

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear 4-H Exhibit Judges:

2011 marks a year of change for 4-H fair exhibit classes. 4-H project categories were changed in 2010 and exhibit classes have been re-organized to align with project categories. Individual exhibit classes have been simplified; there is now one (1) exhibit class for each project area.

To help explain these changes to our 4-H family, including judges, campus 4-H program staff will host a webinar Monday, April 4 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Individuals interested in viewing the program live may join the meeting at <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/judges/>. (\*\*See information below for computer requirements.\*\*\*) During the program you will learn about the new fair classes, exhibit changes, and additional informational pieces that are being shared to help make the fair judging process a positive experience for families, members, judges, and staff.

**Please note that this program will be recorded and will be available for viewing at your convenience.** The recording will be posted on the 4-H Judges web page at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/adults/judges/>. The recording should be available by April 8. (Some county extension offices may host a meeting for 4-H volunteers and judges either April 4 or on a later date. Search for 4-H events on the ISU Extension Calendar at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>. Look for 4-H Fair Exhibit Changes in the event title.) As a 4-H exhibit judge, you will need to view this program and become familiar with related information prior to judging your first county fair. All 4-H judges information will be located on the judges web page.

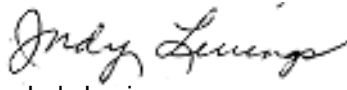
To ease the transition to new project categories and exhibit classes, 4-H project web pages were re-designed and project "Hot Sheets" were created. The Hot Sheets include project objectives, ideas for citizenship and leadership, and fair exhibit ideas. Project pages and Hot Sheets are located at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>. We have also prepared "4-H Exhibit Tip Sheets" to provide additional help to members, including information about exhibit evaluation standards. As 4-H judges, you're knowledgeable about how exhibits are evaluated. The 4-H Exhibit Tip Sheets now provide this same information to 4-H members. All Tip Sheets, along with 4-H Fair Evaluation Forms are linked from the project pages and the 4-H Judges web page. The 4-H Judges web page, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/adults/judges/>, will continue to be updated and revised as new materials are created. As new documents are prepared, they will replace the old ones in the handbook.

It's important to recognize what hasn't changed with the new exhibit classes. We have not changed evaluation standards, evaluation criteria, or the evaluation process. While the classes have been changed, the overall judging process for 2011 will have a very familiar look and feel to previous years.

We thank you for your continued support of the Iowa 4-H program, and for all you do to encourage 4-H members during the exhibit evaluation experience. [You are receiving this letter via USPS because we did not have an email address for you on file, or the email address bounced. Send your email address to [mklitzel@iastate.edu](mailto:mklitzel@iastate.edu), if you wish to add it to your contact information in the Judges Database.]



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**\*\*Computer requirements to attend the live program\*\*:**

- Must run a browser which supports Flash 6.0.79 or greater (Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, Mozilla Firefox, and Safari).
- An active internet connection. High speed (at least 512 kbps download speed) is recommended for optimal experience.

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before, test your connection:

[https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting\\_test.htm](https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm)