



July 1, 2023

Dear Exhibitors,

The Winnebago County Fair is less than 2 weeks away – July 12 – 16! We hope you are as excited as we are! This letter includes LOTS of information about exhibiting at the fair. **Please read it carefully.** Be sure to check the department and class rules and requirements for each of your exhibit areas. You can access the fair book at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winnebago/> (click on the 4-H & Youth Tab, then click on County Fair). There are some helpful tip sheets available on the website, please make sure to check them out for answers to frequently asked questions. The Extension Office staff are also available to help; please reach out to us with questions at 641-584-2261, or [xwinnebago@iastate.edu](mailto:xwinnebago@iastate.edu) or stop in to see us 9AM – 3:30 PM Monday - Thursday.

**Important Dates and Times to Remember:**

**Saturday, July 1**      **Livestock ID in 4-H Online are due for rabbits, poultry  
Winnebago County Fair entries due (FairEntry shutdown at 11:59 PM)  
Iowa State Fair Livestock and Horticulture entries due**

**Sunday, July 2 – Monday, July 10**  
**Winnebago County Fair Entries accepted - \$25 late fee per exhibitor**

**Saturday, July 8**      **Fair Clean-Up/Set-Up Day**      2:00 PM  
Look for a Fair Board member for directions on how you can help.

**Monday, July 10**      **Fair Clean-Up/Set-Up Day**      4:00 – 7:00 PM  
Look for a Fair Board member for directions on how you can help.

**Tuesday, July 11**      **Club Booth Set-Up & Exhibit Tag Pick Up**      2:00 – 8:00 PM

**Wednesday, July 12** **Club Booth Set-Up & Exhibit Tag Pick Up**      1:00 – 6:30 PM  
**Static Exhibit Judging**  
    • **4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**      4:00 – 7:00 PM  
    • **Clover Kids – (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)**      4:00 – 7:00 PM  
    **All Exhibits must be checked in by 6:30 PM**

**Livestock Arrival and Vet Check**      6:00 – 9:00 PM  
    • All Swine must be on the grounds in in their pens by 9PM  
    • Pen of Three Cattle must be on the grounds and weighed in from 7-9PM  
    • All Poultry must be on the grounds and Pullorum-Typhoid tested between 7-9PM

**Thursday, July 13**      **Livestock Arrival and Vet Check**      6:00 – 9:00 AM  
    • All Livestock **MUST** be in place by 9AM  
    • Check with Species Superintendent for Weigh-in Times

**Garden Entries Arrive**      9:00 – 10:30 AM  
**Garden Judging**      10:30 AM

## Static (non-livestock) Exhibit Information for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry (FairEntry.com) Due July 1<sup>st</sup>
- There are no entry fees for Static Exhibits (non-livestock).
- **NEW DATE & TIME: 2023 Static Judging date has changed! Static judging will take place on Wednesday, July 12 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. ALL exhibits must be checked in by 6:30 pm. No exhibits will be accepted after 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 12.**
- All judging at fair will be conference (face-to-face with the judge).
  - Exhibitors may conference judge a maximum of 3 exhibits per judge, exhibitors will then be asked to go to the back of the line to show to the same judge their next 3 exhibits, repeat this process as necessary.
- **PILOT PROJECT (Year 2 of 3): A written explanation (aka goal card/write-up), audio recording, or video recording is NOT REQUIRED to be included as part of each exhibit at the Winnebago County Fair.**
  - There are still required support pieces (source of design, recipe) for the Winnebago County Fair. Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.
  - Exhibits selected for the Iowa State Fair, MUST include the explanation in a written, audio, or video format to the three question below because there is no conference with a judge.
    - What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
    - What steps did you take to learn or do this?
    - What were the most important things you learned?
  - You MAY still choose to use the Exhibit Goal Sheet form which is enclosed (reproduce as needed), get more from your leader, the Extension Office, or online. You may also write your own report, as long as it includes each of the components on the “4-H Exhibit Goal Sheet.”
- Any exhibit can fit into a fair class. Figuring out which class your exhibit fits into is based on your goal. So ask yourself, what GOAL did you want to reach as you created, developed, made, the exhibit. If you still have questions about which class your exhibit should be in, call or email the Extension Office.
- **Please** remember to pay special attention to the Iowa 4-H Copyright rules found on the Winnebago County Fair website and here: [Use of Copyright Materials](#)
- Foods exhibits – Please pay special attention to the [Foods for Iowa 4-H Fair Quick Reference Guide](#). There are SPECIFIC references for acceptable recipes, as well as techniques.
- All exhibits are released at 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 16.
  - **4-H members and FFA members who cannot adhere to the release time and date should make arrangements for someone else to pick up the exhibit.**
  - **Exhibits who remove exhibits early will forfeit all premiums.**

## Clothing Event Information for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders:

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry (FairEntry.com)
- **NEW DATE: Wednesday, July 12 (in conjunction with static exhibit judging) from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.** No sign-up times for judging, wait in line for conference judging like static exhibits.
- **You must fill out a different clothing event form for each clothing event class you will be participating in.** Clothing Event forms are available at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winnebago/county-fair>
- Fashion show: Friday, July 14; 2:30 PM The fashion show and results of judging will be intermingled with Communication Events.

