



Fair Tips for Parents



General Tips During Fair

- Remember to pack clean clothes. You will get dirty/wet.
- A good meet-up place for kids that get lost is the Youth Center - they have the main speaker system.
- You may not always agree with the judge —Please politely bring up concerns with committee members or staff, not youth.
- Talk to other 4-H parents and youth during fair.
- Don't forget to have fun!

Static Judging Day

- Your 4-H'er has an opportunity to share and showcase what they have explored, learned, and created throughout the year!
- Have patience!
- Something might get broken or dropped... judges are human and will understand.
- Not all things go to the Iowa State Fair... it is all about the 4-H members learning to do their best.
 - Our county can only send between 20-25 total projects depending on the county's 4-H enrollment that year

Showing Livestock

- All the extra chores will be worth seeing your child exhibit their animal in the show!
- Ask older youth, committee members, & other parents for help. There is a first time for everyone—they understand!
- It is the 4-H member's exhibit. Let them clean up & take pride in their animal.
- Celebrate the successes! Be understanding during stressful times.
- It is one judge's opinion on one particular day....Not everyone can be Grand Champion

Don't forget...

- Encourage your 4-H'er to try their best and celebrate their successes!

Don't forget to pack:

- Exhibit
- Write-Up for each static exhibit
- Exhibitor Shirt
- Closed Toe Shoes
- Snacks
- Water
- Advil/Tylenol
- Clean, dry clothes for everyone

If you have any questions or need to request accommodations, please email Samantha Jamison at jamison1@iastate.edu or call/text 319-201-0102

The majority of the adults who work to put on the fair are volunteers. Be sure to thank them for their time and effort putting together the celebration of the Louisa County Fair!

