



IOWA 4-H

Growing and Learning Together

Projects vs. Exhibits

Project Area:

A 4-H project is an area of emphasis in which a 4-H'er enrolls, studies, learns, keeps records and perhaps, exhibits. A 4-H'er can complete work in a project area without exhibiting at the county fair.

- Project Area examples: [food and nutrition](#), [visual arts](#), and [photography](#).
- A complete list of project areas in which 4-H'ers may enroll can be found in the [Pick-A-Project](#) publication.

Exhibit:

A 4-H exhibit is an item created resulting from project work. The 4-H'er may choose to bring the exhibit to Achievement Day and then display the exhibit during the fair. The exhibit will be evaluated by a judge during Achievement Day and put on display during the fair.

A 4-H exhibit should be the best example the 4-H'er has to showcase knowledge or skills gained by working throughout the year in a given project area.

4-H Exhibit examples:

- [Plate of muffins](#)
- [Display box with comparison of homemade versus purchased granola bars](#)
- [Poster displaying food safety information](#)
- [Clay pot](#)
- [Watercolor painting](#)
- [Portfolio of charcoal drawings showing examples of practicing drawing techniques](#)
- [Mounted photograph](#)
- [Matted photography series](#)
- [Poster explaining computer enhancement techniques](#)
- Exhibit *possibilities* are limitless
- Clay County 4-H members should refer to the 4-H [Static Exhibit](#) section of the Clay County Fair for exhibit rules