



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

What goes in a 4-H exhibit write-up?

1. Top of the page/cover page:
 - a. your name
 - b. grade in school (what grade did you just finish?)
 - c. 4-H club
 - d. project area and class number (from fair book)
 - e. number of years you have participated in this project area, including this one
2. Project **Goal** questions:
 - a. What did you want to learn or learn to do?
 - b. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - c. What were the most important things you learned?
3. Tell your story about this project area. Why did you choose this **project area**?
4. What did you like most about this **project**?
5. What was the hardest part about this **project**?
6. Plans or ideas for what you will do in this project area in the future.
7. Would it be helpful to explain your building or assembly process by including a budget?
 - a. What did it cost to make your exhibit?
8. Include photos of the process, of you making your exhibit, and a photo of the final product.

Examples of project area specific items to include in your write up:

- a. Food & Nutrition also include:
 - i. Recipe & source (Google and Pinterest are not sources)
- b. Visual Art:
 - i. Where did your idea or inspiration come from? (cite sources, Google and Pinterest are not sources)
 - ii. List and describe elements and principles of design and/or art you used.
 - iii. Sketch or drawing of your idea
 - iv. Original photo if you are painting or drawing from a photo
 - v. Copyright permission if needed
 - vi. Materials used in your creation
- c. Photography:
 - i. Make sure to attach the photography label.

Remember, you need the judge to understand all the work that you put into making your fair exhibit. It is important to give the whole story.