



Building Division

Rules (Note: All General Rules and Regulations apply.)

1. Associate members, 3rd grade, may enter **THREE** exhibits. These will be conference judged on Wednesday July 8, 2009 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 Monday July 13, 2009 beginning at 7:00pm 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 Tuesday, July 7, 2009 from 4—8:30pm. **There will be absolutely no booth construction during judging on Wednesday July 8, 2009.** Clubs should complete final booth arrangement by Thursday noon. Judging will be Thursday, July 9, 2009 after 12:00pm.
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 2009 fair is "Going Green".