Summer 2019

Dear State Fair 4-H Exhibitor:

Congratulations! Your 4-H exhibit has been selected to represent your county at the Iowa State Fair. We hope you are excited and will have an opportunity to visit the Iowa State Fair to see your exhibit on display. The 4-H Exhibits Building is open daily from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, August 8-18, 2019.

Prepare your exhibit carefully.

- **Label** all pieces with County Name, Class #, and Your Name, as there will be about 3,800 exhibits on display in the 4-H Exhibits Building.
- **Attach** a card or folder responding briefly to the following questions:
  a) What was/were your exhibit goal/s? What did you plan to learn or do?
  b) What steps did you take to learn or do this?
  c) What were the most important things you learned?

Exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair is recognition of your accomplishments in a specific project area. However, there are also some risks involved when exhibiting at fairs. The policy in the State Fair Premium Book is:

> “The Iowa State Fair management will use diligence to insure the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc. 4-H exhibits at the Iowa State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The 4-H Department of Iowa State University, in cooperation with the Iowa State Fair Board, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the 4-H Department and Iowa State Fair Board cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits.”

Staff and volunteers help host and supervise activity in the 4-H Exhibits Building. They keep a watchful eye on the exhibits. We encourage you NOT to add extra items to displays to enhance your exhibit, especially items of value that could be lost or damaged. Fasten “small items” to the base or background for security purposes. Only include one of pair items, i.e. shoe, earring, etc. for clothing accessory exhibits. **If your exhibit is to be displayed hanging, install appropriate, secure hanging hardware such as eye-screws or frame hangers (saw-tooth hangers are typically not sturdy enough for display).** Contact your county Extension and Outreach office for additional exhibit preparation instructions.

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NOTE: Food product exhibits, i.e. pies, cakes, cookies, etc., are rotated on/off display. Most F&N products are on display for two to three days. Beginning Thursday, August 8, our staff will be able to inform you which day your F&N exhibit will be on display.

Exhibit Check-In
All exhibits must be entered during entry day, Tuesday, August 6. Your county will let you know when you must deliver your exhibit items to the county office for transport.
- If you deliver your exhibit to the Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibit Building, it must be checked in at the time assigned to your county. Contact your county Extension and Outreach office to coordinate delivery times.
- If you deliver the exhibit, you will need a vehicle admittance pass to enter the fairgrounds. Obtain this pass from your county Extension and Outreach office.
- If preferred, outdoor exhibits and very large indoor exhibits can be delivered to the Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibits Building on Monday, August 5 between 4 PM and 6:30 PM. Let your county Extension and Outreach office know by Wednesday, July 31st which date you will deliver your large exhibit.

All exhibits must remain on display until 7:00 PM, August 18 as per the 4-H agreement with the Iowa State Fair Board.

Please contact your county Extension and Outreach office for further instructions or clarification. More information can also be found at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-state-fair-4-h-handbook.

We hope to see you at the 2019 Iowa State Fair, to which Nothing Compares.

Sincerely,

Mitchell L. Hoyer
4-H Youth Development Program Specialist
State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Instructions

Congratulations! You have had an exhibit selected to represent the county at the Iowa State Fair. Please complete the following information and prepare your exhibit as instructed. This information will be used to complete the Iowa State Fair entry tag.

Exhibitor Name: ________________________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________
Grade completed (May 2019): ____________________ Phone: ________________________________
Class Number: _______________ Number of Years in Project: ________________________________
Class Name: ________________________________

EACH ITEM OR PIECE OF YOUR EXHIBIT AND ANY WRITTEN FOLDER / BINDER / CARDS MUST BE LABELED WITH: County Name
Class Number (from above)
Your Name

Describe your exhibit below in as much detail as possible. | How many pieces are in this exhibit?

- Label each piece of your exhibit! Also, label the box you have your exhibit in with the same information. (Check at the county Extension office for preprinted labels or make your own.)

- Be sure to have your State Fair exhibit in to the County Extension Office by ________________ on ________________. If you are transporting your exhibit to Des Moines yourself, it must be there on Tuesday, August 6, at _____________. Enclosed is a vehicle admittance pass to enter the fairgrounds. It is best to use entrance Gate 9 to the State Fairgrounds and the south door of the 4-H Exhibits Building.

- Outdoor exhibits and very large indoor exhibits may be delivered to the Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibits Building on Monday, August 6 between 4 PM and 6:30 PM. Let your county Extension and Outreach office know by **Wednesday, July 31** which date you will deliver your large exhibit.

- The exhibits will be released for check-out Sunday, August 18, between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. or Monday, August 19, between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. Check with your county for their scheduled time.

- **ALL exhibits must be entered and released as stated above. Under NO circumstances will exhibits be released prior to 7:00 p.m. on the last day (Sunday) of the fair at the direction of the Iowa State Fair Board.**