

LEARNING CARD EXAMPLE

NAME _____

CLUB _____

NUMBER OF YEARS IN PROJECT AREA _____

CLASS NO. _____ CLASS NAME _____

A. What was your exhibit goal(s)?

B. How did you go about working toward your goal(s)?

C. What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?

Design Elements and Principles are not required to be in the learning card but judges may ask 4-H'ers about them during conference judging (Home Improvement, Clothing and Visual Arts). It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to know them.

The 4-H needs to be able to identify the design element(s) and/or art principle(s) used in this particular exhibit and how it is used. (Example: "I used the primary colors of red, blue, and yellow to emphasize the geometric shapes" not just "the element I used was color"). There is a resource available at the Extension Office that explains the Elements and Principles of design!!

****Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for home improvement, photography and visual arts.****

****The information requested needs to be well organized and brief.****

General Rules

1. Any Humboldt County 4-H member in good standing is eligible to exhibit. *Good Standing - Enrollment Health, Code of Ethics forms are turned in and the Program Development Fee has been paid. A 4-H member becomes ineligible to exhibit at the county level, or beyond, upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation.
2. Grade Divisions include:
 - A. Juniors [Grades 4, 5 & 6]
 - B. Intermediates [Grades 7 & 8]
 - C. Seniors [Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12]
3. **Exhibits selected for State Fair competition must be exhibits by 4-H'ers who have completed 5th - 12th grade.**
4. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
5. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display. The exhibitor will receive evaluation comments and an explanation of why the exhibit was disqualified.
6. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size.
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
 - Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
7. **Advance entries for animals, garden, fashion and communications must be made on entry forms due to the Extension Office by Monday, June 27th.** 4-H Club enrollments are also due on this date. To enter current fair projects you must be enrolled in 4-H by June 27th, 2011. There will be Absolutely No Livestock Entry additions at the fair.
8. **Entries will be made during the day of judging, July 26, 2011.** Family & Consumer Science; Personal Development; Animals; Agriculture & Natural Resources; Science, Engineering & Technology; Creative Arts; Gardening and Challenge exhibits will be judged on Tuesday, July 26th. Clubs will be judged at staggered times. Exhibits will be judged in the Events Center and displayed in Hewitt Hall.

9. Each entry must be labeled with an entry tag. **The tag must include class name and number, grade in 2010-2011, years in project, exhibit description and exhibitor's name and club.** Members may get tags from their leader or the Extension Office. Class numbers and exhibit descriptions are listed according to classes on the following pages. 4-Hers who are eligible for state fair (completed grades 5-12) will have green entry tags. 4-Hers in 4th grade (not eligible for state fair) will have orange entry tags.
10. Each exhibit must include a written explanation, an audio cassette, or video tape explanation of the members learning experience. **Omission of the learning card will result in a lower ribbon rating.** See learning card example preceding the General Rules section. Learning cards should be complete, yet brief and to the point. ***Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food & nutrition, photography, and visual art classes. Refer to exhibit tip sheets for more information <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/tipsheets.htm>
12. The 4-H'er's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Include copyright statement where needed. <http://4h/projects/hotsheets/General4HExhibitEval.pdf>
13. Each 4-H member is required to be present during the judging of his or her exhibit unless arranged previously with the Extension staff. Under acceptable circumstances, members are responsible for arranging to have their projects checked in for judging by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2011.
14. **4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value, as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. These items might be broken or stolen.**
15. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects) should NOT be used in any exhibit. Wildflowers taken from parks should NOT be used. It is illegal to possess songbird feathers or nests. Game animals "legally taken", such as pheasant, goose, duck, or quail are acceptable. Purple loosestife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is a plant that should not be planted in gardens. It has the potential of becoming noxious in Iowa. Other dried established noxious weeds are acceptable to use in exhibits.
16. Duplication of copyright material or design should not be used in a 4-H exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. A copyright design cannot be displayed in a public setting (fair) without permission being granted from the owner of the copyright. When the owner of the copyright has granted permission, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately. Those **without permission cannot** be displayed.
17. All exhibits, activities and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit and during the evaluation process. This includes static exhibits and activities revolving around the communications program.

**EXHIBITS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH GUIDELINES 15, 16, and 17,
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY, EVALUATION,
OR DISPLAY AT THE HUMBOLDT DISTRICT FAIR OR THE IOWA STATE FAIR**

18. **All Judges' decisions are final.**
19. Any article may be taken from the exhibit building for use in the Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection Style Show upon approval of the Extension Staff.
20. **Exhibits will be released from 5:00-6:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 31st. Any exhibits removed before this time will cause the exhibitor to forfeit the premiums awarded on the exhibit.**
21. The Fair Board will award premium money to individual exhibitors.
22. State Fair static exhibits will be transported to the State Fair by Extension Staff or by a volunteer. If an exhibit exceeds a certain weight or size Extension Staff has the authority to decide whether they can transport the project. The 4-H exhibitor would then be responsible for the transporting of large or heavy exhibits to the State Fair.
23. **All loss or damage of Fair exhibits is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Fair Association or the Extension Service will not be liable for loss or damage of exhibits.**
24. The Humboldt County Fair Board and the Show Committees reserve the right to make changes to the printed fair book and show rules.