

How to Prepare Your 4-H Building (Static) Exhibits for Fair

Here are some general reminders when you are preparing your exhibits for the 4-H/FFA Exhibit Building. Be sure to read your Fair Book thoroughly for rules, regulations and guidelines for your exhibits.

1. Check your size guidelines when creating a display, trifold board or poster. They are listed in the fair book under General Exhibit Rules.
2. If you are entering items in Visual Arts, Clothing, Sewing or Home Improvement the judges could ask you about Design Elements and Art Principles so be prepared to talk about them. Better yet, put that information in your write-up.
3. 4-H'ers need to be able to answer the 3 questions listed in the fair book about each of your exhibits. These questions are from the State Fair rules. Warren County does not require these 3 questions with answers to be written out but you are strongly encouraged to write them. If going on to State Fair it is required since State Fair is not a conference judging experience.
4. Think about copyright. With our exhibits being on public display we must adhere to copyright laws. For more information on copyright go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/StateFair/SFDocuments/SF1UseofCopyrightVI010401.pdf> or contact the Extension Office.
5. If you are bringing a food items that you have prepared, a written recipe must accompany your exhibit and it must list the source of the recipe.
6. If you got your idea for your exhibit from Pinterest you must go to the original site to source your information. Pinterest is not a source. Double click on the image on Pinterest and it will take you to the original source.
7. Some classes such as Visual Arts and Foods have specific rules - please read your fair book.
8. The 4-H website, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/> is a wealth of information for you! If you click on the top of the page tab that says 4-H Project every project area has information, Tip Sheets and Hot Sheets to help you prepare exhibits for fair.