Frequently asked questions

What do I need to bring to Conference Judging Day, Tuesday, July 11th?

- Your Exhibit(s)
- Conference Judging Sheet (enclosed)
- Goal sheet with explanation of 2 design elements and art principles
- Tag (name, class, club, age) 1 per exhibit
- Entry fee - $3 for the first ten exhibits, 25¢ for each additional exhibit
- NOTE: Be sure to stop at the check-out table before leaving the building

Where can I get goal sheets, elements and principles of design forms, and tags?
These items can be picked up from your club leader or the Hardin County Extension Office, 524 Lawler, Iowa Falls. You can also obtain them from our website at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/4h

Do I need to pre-register to take exhibits to the fair?
No, you can come July 11th to Conference Judging Day with as many exhibits as you choose. You do not need to register at the Extension Office. Only animals need to be pre-registered (by June 15th).

Where can I get a fair book?
Hardin County Extension Office 524 Lawler, Iowa Falls, or http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/4h

How do I know what class my exhibit goes in?
The first question you should ask yourself is: What is my goal for this exhibit? For example, I would like to bring a pillow to the fair. Was the goal to learn how to sew? Then it would enter the Sewing and Needle Arts class. Was the goal to coordinate a pillow with the rest of your bedroom décor? Then it would be Home Improvement.

What if I can’t find a class for my exhibit?
If you are not able to find a class for your exhibit in the fair book, it may be included under Self Determined, Class 10506. This class may be found on page 41 of the fair book.

How do I prepare my photo?
Read the rules closely on page 38 of your fair book for specifics of what size it should be and how it should be matted. You will need a Photography Label form http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/4h as well as an exhibit label. Attach the Photography Label with tape on the back of the matte. Tape the exhibit label to an upper corner of the matte.

What do I wear when I show my animals?
4-H’ers are required to wear 4-H affiliated shirts w/sleeves or plain white shirts while exhibiting in the show ring unless otherwise designated by department rules. See page 11, rule #9 of the fair book. Equine exhibitors are required to wear a long sleeved shirt with a 4-H Chevron arm band on the upper left arm, page 25, rule # 18.

What do I wear when I bring my exhibits to be judged?
Conference judging day does not require any special attire, but 4-H shirts are encouraged.

Where can I get a 4-H t-shirt?
4-H t-shirts can be purchased at the Extension Office prior to the fair. During the fair, they can be purchased in the fair office.
How do I enter my projects online?
To make Hardin County Fair Entries, go to: http://hardin.fairentry.com
Entries accepted until June 15, 2016 (late fee of $10 added to entries June 16-22, 2016)

I forgot my 4HOnline login information, but want to do my entries online. How?
No problem, simply contact our office. We can look up your username and reset your password. This information will carry over directly to FairEntry from 4hOnline.

What if I submitted my entries and forgot one or more?
Entries come to me for approval once you submit them. You will get a confirmation email from FairEntry, once approved. When staff approves them, you can create an additional entry or entries and submit again.

What if I submitted my entries, but made a mistake?
Let us know, asap. If something isn’t right, we can send it back to you, to fix.

Do I enter my static exhibits in FairEntry?
Static exhibits may be entered in FairEntry or you can complete a paper copy. Static exhibit payment will be collected at check-in on Tuesday, July 11th.

Where are the Llama classes?
Under: Department > Pets.

Can Clover Kids use this program?
Yes. Youth Animal (K-3) entries can be entered in FairEntry. Clover Kids Sharing is not available this year in FairEntry.

What about FFA members?
Yes, FFA members can use this program, too! They have to choose: Not in 4-H and need to create a FairEntry account? (below the blue sign in button)

I have to pick a specific animal for each class?
Yes. However, animal substitution will be allowed this year, as along as the animal was ID’d, by May 15.

A special instruction sheet “Directions for Hardin County Fair Online Entries” is also available online or at the Hardin County Extension Office.