Children 12 and under are free on Thursday and children 5 and under are free every day.

**Frog Rental:** Teams can rent frogs from the Fair for the competition. The cost of the rental is \$15 per frog. Frogs have to be returned within 4 hours of check out time. Frogs have to remain in the stage area at all times and cannot be taken to the camping areas. Frogs rented by teams will be kept in an isolated area. Teams may take care of their rented frogs in the Frog Spa.

**There will not be a Frog Team dinner in 2019.**

**However you are invited to a no host meet and greet at the Ranch House from p.m. to 7 p.m.**

# FROG JUMP RULES

## A. Entry Forms:

- An entry form must be purchased for each frog to be jumped.
- No refunds on entry forms paid but not used.
- Entry forms from previous years cannot be used.
- By entering a frog, you agree to be photographed. Any photos will become the property of the Association and may be used in promotional efforts.

## B. Frog Requirements:

- Must be at least four inches (4") from nose to tail.
- Must begin jump with all four (4) feet, including toes, on the eight inch (8") launch pad.
- No substitutions.
- Evidence of jumping the same frog twice will result in disqualification and forfeiture of prizes.
- No foreign substances permitted in the water.

## C. Jump Officials

*In the background -*

- **Stage Manager** oversees activity on the stage and has the final word in all situations.
- **Entry Clerk** collects entry forms and processes them to present to the Announcer.
- **Recorders** write jump results on entry forms.
- **Timekeeper** mans the clock for one minute jump requirement.
- **Frog Handler** moves rental frogs from buckets to individual jumpers.
- **Runners** take frogs from the Frog Spa to the Stage and back.
- *On the stage* — **Announcers, Stickmen, Measurers and Netters**

## D. Rotation of Entries:

- Individuals/teams may enter a maximum of 20 frogs at one time.
- Entry forms must be turned into the Entry Clerk. To submit additional entries, you must go to the end of the line.
- Once a set of forms (maximum of 20) are handed to the Entry Clerk; no more can be added to that set of 20.

- Entry Clerk takes the forms for each round and divides them into two groups:
- First five go into the "5 Stack" slot on Recorders' table. These cannot be touched or changed.
- Remaining entries in this round go into "15 Stack" slot on Entry Board. With Entry Clerk's approval and supervision these entries can be changed or removed until they reach the "5 Stack."
- Entry Clerk hands entries from the "5 Stack" to the Announcer.
- Entry Clerk moves entries five at a time from the "15 Stack" to the "5 Stack."

## E. Team Staging:

- Individuals/teams move onto the stage on a first-come, first-served basis.
- First three teams take the three tables on stage and must exit off once their jumps are completed.
- Stage Manager alerts those in next three positions of their impending jumps.
- Once alerted, teams have two minutes to take their tables onto the stage.
- Teams are not allowed to stack the line. Teams may occupy more than one table at discretion of the Stage Manager in cases of overlapping or delay in jump action.

## F. Jump Measuring:

- The distance will be measured on the third jump in a straight line from the center of the pad to the tail of the frog. A walk or skip is counted as a jump.
- If a frog jumps into the Jockey or the Jockey's equipment, the frog will be disqualified.
- If a frog jumps into other people or other people's equipment on the stage, the Jockey may allow a re-jump or take the mark.
- During the jump only the person jockeying the frog may move ahead of the launching pad.
- Frog catchers shall be on the right– or left-hand corners of the stage and cannot move until the frog has finished jumping.
- The jump must occur within one (1) minute from start to finish.
- A one-minute clock will start when the Announcer announces the Jockey's name.
- If the jump is not completed within one (1) minute the horn will sound and the frog will be disqualified.
- Touching the frog after it leaves the pad is cause for immediate disqualification.
- All marks are final. Any interference by a participant or team member may be cause for disqualification.

## BE A KID AGAIN...

Please send us your best kid photo with your registration form. We are going to put them on our Website and Facebook Page and see who is the wildest. The winner will receive 10 free from jump entries and 5 free dinners. Please make sure you send the name of the person and the year the photo was taken.

**Tell us about your team, include when the team was formed, how many times your team has won the Grand Finals etc.**

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## FROG BOUNTY PROGRAM

The Frog Jump is the cornerstone of the Calaveras County Fair, and a great part of the Jump is the Frog rental program to individuals who do not have their own frogs. In order to have enough frogs for the Fair we have instituted the following program.

- The Fair will pay a bounty of \$ 10.00 per live frog brought to the Frog Spa beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- All frogs must be brought into the Fair not later than Friday afternoon of the Fair.
- Frogs must be in good health.
- Only those frogs accepted by designated Frog Jump Committee member will be paid for.
- The Frog Jump Committee retains the right to rent frogs without discrimination to any person wishing to rent frogs.
- Frogs must be at least 4 inches from nose to tail-end.
- Frogs will be accepted on a first come first served basis up to 400 frogs. To participate there is a 25 frog minimum.
- Commitments for frogs must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup>. After April 1<sup>st</sup> please contact us to see if any more are needed.
- This program is separate any and all Team programs.

