



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

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

1. Top of the page:
 - a. your name
 - b. Grade in school (what grade did you just finish?)
 - c. 4-H club
 - d. Project area and class number
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 project story. 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. Examples of project specific items to include in your write up:
 - a. Food & Nutrition include:
 - i. Recipe & where did your recipe come from?
 - ii. Pictures of making your food exhibit
 - iii. Picture of the final product
 - b. Visual Art:
 - i. Where did your idea or inspiration?
 - ii. List elements of design and/or art principles?
 - iii. Sketch or drawing of your idea
 - iv. Original photo if you are painting from a photo
 - v. Copyright permission if needed.
 - vi. Pictures of you making your exhibit.
 - vii. Material used in your creation.
 - c. Photography:
 - i. Make sure to attach the photography label.
7. Pictures of the process of you making your exhibit and the end product picture
8. Would it be helpful to explain your building or assembly process by including a budget?
 - a. What did it cost to make your exhibit?
9. Please check your fair book for more details that could be included in your exhibit.

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.