

What kinds of exhibits can I bring to fair?

The opportunities to exhibit outgrowths of your 4-H experience at the fair are almost limitless. Another good source for exhibit ideas is in 4-H project manuals. Call the Extension office to find out if a project manual exists for the area you are interested in. Be sure to read your "Rules for Exhibits in Keppy Hall" before you begin preparing an exhibit for the fair. Additional guidelines for exhibit of each category are listed in the fairbook under the description of each class. Here are some ideas:

## **Agriculture and Natural Sciences**

### 101A: Animal Science

- *A poster about how to select animal care items*
- *A report detailing career options and educational requirements in caring for animals*
- *A report describing unique waste management programs*

### 211A: Conservation

- *A display describing soil conservation*
- *A report explaining a windbreak plan on a farm or acreage*
- *A poster about creating habitat or reforestation of an area*

### 701: Crop Production

- *A display explaining how to choose forage varieties*
- *A report describing a disease or pest management plan*
- *A poster promoting organic farming or alternative agriculture*

### 221: Entomology

- *A poster explaining an insect life cycle*
- *A report describing a bee management project*
- *A display showing research on insect genetics*

### 706A: Forestry

- *Species collection of native trees including leaves, seeds, etc.*

### 706B: Forestry

- *A report discussing research on the uses of different kinds of tree products*
- *A poster showing common tree diseases, their causes and treatments*

### 711A: Horticulture

- *A display about vegetable/herb companions*
- *A poster promoting horticulture careers*
- *A report discussing non-chemical pest management ideas*

### 741A: Plant Science

- *A poster educating about plant life cycles*
- *A display about cross breeding of plant varieties*
- *A report detailing root system growth*

231A: Veterinary Science

- *An educational display showing how disease is transmitted through the transport of animals*
- *A poster explaining the diagnosis and treatment of parasites in animals*

911A: Wildlife

- *A poster explaining how to identify wildlife tracks*
- *A display educating the public about the food chain*

## **Science, Mechanics and Engineering**

401A: Aerospace

- *Any flyable model*

401B: Aerospace

- *A poster explaining how airplanes gain lift*
- *A display educating the public about model rocket safety*
- *A poster explaining NASA's current areas of focus*

421A: Automotive

- *Restored vehicles*

421B: Automotive

- *A poster explaining how anti-lock brakes work*
- *A display show a car safety kit*
- *A poster showing a car maintenance plan*

901D: Web Design

- *A website designed and created by the member*

901E: Software Use

- *Creation of a Power Point presentation used to educate about a topic*
- *Development of an Excel spreadsheet to calculate income and expenses for a home budget*
- *Use of a publishing program to create marketing documents for a small business*

901F: Graphic Design

- *The development of alteration of images using a graphic design program*

901G: Computer Program

- *Creation of a computer program using a programming language*

611: Electric/Electronics

- *A poster educating the public about electricity safety*
- *A display showing how to correctly solder parts for circuit assembly*
- *Creation of a circuit board or LED circuit*

451: Small Engine

- *A repaired engine*
- *A poster showing the parts of an engine*
- *A display showing proper small engine maintenance*

441A: Tractor

- *Repair or restored tractor*

441B: Tractor

- *A poster advocating for safe tractor operation*
- *A display showing the parts of a tractor engine*
- *A cost-benefit analysis of purchasing, renting or repairing tractors*

441: Welding

- *A welded article*
- *A poster explaining the types of welds and proper uses of each*
- *A display show welding safety*

461: Woodworking

- *Any wood article constructed by a member*

461B: Woodworking

- *A display explaining the types of wood or wood finishes appropriate to different uses*
- *A poster showing proper tool use and safety procedures*

893: Science and Technology

- *An educational display and model explaining the mathematic and scientific principles behind bridge construction and design.*

601A: Other Science, Mechanics, and Engineering Ideas

865A: Camping

- *A display explaining important camper safety rules, fire building, equipment selection, or outdoor cooking.*
- *Construction of an outdoor survival kit to be used during camping experiences.*

806A: Citizenship

- A folder or binder detailing the goals, planning, action, and learning that took place as a result of a community service project.

811A: Communication

- A poster describing the communication process with strategies to become a better communication and listener.

831A: Health

- A poster that is an outgrowth of a physical activity plan created to help a person achieve a particular goal, such as running a 5K race.
- A poster that explains the USDA's Dietary Guidelines and how to make healthy food choices for maximum health and energy.

841A: Leadership

- A poster communicating the qualities and behaviors that make a good and effective leader.

871A: Music

- Original instrumental or vocal music composition.
- An exhibit that compares and explains music trends in popular culture.
- Construction of a musical instrument.

881A: Safety

- Develop a home fire safety plan.
- Conduct a bicycle safety program and exhibit a folder containing the goals, planning, resources, event, and learning that took place.

891A: Self-Determined

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821A: Original Art

- An original drawing using pastels.
- Drawing or painting to decorate or embellish already constructed furniture.

821B: Design and/or Technique Exploration

- Poster displaying different types of quilling.
- An organized sketch book.
- Portfolio of watercolor paintings.
- Basket making

821C: Other Visual Arts Topics

- Exhibit displaying information about a particular art style or period.
- Exhibit that is an outgrowth of study on visual advertising strategies.

821D: Visual Arts Kits (County Only)

- Needlepoint art made from a purchased kit.
- Stepping stone project completed from a purchased kit.

