



# 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair Livestock Show Announcer

## *Job posting and position description*

Event	2026 Santa Barbara County Fair
Dates	July 3-12, 2026
Status	Paid internship or volunteer, depending on circumstances and experience

### Job Posting

The 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair is seeking a clear, professional, and organized Livestock Show Announcer to provide public announcements during livestock shows held July 3-12, 2026. Depending on assignment, duties may begin up to two weeks prior to the Fair for preparation, training, setup, or coordination.

The Announcer helps keep exhibitors, families, volunteers, and spectators informed by calling classes, recognizing judges and sponsors, announcing official results, and communicating approved schedule or safety information.

This position works closely with the Ring Steward, Barn / Ready-Ring Steward, Clerk / Recorder, Awards Assistant, judge, and show management. The Announcer must wait for confirmed results before announcing placings and must maintain a positive, family-friendly tone throughout the event.

The ideal candidate is comfortable speaking over a microphone, can pronounce names carefully, follows instructions accurately, and can keep the public informed without interfering with the judge or show-ring process.

This position may be a paid internship or volunteer assignment depending on circumstances, experience, availability, and assigned responsibilities.

### Position Description

Position Title	Announcer
Event	2026 Santa Barbara County Fair (July 3-12, 2026)
Species	Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, or other livestock species as assigned
Reports To	Livestock Superintendent, Show Manager, Livestock Office, Fair Manager, or other designated event official.

### Position Purpose

The Announcer provides clear, accurate, professional public communication before, during, and after livestock shows. The Announcer supports show flow, exhibitor readiness, sponsor recognition, public education, and official result announcements.

*Announcer*

### Works Closely With

- Ring Steward
- Barn / Ready-Ring Steward
- Clerk / Recorder
- Awards Assistant
- Judge
- Sponsor or awards coordinator
- Show management

### Essential Duties

- Review the show program, class order, judge biography, sponsor list, award list, pronunciation notes, and emergency announcements before the show.
- Test the public address system, microphone, batteries, cords, and backup equipment before the show begins.
- Welcome exhibitors, families, volunteers, and spectators.
- Introduce the judge using approved information.
- Announce each class before it enters the ring.
- Call upcoming classes, including on-deck and in-the-hole calls where appropriate.
- Coordinate with the Barn / Ready-Ring Steward so upcoming exhibitors are properly alerted.
- Announce official placings only after receiving confirmation from the Clerk / Recorder or show management.
- Recognize sponsors, donors, volunteers, fair staff, youth organizations, and award contributors as directed.
- Provide approved educational or explanatory commentary for spectators when appropriate.
- Make approved safety, weather, schedule, release, and emergency announcements.
- Maintain a professional, positive, family-friendly tone at all times.

### Qualifications

- Comfortable speaking clearly over a microphone.
- Able to read names, class lists, sponsor copy, and placing information accurately.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Able to follow show management instructions.
- Able to remain neutral and professional.
- Familiarity with livestock shows preferred.
- Able to sit or stand at the announcer table for extended periods.

### Authority and Limitations

The Announcer may make approved public announcements, call classes, recognize sponsors, and announce confirmed results. The Announcer may not announce unofficial results, editorialize about judge decisions, comment negatively about exhibitors or animals, resolve disputes publicly, or make emergency announcements without direction unless immediate safety requires it.



### **Conduct Expectations**

The Announcer must use professional, family-friendly language and avoid speculation, criticism, favoritism, or comments that could undermine exhibitors, judges, volunteers, staff, or show management.

### **Work Period**

The 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair runs July 3-12, 2026. Depending on the assigned responsibilities, duties may begin up to two weeks prior to the Fair and may continue through post-show cleanup, records completion, award reconciliation, animal release, or final checkout.