

EXHIBIT GUARDS

Clubs take turns providing four or more members and one adult to protect exhibits and answer questions from public viewers. Duties include working in the pop stand, keeping building clean (including rest rooms), picking up and emptying garbage cans inside building, greet people, etc.

Thursday

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM MVM

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM Providence

3:30 PM – 7:00 PM Fairfield

Saturday

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Newell Achievers

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Newell Boosters/BV Shooting Sports

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM MVA

Friday

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM MVA

12:30 PM – 3:45 PM BV Equine

3:45 PM – 7:00 PM Newell Boosters

Sunday

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Providence

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Fairfield

4-H PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES

General Exhibit Rules

1. Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, 4-H'ers are encouraged to use project guides and manuals and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent an idea, a part, or all learning involved in the respective project or program.
2. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display. The exhibitor will receive written evaluation comments and an explanation on why the exhibit was disqualified. Counties will be notified of disqualified exhibits.
3. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of the 4-H'ers participation in the selected project or program. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual product, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video tape, audio cassette, etc.
4. The 4-H'ers 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. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white Iowa State Fair exhibitor's ribbon. [Exception: Historical/Family Heritage class exhibits receive certificates.]
5. A written explanation, an audio cassette, or video tape is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - 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)?
 - d. **What would you like to do in this project area next year?**
 - Judges have seven to ten minutes to evaluate the total exhibit. The information requested needs to be well organized and brief.
 - Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, visual art and 4-H Historical/Family Heritage and Live Healthy Iowa classes.
6. Age for exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair: 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent.) Exception, see rule #3 for 4-H Historical/Family Heritage class, that includes youth and adult(s).
7. Each county may enter the assigned number of exhibits; quotas are based on county enrollment. (Guidelines for county allocation of the quota are included in this Iowa State Fair Handbook, VI-1053-SAS.)
8. Exhibitors must have participated in the project or program from which the exhibit is an outgrowth.
 - a. The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done to accomplish a goal(s) determined by the member or group **during the current 4-H year.**
 - b. The exhibit should be selected at a county event.

- c. All entries must be made in the name of the county and certified by an Extension staff member.
9. No entry fee is required.
10. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, class number, and exhibitor's name. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, notebooks, and/or cards, on the bottom of jars, and in an inconspicuous place on other items. A completed Iowa State Fair entry tag should be securely fastened to the main item in each exhibit on or near the upper right corner or in an easily seen location. Be sure to include the exhibitor's grade and years of participation in the project/program. Entry tags will be sent to each county office from the Iowa State Fair Office.
11. Due to security, 4-H'ers are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Iowa State Fair and Iowa State University Extension will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
12. When limited by exhibit space and size and nature of the exhibit, the department superintendents reserve the right to rotate exhibits for display. Exhibit displays should be in proportion to the main item or idea being displayed. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned, the following maximum size guidelines apply:
 - a. Posters and banners are not to exceed standard poster board size of 22"x28" or foam core board size of 22"x30". **Exception:** see rule #5 in Communications for Poster Art.
 - b. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, and model displays, etc., are not to exceed 4'x4' in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
 - c. Display boxes are not to exceed 28"x22" in height or width and 12" in depth. **Exception:** See rule #7 for Food and Nutrition exhibits.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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 12, 13, 14, and 15, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY, EVALUATION, OR DISPLAY AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR.

16. Instead of premium money counties will be awarded travel money according to distance from Des Moines. Distance determination will be based on the established zones as printed elsewhere in 4-H premium book.
17. Exhibit entries must be submitted by August 1 on the electronic database from the 4-H Youth Development Office. Provide all information requested, including a complete description of item(s) in the exhibit. **Bring a hard copy, BY DEPARTMENTS, of the county entries to facilitate entering of exhibits on entry day August 11.**
18. The Iowa State Fair management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.
19. All exhibits must reach the 4-H Exhibits Building on entry day, Tuesday, August 11, except exhibits from late fairs, which can be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12. Please advise the 4-H Youth Development Office if you will have late entries. **Exceptions:** Tractor and Automotive exhibitors participating in the evaluation/educational learning experiences will enter exhibits as determined for program participation. Details to be sent when finalized.
20. All exhibits must remain until Sunday, August 23, and checked out with the department superintendents before being removed from the 4-H Exhibits Building. **RELEASE TIME 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 23 or Monday, August 24, 9:00-11:30 a.m. All persons picking up (one or more) exhibits must adhere to this schedule and county assigned time.**