

2008 Linn County Fair



4-H Objectives For the Linn County Fair

For 4-H Youth:

- To provide a setting that encourages 4-H'ers to further demonstrate, learn, and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management, and/or marketing of their 4-H accomplishments.
- To assist in the continuing life skill development of 4-H'ers in the areas of self concept, communication, decision making, learning how to learn, coping with change, citizenship, and leadership.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to measure their progress and skills against individual goals and accepted standards.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to participate in a variety of program opportunities beyond the county level.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others.

For Public:

- To create an updated, comprehensive image of Iowa's 4-H Youth Development program to the fair public.
- To provide a showcase for accomplishments of 4-H'ers.
- To stimulate interest and learn new ideas from the variety of 4-H projects and experiences available.

General Rules & Regulations

1. The Linn County Fair Board and Linn County Extension will not be held responsible for any participant's accident or loss. Exhibitors are responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to persons or property which may occur.
The Linn County Fair Board and Linn County Extension will exercise due care for the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival, but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc. All participants exhibit at their own risk.
2. The Linn County 4-H and FFA Fair is conducted by Iowa State University Extension Service in Linn County and the Linn County Fair Board in cooperation with Agriculture Education Departments at Alburnett, Central City, Linn-Mar and North Linn Community Schools.
3. Fair entry forms are available from 4-H organizational leaders. FFA members should request them from their instructor or the Extension Office. **These should be brought to the fair at the time of department entry. Exception: Horse/Pony 4-H and FFA due to Extension Office by June 15, 2008.**
4. **All exhibitors should wear a 4-H or FFA related shirt or a green or white shirt during judging and auction.**
5. Only such signs, decorations, and ribbons as approved by the Linn County Fair Board shall be used.
6. All exhibitors at the Linn County Fair must comply with the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics. Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Eligibility of Exhibitors

4-H/FFA

7. 4-H members must be enrolled in a project by **MARCH 15, 2008** to exhibit entries in the Linn County Fair. Agriculture Science instructors will certify the eligibility of FFA participants and students in agriculture education.
8. 4-H'ers and FFA members may exhibit at the fair the first summer following high school graduation.
9. All exhibitors must be in 4th grade or above by September 15, 2007. Associate members (3rd graders) may enter only in the Building Division and have a maximum of three exhibits.
10. Grade divisions are: Juniors - 4th, 5th, 6th grade; Intermediate - 7th and 8th grade; Seniors - 9th - 12th grade.
Any Iowa resident can show in the Open Class. See Fair Board Open Class section.

Clover Kids

Clover Kids, children in grades K-2 as of September 15, 2007 may bring up to 3 items for display purposes only. Each item will receive a recognition ribbon. Items are not conference judged. Items may be brought to the check in station on Friday July 11, 2008. Entry tags must be completed. See schedule for time of release.

Early Removal of Exhibits

11. Exhibitors will not receive premium money for exhibits removed early. In addition they will not be eligible to exhibit in next year's fair in that project area.

Protests

12. All judge's decisions are final, except in proven cases of mistake, fraud or misrepresentation not discovered at the time of the award.
13. Protests of any nature must be in writing, signed and dated and filed with the superintendent of the department from which the complaint arises. Issues of animal eligibility must be submitted before the judging begins. All complaints will be given consideration by the superintendent and/or the appropriate committee.
14. It is the responsibility of the department superintendent to determine eligibility of exhibits in that department. The decisions of the superintendent in this regard are final, subject to State Fair regulations.

Evaluation

Evaluation of exhibits is designed to be a learning experience for the exhibitor. Judges are selected on the basis of their knowledge of a project area and their ability to evaluate that project. It is the responsibility of the judge to point out good qualities of the exhibit and to make suggestions as to improvements needed or desired. Judges must evaluate each exhibit based on its individual merit.

State Fair: The exhibit meets all standards. The exhibitor has clearly stated an appropriate learning goal and included accurate information on how and what was learned in preparing the exhibit. The exhibit and workmanship are extraordinary.

Blue: The exhibit has exceeded the minimum standards. The exhibitor has clearly stated an appropriate learning goal, included information on how and what was learned in preparing the exhibit. The exhibit shows good workmanship.

Red: The exhibit has met the minimum standards and shows effort by the exhibitor, but has room for improvement in one or more areas of workmanship. The exhibitor needs to improve the learning goal statement and/or information on what was learned in preparing the exhibit.

White: The exhibit does not meet all of the minimum standards and expected quality of workmanship. Improvements are recommended in the learning goal statement, finished exhibit and the information on what was learned in preparing the exhibit.

Only the exhibitor will be allowed in the immediate judging areas.

The exhibitor should be prepared to verbally answer the following questions about the exhibit:

- What was your goal(s)?
- How did you go about working toward your goal(s)?
- What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?
- Do you have ideas of what you would like to do in this project area next year?

Premiums

The Linn County Fair Association provides 4-H and FFA premiums.

2008 premiums will be Blue \$3.00, Red \$2.00 and White \$1.00.