- The same number of frogs will be returned to the team. The team is then obligated to return the frogs back to their natural habitat.
- The Frog Jump Committee goes to extreme measures to insure that the frogs are kept safe, losses maybe be incurred. The percentage loss will be equally deducted from each supplier when the frogs are returned.
- Frogs must be picked up immediately after the Grand Finals.
- Payment, if invoiced, will be made within two weeks of the fair closing and the verification of frogs received and returned.
- Frog Jump Committee and/or Fair management reserves the right to amend or change this program as needed.

## FROG BOUNTY COMMITMENT FORM

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We can commit to \_\_\_\_\_ Frogs.

Please return by April 1, 2019. For more information contact Ron Dwelley at 209-770-5036.

**Mail to:**

**Calaveras County Fair**

**PO Box 489**

**Angels Camp CA 95222**



# 2019 FROG WELFARE POLICY

## Policy Statement

The Board of Directors of the Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee®, is dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to frogs, and advocates the safe and proper handling of frogs used in public events.

## General Policy

It is the intention of the Board of Directors to ensure the safe and proper handling of all frogs involved in the Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee and related events and activities.

This policy shall also apply to Frog Jump Contests officially sanctioned by the fair, regardless of where they are held, as well as Special Frog Jumps and promotional activities held in conjunction with the Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee.

This policy shall apply to the following categories of frogs:

1. Those frogs obtained by the association and under the control and supervision of the association
2. Those frogs obtained by others and brought to the Calaveras Fairgrounds for the Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee or related events and activities
3. Those frogs used in any jump sanctioned by the Calaveras County Fair and Jumping frog Jubilee.

It is the intention of the Board of Directors to ensure the safe and proper handling of all live frogs involved in the Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee and related events and activities.

## General Procedures

### Catching and Releasing

Persons wishing to catch frogs in the wild for use in Frog Jumping contests or other public events should make every effort to assure the safe and humane handling of the frogs. Nets are recommended as the safest method of capturing frogs. Nets should have 1/4 inch mesh or smaller so the frogs' legs cannot get caught in the netting, causing injury. Care should be taken to avoid capturing female frogs carrying eggs. Frogs should be placed in appropriate housing immediately. Following completion of the Frog Jumping contest frogs should not be

released into the wild; frogs should be given to fair organizers and returned to a non-sensitive habitat as per recommendations by the California Department of Fish & Game.

## Housing

Frogs shall be housed in a safe and humane manner that ensures their protection and comfort. Frog housing should be dark and wet, providing an appropriate environment for amphibians. Frogs need not be separated into individual compartments, but care should be taken to separate small frogs from larger ones. When frogs are housed together, make certain there is adequate room, air, and water for all. The housing should be secure enough to prevent frogs from escaping and to protect frogs from danger, including natural predators such as dogs, birds, snakes, etc. If frogs are kept in pails or tanks with water, the water should be shallow enough to allow the frogs to keep their heads above water while sitting on the bottom. Rocks or other types of perches can be provided to allow the frogs to get out of the water. The water should be changed daily. Care should be taken to minimize frogs' exposure to chlorinated water. Frogs can be safely housed in wet gunny or feed sacks, with no more than ten frogs per sack. The sacks should be kept wet and cool, and tied securely at the top, allowing the frogs room to move around but preventing escape.

## Transportation

Frogs shall be transported in a safe and humane manner. In the event frogs are to be transported across state lines or from one country to another, it is the responsibility of the person transporting the frogs to ensure their safety and comfort, and to know and obey all relevant laws and regulations.

It is suggested that frogs be transported in wet gunny sacks placed inside a waterproof container with adequate ventilation. Every effort should be made to ensure frogs remain wet; have adequate air supply; are not jostled or shaken in a harmful manner; are not exposed to excessive sunlight or other harsh light; and do not have the opportunity to escape into a potentially harmful environment.

## Care of Sick or Injured Frogs

Anytime frogs are used in a Frog Jump or other public event, one person should be designated as responsible for the welfare of the frogs. In the event a frog involved in a public event appears to that designated person to be sick or injured, that frog shall be removed from the event immediately, isolated from other frogs, and cared for as much as possible. Any frog that dies during a public event shall be disposed of immediately, and may not be eaten or used for any other purpose (Per California Fish & Game Code section 6883).

## Food

If kept in a cool (55 to 60 degrees) environment, frogs will often remain in a semi-hibernation state and may not eat even if food is available. However, food should be made available. Frogs will eat a varied diet. Insects and worms are preferred, although small pieces of raw meat may be used.

## Handling

Frogs shall be handled in a manner that prevents injury to the frog and maintains humane control so it will be difficult for the frog to escape into a potentially harmful environment. To pick up a frog, place your hand gently but firmly on both sides of its body with its belly facing away from your palm. Do not pick up a frog by one or more legs or by its head or neck. Do not shake or otherwise roughly handle frogs. Do not keep a frog out of water so long that its skin become dry. Do not expose frogs to excessive sunlight or other harsh light. Do not squeeze frog hard enough to injure.

