

4-H & FFA

Objectives of 4-H & FFA Shows

To provide an opportunity for youth to: Further demonstrate, learn and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management and/or marketing of their accomplishments; Pursue life skill development in the areas of self-concept, communication, coping with change, decision-making, learning how to learn, citizenship and leadership; Measure their progress and skills against individual goals and accepted standards; Participate in a variety of program opportunities; Gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others. To provide an opportunity for the public to: Become acquainted with the Iowa Youth, the 4-H program, and the FFA program; View accomplishments of youth; Stimulate interest and learn new ideas from a variety of projects and experiences.

Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest, and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club, and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders, as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who break the Code of Ethics or allow another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the Code of Ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards, and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state, or regional exhibitions. Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc.) care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications and be free of violative drug residue.
6. If any animal receives medical treatment while at the fair, staff supervision and documentation (declaration of medication form) is required. This includes all medical treatments, medications or supplements administered to animals while on the fairgrounds. All medications and supplements that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used unless administered by the Official Fair Veterinarian.
7. My animals' appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures (except for surgical dehorning). Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.

9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as state in this document. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit, and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition, I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, or drug use.
14. I, as an exhibitor, will conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand, and agree to follow this Code of Ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its Premium Book.

General Rules

1. 4-H members are required to attend at least two regular club meetings, excluding Family Night, between September 1 and the first day of the fair, to be eligible to compete at the fair.
2. Only members who have completed enrollment at <https://v2.4honline.com> by May 15, and are in good standing, are eligible to compete at the fair.
3. All projects and exhibits must be registered at www.fairentry.com. The website will be open, without fees, from June 1 to July 1. After July 1, late fees will be applied. Any late entries will be entered through the Fremont County Extension Office and the money will be collected at the time of entry. No projects are officially entered until the fee has been collected. The fee is \$2 per entry with a maximum of \$20 per family. Late entries will be subject to delayed judging. If judging is full, you may be asked to return at a later time for your entry to be judged. Entries will not be judged until applicable fees have been collected.
4. FFA exhibits must be approved by advisor.
5. All shows, events, and judging will be held according to the Fair Schedule but are subject to change without notice.
6. All exhibitors must be present for judging. Exception would be in cases of injury, serious illness, or death in the family, as these conditions are out of the exhibitor's control. Any conflicts must be presented to the 4-H Youth Committee by July 1, unless it is an emergency situation.
7. All exhibits are to be brought for evaluation and exhibition according to assigned times. Exhibits are to remain in place until released at the time specified unless permission of superintendent is received.
8. Exhibits will be judged according to the age level of the member – Junior, Intermediate or Senior.

9. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit (i.e. write-up form). The exhibitor should respond briefly to the questions included on the Fremont County Exhibit and Record Book Write Up form. Exhibitors are welcome to reformat the document, add photos or graphs, or customize in a way that best fits the project. **Exception:** Write-ups are not required for live animal entries, table setting, communications, clothing events, photography, and cherry pie contest. A report form may be required instead. Write-ups are required for record book project award consideration.
10. The 4-H member's goals and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a ribbon.
11. Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, 4-H members are encouraged to use project guides and manuals and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent an idea, a part, or all learning involved in the respective project or program.
12. 4-H members who have completed grades 5-12, or that equivalent, are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. **Exception:** Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
13. There is no limit on the number of entries an individual exhibitor can take to the State Fair.
14. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa.
15. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H member's participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be completed by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual product, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video, etc.
16. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.
17. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size.
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
 - Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
18. Exhibit displays should be in proportion to the main item or idea being displayed. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned, the following maximum size guidelines apply:
 - Posters and banners are not to exceed standard poster board size of 22"x 28" or foam core board size of 22"x 30". **Exception:** see rule #1 in Communications for Poster Art.
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, and model displays, etc., are not to exceed 4'x4' 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. **Exception:** See rule #10 for Food and Nutrition exhibits.
19. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may 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 (*Lythrum salicaria*) is a plant 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.

20. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H members.) Those without permission cannot be displayed.
21. Due to security, 4-H members are discouraged from bringing items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Fremont County Fair Board and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
22. All exhibits, activities and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit and during the evaluation process.
23. Unless the class rules state otherwise, 4-H exhibitors are required to wear a 4-H club t-shirt or a white shirt with a 4-H armband or chevron; FFA exhibitors must wear a white t-shirt or FFA t-shirt. All exhibitors should wear jeans, slacks, shorts or skirts that are clean and free of obvious stains or rips. Shorts and skirts must be a respectable length. Respectable length is defined as being as long as or longer than the tips of the exhibitor's fingers when arms are fully extended at their side.
24. Volunteers will be needed to help transport exhibits to the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation of especially large exhibits. The Iowa State Fair management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.
25. All judges' decisions are final.

THEME OF THE YEAR: To increase participation and creativity, the 4-H Youth Committee has established a "Theme of the Year" for static exhibits. 4-H, Clover Kids and FFA projects are eligible. The 2022 theme is PARTY 'TIL THE COWS COME HOME! Projects that correspond with this theme will receive special recognition.