NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

CONFERENCE JUDGING DAY JULY 13, 2015

GENERAL GUIDELINES & RULES

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1. Exhibit classes are broad areas. To plan exhibits, 4-H members are encouraged to use project guides, manuals and program material to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent a part or all of learning in a single project. For more information on each project area please visit [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects) to find hot sheets and tip sheets. 4-H members are highly recommended to look at these!

2. Exhibits that do not comply with class descriptions, size guidelines, copyright, safety, and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display. The exhibitor will receive written or verbal evaluation comments and an explanation as to why the exhibit was disqualified.

3. Exhibits are an outgrowth of a 4-H member’s selected projects or program. An individual or group may enter exhibits. A “group” is defined as any number of Clinton County 4-H’ers. One premium will be paid per group exhibit; all members of the group will receive a ribbon. Exhibits may be, but are not limited to, an actual project, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video, or audio recording. There are no limits on the number of projects an exhibitor can bring for each area, with the exception of Photography and Table Vegetables.

4. The 4-H member’s goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, quality of work and techniques, and general appearance and design. All 4-H’ers will receive written evaluation comments and a ribbon on their exhibits.

5. A written explanation, an audio recording, or video is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit (The goal sheet, also called the general exhibit information form, and a sample may be found at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/page/projects](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/page/projects)):
   1. What was your exhibit goal(s)?
   2. How did you go about working toward your goal(s)?
   3. What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?
      ▪ Judges have seven to ten minutes to evaluate the total exhibit. The information requested needs to be well organized and brief.
      ▪ Check for additional requirements in the exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, visual art, and home improvement.

6. Exhibitors in the Auditorium during Conference Judging Day MUST be in uniform. Exhibitors MUST wear the following uniform when being judged: white shirt w/4-H emblem or blouse w/4-H emblem and clean, dark colored pants, jeans, or slacks with no holes and closed toed shoes. Clothes must NOT be torn, tattered, or ripped. Exhibitors will be dropped one placing if not in appropriate dress.

7. 4-H’ers, if selected by the judges to have their exhibit represent Clinton County 4-H at the Iowa State Fair, must have completed 5th grade through 12th grade.

8. If the 4-H’er chooses to create a display to illustrate what was learned, the following maximum size guidelines should be followed: Posters and banners are not to exceed 24” x 36” or foam core board of 22” x 30”. Exception: see rule #5 for communication 4-H posters. Chart or graph boards and model displays, etc., are not to exceed 4’ x 4’ in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. Display boxes are not to exceed 28” x 22” in height or width and 12” in depth.

9. All exhibitors are reminded to make class entry using Fair Entry Online by June 23, 2015. Non-livestock class entries are due in Fair Entry Online by Conference Judging Day, July 13, 2015.

10. All exhibits must have a county entry tag filled out and attached securely. Please label all pieces of your exhibits. (Entry tags will be available for pickup from leaders or at the Extension Office).

11. If a member cannot be present for conference judging, a parent or leader may enter the project for judging.
12. All exhibits must be made during the current project year (after September 1, 2014). The article may be made for someone other than the exhibitor.

13. All exhibits will place in purple, blue, and red ribbon classes. Purple (State Fair), Light Purple (State Fair Alternate), Yellow (State Fair Consideration), Light Green (Outstanding Junior) $2.00, Blue $1.50, and Red $1.00. Premium money will be sent to the 4-H club leader for distribution in accordance with each club’s policy.

14. The auditorium will be open to the public as follows:
   Wednesday, July 16.................3:00pm-8:00pm
   Thursday, July 17....................9:00am-8:00pm
   Friday, July 18......................9:00am-8:00pm
   Saturday, July 19..................9:00am-8:00pm
   Sunday, July 20....................9:00am-3:00pm

15. Exhibits will be released from the auditorium on Sunday between 3:00-4:00pm. NO EARLY RELEASES. If an exhibit is removed from the auditorium before release time, the exhibitor will forfeit their premiums. Any item not picked up during this time will not remain in the auditorium and will find a new home or be thrown away.

16. Necessary changes announced at the Club Show will take precedence over the premium book.

17. Exhibitors interested in having their non-livestock projects transported to the State Fair should attend a State Fair meeting on Friday, July 17 at 12:30 pm, Saturday, July 18, at 4:00 pm, and Sunday, July 19 at 1:30 pm. A $15 fee per family will be charged for transportation of the exhibits. State Fair Exhibitors will also be photographed during this time and must be present in the auditorium during one of these designated times. If you have conflicts with these times, come to headquarters and request to have a media representative paged. Exhibitors MUST wear the following uniform for State Fair photographs: white shirt w/4-H emblem or blouse w/4-H emblem and pants, jeans, or slacks and closed toed shoes. Clothes must NOT be torn, tattered, or ripped.

18. Agriculture and Natural Resources Department Classes 401:02--403:49; exhibits must be home grown by the exhibitor only!

19. During the Clinton County Fair, large exhibits entered in the Science and Technology Department (such as tractors) may be exhibited outdoors on the fairgrounds.

20. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (including insects) should NOT be used in any exhibit. Wildflowers taken from parks should NOT be used. It is illegal to possess songbird feathers or nests. Game animals “legally taken”, such as pheasant, goose, duck, or quail are acceptable. Purple loosestrife and Lythrum Salicaria are plants that should not be planted in gardens. It has the potential of becoming noxious in Iowa. Other dried established noxious weeds are acceptable to use in exhibits.

21. Duplication of copyrighted materials or designs should NOT be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. A copyright design cannot be displayed in a public setting (fair) without permission being granted from the owner of the copyright. When the owner of the copyright has granted permission, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately. Those without permission cannot be displayed. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SF1UseofCopyrightVI010401.pdf

22. The Clinton County 4-H program is governed by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the County Agricultural Districts Memorandum of Understanding. All rules pertaining to the Clinton County Club Show align with Iowa 4-H Youth Development. Guidelines and rules are determined by 4-H Project Committees, 4-H Youth Committee and by County 4-H Extension Staff, which are governed by the Clinton County Extension Council. The Project Division Superintendents and Extension Staff shall make final interpretation of rules and regulations as they apply to all youth divisions.

23. Contact the Clinton County Extension Office for formal Grievance Policy.

DESCRIPTION OF RIBBONS:

Purple: The exhibit meets all standards. The exhibitor has clearly stated an appropriate learning goal and included accurate information on how and what was learned in preparing the exhibit. The exhibit and workmanship are extraordinary and need no improvement.

Blue: The exhibit has exceeded the minimum standards, but still has room for some improvement. The exhibitor has a clearly stated appropriate learning goal, included information on how and what was learned in preparing the exhibit. The exhibit shows good workmanship but minor improvements could be made.
**Red:** The exhibit has met the minimum standards and shows effort by the exhibitor, but has room for improvement in one or more areas of workmanship. The exhibitor needs to improve the learning goal statement and/or information on what was learned in preparing the exhibit.

**Yellow:** State Fair Consideration

**Green:** Outstanding 4th grade Junior exhibit (4th graders’ exhibits are not eligible to advance to State Fair)

**Red/White/Blue:** Participation ribbon given to Clover Kids.