821E: Visual Arts for First Year Members in this project area (County Only)

- Any project that would fall under the other visual arts classes is eligible as long as this is the first year the member has entered the Visual Arts project area.

901A: Model (County Only)

- Construction of a model car from a purchased kit.
- Model of the Empire State Building built with the 4-Hers own materials.

901B: Trash to Treasure (County Only)

- A trash can that has been converted to a chair.
- A barn window that has been converted to a decorative planter.

901C: Pets (County Only)

- An animal and written record that describes how the 4-Her cares for their pet, what they learned, and other important information regarding how the pet was selected.

900: Historical or Family Heritage Item (County Only)

- Photo box containing photographs and other historical items relevant to a particular family or person.
- Restore a family heirloom and document process, significance, and learning.

900A: New Game for Family Fun Night

- Design and build a carnival-type game for youth at Family Fun Night

900B: Legos/K'nex (County Only)

- Design and build a new building or type of automobile.

900C: Collections and Hobbies (County Only)

- Bring in all or part of a collection you have and include any history, future plans, and pictures. Examples of collections may include but are not limited to antique coins, stamps, buttons, etc.

900D: Dairy Poster Contest (County Only)

- Exhibit a poster that explains the research you have done on a career in the dairy industry such advertising milk products.

900E: Scrapbooking (County Only)

- Create and exhibit a scrapbook containing all of your sports activities. (Other themes might include but are not limited to high school years, 4-H memories, family vacations, etc.)

811C: Education Presentation

- Prepare a presentation on any topic in which you are interested and would like to share with others. Topics may include, but are not limited to, how to complete a successful interview, accessorizing/clothing trends, basic meal planning, history of Scott County, etc.

811B: Working Exhibit

- Demonstrate how to make your favorite recipe, clean a carburetor, train a dog, or prepare wood for staining. Choose any topic you would like to demonstrate to others!!

811G: Share the Fun

- Choreograph and perform a dance with your club, a partner, or by yourself.
- Perform a skit or an act from a play.
- Sing a song.

811J: Poster Communication Exhibit

- Create a poster visually telling the history of 4-H
- Create poster visually telling the audience the mission of 4-H

511R: Fashion Revue

- Model a sweater that the 4-Her knitted.
- Model a skirt sewn by the 4-Her

511X: Clothing Selection

- Model a suit purchased for a job interview.
- Model a dress purchased for the first day of school

501A: Child Development

- Educational display giving information about age-appropriate toys and games
- Age-appropriate original short stories

511A: Clothing Design and Creative Sewing

- Construction of a dress.
- Original skirt, shirt, vest, or other garment design
- Poster with information of how color, texture, line, body type, etc. affect clothing choices

511B: Choosing Clothes and Learning about Fabrics

- Purchased dress and accessories for dance, give reasons for selections.
- Poster displaying fabric types and uses/projects for each type of fabric

511C: Clothing Safety and Care

- Poster explaining proper clothing for a safe winter hike
- Display book giving information on fabric types and laundering tips

511D: Other Clothing and Sewing Ideas

- A poster exhibiting the exploration of historic Japanese kimonos
- A poster exhibiting the history of the wedding dress or wedding attire for different cultures
- Exploration of careers in the clothing industry

511S: Serger Sewing

- Any garment on which a serger was used.

541A: Spending Plans and Record Keeping

- Exhibit demonstrating how to establish a budget and savings plan
- A poster demonstrating appropriate use of credit

541B: Comparison Shopping

- Poster comparing name brands to store brands
- Poster that compares various saving options such as investments, savings accounts, etc.

541C: Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

- Exhibit a poster explaining various marketing strategies of grocery stores
- Show how to make a consumer complaint and research complaint policies of various stores.

531A: Design in the Home

- A portfolio of colors and room design ideas following the design elements and art principles

531B: Furniture in the Home

- Strip and refinish an old dresser - must include steps followed, photos, cost, minimum explanation of 2 design elements and art principles
- Portfolio of furniture styles and how specific pieces of furniture fit into that design

531C: Accessories for the Home

- Make an accessory for the home: original art, basket, wreath (must use design elements and art principles)

531D: Fabrics in the Home

- Upholster a chair – must include steps used, cost, photos, design elements and art principles, etc.
- Fabric accessories such as a table runner, table cloth, placemats, or lamp shade.

531E: Maintenance in the Home

- Create a chore/cleaning schedule for family members
- Research energy conservation and create an energy efficient plan for your home.

531F: Other Home Improvement Ideas

- Research a related career that you are interested in such as a home decorator, antique furniture buyers, or upholsterer

531G: Outdoor Home Improvement (County Only)

- Create a wooded Christmas display
- Make stepping stones for an outdoor garden path

811L: 4-H Historical/Family Heritage

- Create a videotape interviewing past and present 4-H members to get a historical perspective of their experiences and how 4-H has changed over the years.

950A: Societal Issues

- Create and exhibit explaining the need for recycling, the current plan, consequences for not changing our situation, and how society can improve.

960A: 4-H Go the Distance

- An exhibit by one or more 4-Hers that demonstrates a physical activity plan and any improvements made.

960B: 4-H Go the Distance

- Exhibit which displays the leadership activities a 4-Her(s) used to create and institute a community walking program

960C: 4-H Go the Distance

- Exhibit which displays citizenship activities of a 4-Her(s) who create a physical activity plan or schedule at a senior living center