

Palo Alto County Fair Static Exhibitor Prep Sheet

We are excited that you are bringing exhibits to the Palo Alto County Fair. Things have changed a bit in the past couple of years, so we created this checklist to help you be successful and prepared for the judging experience.

Before the Fair

- Pre-enter your static exhibits at <https://paloaltocounty.fairentry.com/> by 4:00 p.m. on July 14, 2023
- If **copyrighted** materials were used, seek permission and bring signed permission form.
- Bring at least a picture of your source of inspiration or source of design. If small enough, consider bringing the actual source.
- Be prepared to share the following information about each exhibit with the judge. Feel free to have notecards or notes to help. Photos, printed or on a phone, can also be used to share your story.
 - What did you plan to learn or do? What was your exhibit goal?
 - What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - What were the most important things you learned?
- Check the fair book for 4-H Building Exhibits: General Exhibit Rules for poster and display size limits.

Check Project-specific Requirements

- Photography** – bring original, unedited photo along with your edited version. Be prepared to share with the judge the information that is requested on the photography exhibit label. Be sure to read and follow the special photography rules.
- Visual Arts** – be prepared to talk about how you made design decisions using design elements or art principles. If original art, please be prepared to share your artist's statement (see the fair book for more information).
- Child Development** – be sure to have tested out your exhibit with actual children, if appropriate.
- Clothing & Sewing** – include information about decisions that were made using design elements and art principles.
- Food Preservation** – Be sure to use an approved recipe and adjust processing time for elevation. Bring 2 product samples.
- Food & Nutrition** – Bring your recipe, with the source credited. Review [Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide](#). If you plan to use frosting, read [here](#) first.
- Home Improvement** – Items must be ready for display in the home.
- Personal Development** – Be prepared with all exhibits in this department, except posters, to share how your work on this exhibit affected you as an individual. This applies to **Citizenship, Communication, Digital Storytelling, Leadership, and Self-Determined**.

At the Fair

- Arrive at the fairgrounds no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 18, 2023. Bring your exhibits to the 4-H building and stop at the check-in desk. Horticulture arrives between 4:30-7:00 p.m. on July 19.
- Once checked in you will attach the exhibit entry card to each of your exhibits.
- Find the judge you need for each exhibit and wait in line until your turn. Take your exhibit and judging sheet with you, unless your exhibit is large. Large exhibits can stay in your club booth.
- Be sure to return your exhibitor judging sheet to the check-in desk so that your placings can be recorded for premiums and results shared with the media.
- Check back on Thursday for results or any special awards. Special awards will be recognized on Thursday evening during the 4-H Awards Program in the open air pavilion.
- Return on Sunday after (time to be determined) to pick up your exhibits.
- If exhibits were selected for State Fair, plan to attend the Exhibit Write-up Help Day, Aug. 3 - 9:00-4:30.

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