

## Exhibit Building Information

- ✓ Members **must** be enrolled in the project areas in which they exhibit
- ✓ A written explanation, an audiocassette, or videotape is to be included as a part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should briefly respond to the following questions about the exhibit. A 4-H project goal (write-up) sheet is available to 4-Her's who wish to use it. It can be picked up in the Extension Office or found on the website [www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton). It is the 4-Her's responsibility to read the rules pertaining to their particular exhibit to see if there are additional requirements such as the Design Elements and Art Principles.
  - What was your exhibit goal?
  - How did you go about working toward your goals?
  - What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goals?
  - What would you like to do in this project area next year?
- ✓ Exhibitors participating in Conference Judging Day **MUST** be in the following uniform. Exhibitors must wear the following when being judged: white shirt with 4-H emblem or blouse with 4-H emblem and pants, jeans, or slacks and dark colored closed toed shoes. Clothes must not be torn, tattered, or ripped. Exhibitors will be dropped one placing if not in uniform.
- ✓ All exhibitors need to fill out county fair entry forms. Non-livestock entry forms are due on Conference Judging Day, July 11, 2009. All exhibitors must pay the \$2.00 youth registration fee by the deadline.
- ✓ If a member cannot be present for conference judging, a parent or leader may enter the project for judging.
- ✓ Exhibits will be released from the Auditorium on Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm. Claim tickets will be required to pick up exhibits. **NO EARLY RELEASES.** If an exhibit is removed from the Auditorium before release time, the exhibitor will forfeit their premiums. Any item not picked during this time will NOT remain in the auditorium and will find a new home or be thrown away.
- ✓ Those 4-Her's chosen to represent Clinton County at the Iowa State Fair will need to attend one of the State Fair meetings listed in the fair book. Exhibits will be transported out the Iowa State Fair for exhibitors for a fee of \$15.00 per family. Larger exhibits will need to be cleared through the Extension Office for transportation.
- ✓ FFA members are eligible to bring exhibits to Conference Judging Day to receive judges comments ONLY for their exhibit but they are INELIGIBLE for the Iowa State Fair under 4-H.

### What do I attach to my 4-H Exhibits?

Photography	Visual Arts  Home Improvement  Clothing	Food & Nutrition Preserved Food	Food & Nutrition Prepared Food	Poster Exhibit Communications	All Other Exhibits (except Communications, FR/CS)
-4-H Photography Exhibit Label -Clinton County 4-H Entry Tag	-Write-Up, including explanation of Design Elements and Art Principles -Clinton County 4-H Entry Tag	-Preserved Food Exhibit Label -Write-Up for the Exhibit -Clinton County 4-H Entry Tag	-Recipe for Product -Write-up for the Exhibit -Clinton County 4-H Entry Tag	-Poster Exhibit Entry Form -Clinton County 4-H Entry Tag	-Write-Up for the Exhibit -Clinton County 4-H Entry Tag

## Livestock Information

- ✓ Livestock entries are due June 26<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m. Entries received after June 26<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m. must be accompanied by a \$25.00 late fee. There will be NO late entries accepted after Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ✓ Exhibitors **MUST** wear the following uniform when being judged: white shirt with 4-H or FFA emblem or a white blouse with a 4-H or FFA emblem on it with pants, jeans or slacks. Dairy exhibitors need to wear white pants and a 4-H or FFA t-shirt. NO tennis shoes or sandals are allowed. **Exception: dark colored closed toe shoes are only allowed for rabbit, poultry and dog exhibitors.**
- ✓ Bucket Bottle financial and written records are due to the Extension Office June 26<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m. If financial and written records are turned in after June 26<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m., the 4-Her will be deducted 50 points from the written portion of their points total.
- ✓ Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning his/her stall or pens before being released. Club leaders are responsible for overseeing the cleaning of their clubs area or club premiums will be withheld until the area is cleaned.
- ✓ Release time for livestock will be announced after the final livestock show is completed except for horses, pets, and dogs. Release time for these exhibits will be after exhibiting. Swine release time will be announced.
- ✓ No trailers are to be left on the grounds during the fair.
- ✓ **Due to packer demands all swine must have a minimum of ½ inch hair length at show time.**
- ✓ The rain date for the horse show will be on July 26<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday following the fair at 11 a.m. If rain occurs on the day of the show, halter classes will be completed and performance classes will be completed on the rain date indicated above. If questions occur that day please contact fair headquarters. Headquarters telephone number is 563-659-1624.
- ✓ All 4-H members planning to show Beef, Bucket Bottle, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine at county and/or state fair **must be FSQA Certified.**

## Why Do We Receive Ribbons?

4-H uses the Danish judging system at county and state fairs. This means that exhibits are judged against a “standard” rather than against other exhibits. For example, a dresser that has been refinished by a 4-H member is not compared to other dressers. Rather it is judged according to what characteristics of the dresser meet the standards of quality for refinished furniture. A blue ribbon means that the exhibit meets standards and quality work is shown. A red ribbon means that average to above average quality work is shown, but an improvement is needed in some areas. A white ribbon is below average quality. The exhibit does not meet standards. You’ll notice that the Danish judging system is very different from a contest. In a contest, there is one “winner” whose exhibit is the best of all those present. In the Danish judging system, there could be any number of blues, reds, or whites because one exhibit is not compared to another. In 4-H, we believe that using the Danish judging system gives every 4-H member the recognition deserved for the work that was done. It also helps young people recognize the need to improve their skills within a non-competitive atmosphere.

Relevant to the judging of exhibits, we believe:

- 4-H members are more important than 4-H exhibits.
- Learning how to do a project is more important than the project itself.
- There is more than one good way to do most things.
- A balanced program of work and play geared to the individual’s needs is more important than winning.
- Every youth needs to be noticed, to feel important, to experience success and to be praised.
- A blue ribbon 4-H member with a red ribbon steer is more desirable than a red ribbon 4-H member with a blue ribbon steer.