Although Mark Twain's original short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" involved feeding buckshot to a frog in order to discourage it from jumping, the feeding or injecting of any unnatural, inappropriate or harmful objects to frogs for any reason is strictly prohibited.

## Frog Jump Competitions

Frogs provided for a frog jumping competition or other public event should be transported and housed in a humane and safe manner. It is recommended that frogs used for a frog jumping competition be allowed to rest in an appropriate place after each jump and not be jumped more than three times in one day. Knowledgeable judges should be provided and given the authority to remove a frog from competition if the frog is too small, not in good health, or for any other humane reason.

## Emergency Procedures

If a frog escapes during a public event, every effort should be made to recapture the frog without harming it and to avoid allowing it to reach a harmful or inappropriate environment. Public events involving frogs should have an Emergency Response Plan that identifies:

1. Individual or individuals responsible for the welfare of the frogs in the event of an emergency or disaster
2. Evacuation plan, including who will evacuate the frogs, mode of transportation, where the frogs are to be taken.

## Procedures for Violation of Frog Welfare Policy

In the event an individual or group is observed violating this Frog Welfare Policy or behaving in any manner that endangers frogs the individual should be informed that his or her actions are endangering the frog(s) and have appropriate actions or behaviors explained.

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2. If the individual or group continues to endanger the frog(s) after being informed as to proper frog handling procedures:
3. That individual or group may be prohibited from handling, touching, jumping or having any contact with any frogs under the direct control and supervision of the Fair and Fair personnel.
4. That individual or group may be asked to leave the premises and, if necessary, may be escorted off the premises. The Fair shall be prepared to accept and care for any unwanted frogs brought to a frog jumping competition or other public event.

## Procedures for Handling Complaints

In the event an individual or group expresses a concern or complaint about the handling of frogs at the Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee or related events and activities, that individual or group shall:

1. Be directed to the Fair Manager/CEO and/or designee
2. Be provided with free and open access to all frog facilities on the grounds or premises
3. Be given a copy of this Frog Welfare Policy
4. Have his or her concerns or complaints investigated and addressed immediate

If deemed necessary by the Fair Manager/CEO, a statement or press release on the matter shall be prepared as quickly as possible, and shall be a factual account of the issue. All press releases, press conferences and other statements regarding a complaint, concern or emergency situation are to be approved by Fair Manager/CEO.

## Endangered Species

**Under no circumstances will a frog listed on the endangered species list be permitted to participate in the Frog Jump.**

**The California State Fish & Game Commission Codes and Regulations pertaining to Frogs and Frog Jumping are herein included and made a part of this policy.**

## Pertaining to Frogs and Frog Jumping

(Note: Fish & Game Codes are laws approved by the State Legislature. The California Code of Regulations contains regulations approved by the Fish & Game Commission, as authorized by the Fish & Game Code.)

Fish & Game Code (Division 6, Fish - Part 1, Generally, Chapter 7, Amphibian - Article 2, Frog-jumping contests; Enacted 1957) Historical Note: Similar to section 1356 of the Fish and Game Code of 1933, as added by Stats.1955, c.149, p.603, §3.

§6880. Frog jumping contest defined. As used in this article, "frog-jumping contest" means a contest generally and popularly known as a frog-jumping contest which is open to the public and is advertised or announced in a newspaper (Stats.1957, c.456, p.1415, §6880.).

§6881. Taking frogs for jumping contest without license. Frogs to be used in frog-jumping contests shall be governed by this article only. Frog to be so used may be taken at any time and without a license or permit (Stats.1957, c.456, p.1415, §6881).

§6882. Presumption from mode of taking frogs. If the means for taking such frogs can, as normally used, seriously injure the frog, it shall be conclusively presumed the taking is not for the purposes of a frog-jumping contest (Stats.1957, c.456, p.1415, §6882.).

§6883. Death of jumping frog. Any person may possess any number of live frogs to use in frog-jumping contests, but if such a frog dies or is killed, it must be destroyed as soon as possible, and may not be eaten or otherwise used for any purpose (Stats.1957, c.456, p.1415, §6883).

§6884. Frogs excluded from article. A frog which is not kept in a manner which is reasonable to preserve its life is not within the coverage of this article (Stats.1957, c.456, p.1415, §6884).

§6885. Article not subject to modification by regulation. The commission has no power to modify the provisions of this article by any order, rule, or regulation. (Stats.1957, c.456, p.1415, §6885.)

## **California Code of Regulations**

### **Subsection (i) of Section 658, Title 14, Amend 658, effective Feb. 24, 1995**

(i) Restricted sale. Except for bullfrogs sold, leased, or rented for use in frog jumping contests as defined in Fish and Game Code section 6880, bullfrogs taken under authority of a permit issued pursuant to this section may be sold only to bona fide scientific or educational institutions and may be used only for scientific or educational purposes, and may not be sold, purchased or traded for any other use.

Summary of Regulatory Action. The regulatory action authorizes scientific supply houses which have permits to sell bullfrogs to bona fide scientific or educational institutions to also sell bullfrogs for use in frog jumping contests.