Animal Showmanship premiums for Senior, Intermediate and Junior classes will be:

1st \$5.00, 2nd \$3.00 and 3rd \$1.00.

Communications premiums will be Excellence \$7.50, Merit \$5.00 and Participation \$2.50.

All premium money will go directly to the club with a list itemizing how much each member should receive. The club can then decide how to distribute the premiums. All premium checks must be cashed by December 1, 2008.

Iowa Youth Code Of Ethics

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of violative drug residue.
6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the premium book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this code of ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its premium book.

Building Division

Rules (Note: All General Rules and Regulations apply. See pages 3-4.)

1. Associate members, 3rd grade, may enter THREE exhibits. These will be conference judged on Friday July 11, 2008 and will receive participation ribbons.
2. An exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done to accomplish a goal or goals determined by the member or group **during the current 4-H year.**
3. Each member may have THREE EXHIBITS PER PROJECT. Group exhibits are in addition to this quota. There is no class limit, but a member may not exhibit duplicate items.
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.

5. Exhibits will be conference judged. The exhibitor should be prepared to verbally answer the following questions about the exhibit either verbally, in writing, on audio cassette or video tape:
 - a) What was your 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?

Individual classes may require specific written information. Be sure to check class requirements carefully.

If you want your exhibit considered for State Fair or exhibitor cannot be present, you must have supplemental information in the form of a written explanation, an audio cassette or video tape included as part of each exhibit. This supplemental information should also respond to questions a, b, c, and d listed above. *The 4-H Project Record from the member's record book may be used for this purpose.* The information requested needs to be well organized and brief. If the exhibitor cannot be present, exhibits will be evaluated at the judge's convenience and written comments will be given.

6. 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 22"x28" or foam core board 22"x30".
 - b) Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, 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: For food and nutrition exhibits, see project specific rules, and for Communicating through Poster Art see Class 811J.

7. Due to security, we discourage members from using items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. Management will use diligence to insure the safety of exhibits, but will not be responsible for any damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
8. 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, duck, goose, or quail are acceptable. Purple loosestrife 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.
9. Copyright materials should not be used in 4-H exhibits. A copyright design is not allowable because the exhibit is on public display which infringes on copyright laws. If the owner of the copyright has granted permission, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately.
10. All exhibits must have a completed entry tag fastened securely to the article. Entry tags will be available from club organizational leaders.
11. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including name of club, class number and exhibitor's name. Labels should be placed on back of posters and cards and in an inconspicuous place on other items.
12. To be eligible to exhibit at the State Fair, 4-H'ers must have completed 5th grade or above (or the equivalent). A 4-H'er may have only one State Fair exhibit per project category. Group exhibits, Fashion Revue and Clothing Selection are in addition to this quota.
13. Exhibits can be prepared by an individual 4-H'er, team of 4-H'ers or may be the result of a 4-H group effort. Group exhibits will receive one ribbon and one premium per exhibit. All 4-H'ers, individual or group, must be 5th grade or above to be eligible for State Fair exhibiting. Exceptions: Share the Fun and Class 811L – 4-H Historical/Family Heritage.
13. Special ribbons will be given to items considered for State Fair selection. Outstanding exhibits shown by 4th graders will receive special recognition ribbons. K-3 receive participation ribbons.
14. Any item chosen for State Fair must meet minimum requirements; however, county judges may offer suggestions for improvement. Exhibits that do not comply with the size guidelines, copyright, and safety procedures will not be accepted for entry, evaluation, or display at the Iowa State Fair.
15. Exhibits will be released on Thursday July 17, 2008 beginning at 5:00pm and should be removed by 9:00pm. 4-H'ers who need an exhibit for use in an educational presentation or working exhibit may contact the building supervisor for permission.
16. Transportation of 4-H exhibits to and from the State Fair is the responsibility of the exhibitor's family. The Extension Office will coordinate this process. Volunteers are needed to transport exhibits. All exhibitors are responsible for packing their exhibit for travel and bringing it to the Extension Office. People transporting exhibits are not responsible for damage to exhibits incurred during travel.
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 and communication exhibits.

4-H Club Booths

1. Booths are to be constructed by 4-H'ers (with adult supervision). All construction should be done Thursday, July 10, 2008 from 4—8:30pm. **There will be absolutely no booth construction during judging on Friday July 11, 2008.** Clubs should complete final booth arrangement by Sunday noon. Judging will be Sunday afternoon, July 13, 2008.
2. Booth judging criteria includes the following: visibility of club name, 4-H'ers first name, and age or grade; creativity and effective use of display area.
3. All booths are expected to be kept neat and clean during the fair.
4. All exhibits, other than those chosen for State Fair, may be exhibited in the club booth. Livestock trophies and other awards may be displayed.
5. A club leader should be in the booth when the exhibits are released.
6. Club members are responsible for dismantling their booth.
7. The 4-H theme for the 2008 fair is "The Linn County Fair Celebrating 120 years of All-American fun and exciting thrills: 4-H – Let the Good Times Roll".