

Use of the 4-H Clover

Did you know the 4-H Clover is an emblem that is protected under the United States Code? 4-H members and clubs do get to use the clover, but there are guidelines to follow. If there are no “H”s on the leaves, it is just a clover and you can do what you want. If the “H”s are there, here are some basic things to keep in mind:

1. You should always use the whole 4-H Emblem. Please don't remove any leaves or the stem.
2. Don't put anything on top of any part of the 4-H Emblem.
3. It is preferred that the 4-H Emblem be in green with white or gold “H”s.
4. Below the right lower leaf, “18 USC 707” needs to be there. This is part of the United States Code under which the 4-H Name and Emblem is protected.
5. The official name is “4-H” and is always the numeral “4” separated from a capital “H” with a hyphen (not a dash, slash, or space).



For more information, check out:

<https://www.4-h.org/Resource-Library/Curriculum-Development/Develop/Using-the-4-H-Name-and-Emblem.dwn>

You can download a fact sheet on use of the 4-H Name and Emblem under “Regulations”. You can also download emblems to use too. If you have questions about using the 4-H Name or Emblem, give me a call at the Extension Office.

Copyright Reminders

Learning by copying other's examples can be very valuable. Remember as you start to think about your exhibits for county fair that you need to comply with copyright rules. This goes for 4-H Communications too. For some hints and tips as you begin planning your communication activity, check out:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Documents/CommunicationAndCopyright.pdf

If you have any questions about copyright, give me a call at the Extension Office.

Food Exhibits for County Fair

Are you thinking about foods you might exhibit at the county fair? New recipes or family favorites? As you prepare and / or process foods, remember to use current and safe practices. Technology and varieties of food change frequently, as does the recommended safe food practices.

Using safe food practices ensures health and well being for your family, other exhibitors, judges, and the general public. Your exhibit makes the public aware and encourages them to use current recommended practices.

There are publications available to learn more. You can check with the county Extension Office for information on preserving foods. You can also email AnswerLine at answer@iastate.edu. If you receive permission from AnswerLine to use a specific recipe, we encourage you to print those emails and provide them with your fair exhibit. To find out about foods that are not appropriate for display at county fair, check out: www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H3023.pdf

Have fun preparing and preserving your food products!

Planning on showing in Visual Arts?

Wonder just what the judge is looking for in a visual art project? More than the three questions you are asked to answer about any exhibit, the judge wants to know what your source of inspiration was. How did you come up with the idea to begin with? Then the judge wants to see your exhibit in progress. Either take pictures of your exhibit as you work on it or include some sketches, etc. in your write-up.

Are you trying to replicate something that has already been done? Before you can put it on public display at the fair, you need to have permission from the original artist or company who has rights to the design. Learn about copyright and how to get permission at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SF1UseofCopyrightVI010401.pdf.

Horticulture Tips

Are you harvesting and preparing vegetables for display at the North Iowa Fair? Do you wash things? Trim roots? Bring it fresh out of the garden? To find out the answers, click on the veggie of your choice at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/Horticulture/vegetables.htm

What might the judge want to know about your exhibit? Go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/Horticulture/Judging.htm for more details.

Still have questions? Give us a call at the Extension Office.

What are judges looking for at fair?

Wondering what exactly a judge may be looking for at county fair? There are a series of tip sheets, as well as project evaluations, that can be found at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/tipsheets.htm

Be sure to check out the 14 specific tip sheets that have been developed ~ as well as the evaluations. Don't delay ~ check it out today!