## Preparation for Static Exhibit Judging Day – Wednesday, July 12 4-7PM.

### Prior to fair:

- Find your sources of inspiration (where did you get the idea, recipe, plans, etc.) All sources must be credited following [Iowa 4-H copyright rules](#). Sources need to be as specific as possible (for example “internet” is NOT acceptable, instead you need to list a specific website for example: [gotmyideahere.com](http://gotmyideahere.com))
- Gather all supporting materials such as photos, sources, plans, recipes, receipts.
  - **Refer to the fairbook for additional guidelines on exhibiting. Below are some examples of required supporting materials.**
    - For photography exhibits be sure to attach [Photography label](#).
    - For foods exhibits be sure to attach your recipe; including the source.
    - For visual arts exhibits be sure to include the application of the [elements of design](#).
    - For clothing exhibits be sure to include the application of the [elements of design as it relates to clothing](#).
  - Consider putting all your documents in a folder or plastic sleeves to contain them.
- *Optional:* Make yourself an exhibit kit, including a pen, tape, string, stapler, and other things you may need to prepare or set up your exhibit at the fair. We will have a supply box for each club, but there never seems to be enough scissors or tape or string. 😊
- *Optional:* Pick up Exhibit Tags early on Tuesday, July 11 from 2-8pm or on Wednesday, July 12 2-4pm) If you pick up your exhibit tags early, you can attach tags and support materials at home.

### At the fair:

- Wearing a Winnebago County 4-H or Fair t-shirt is encouraged.
- **ALL vehicles arriving on Wednesday and Thursday should enter through the west entrance of the fairgrounds. (Please see enclosed map)**
  - There will be two 15 minute unloading spots at the North End of the 4-H Building, please feel free to stop in one of them, unload all of your exhibits, then move your car to the Parking lot.
- Check in at the 4-H Building (Look for the Check-in sign).
  - You will receive your exhibitor entries list and your entry tags.
  - Move your exhibits into your 4-H Club’s Booth and attach your exhibit tags and support materials to each exhibit.
- Take your exhibit, exhibitor entries list as you sit down and talk with a judge for the Department your exhibit fits underneath.
  - You and the judge will talk about your exhibit, your goal, what steps you took to reach your goal/complete the exhibit, what you learned, and what you could have done differently.
  - Each judge will mark the ribbon placings on your exhibitor entries list.
- Once you are done getting all of your exhibits judged, take your exhibitor entries list to the ribbon table to receive your exhibit ribbons.
  - Your exhibit list sheet will stay at the ribbon table for results to be entered for your premiums.
- Attach your ribbon on your exhibit(s) along with your entry tag and place it your club’s booth.
  - If a judge kept one of your exhibits to be considered for special award, those exhibits will stay behind the individual judges. They will be placed in Club Booths or in Special Award areas by staff after judging in complete.

## Sunday, July 16

**5:30 PM - Pictures of Exhibitors who had items selected for State Fair**

**6:00 PM - Exhibit Pick Up – All Exhibits will be released at 6PM**

### Garden Exhibit Information for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders:

- All gardening exhibits need to be registered in FairEntry (FairEntry.com) by July 1.
- **Judging will take place on Thursday, July 13.**
  - **Check-in will take place from 9:00 – 10:30 am.**
  - **Judging will start at 10:30 am.**
- An exhibitor may show any one (1) entry per class and the exhibit must be from the member's own garden.
- Classes will be shown on paper plates or in glass bottles furnished by the exhibitor. (The Fair is not responsible for broken or damaged items.)
- **Variety must be listed on the tag, unless otherwise specified.**
  - If not, ribbon placement will automatically decrease on placing.
- Please review our preparation help sheets to learn how to prepare your [veggies](#) or [flowers](#) for the horticulture show.
- Exhibits may not be removed before 6:00 pm on Sunday.

### Communication Events Information for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders:

- There are no entry fees for non-livestock exhibits.
- All communication events (Working Exhibits, Educational Presentations, Poster Exhibit and Share-the-Fun) must be entered under the communication department in FairEntry. **Fill in the title of the presentation/talk/act in the description box and submit by July 1.**
- **Communication Events and judging will be held on Friday, July 14 starting at 2:30 PM.**
- Communication Event forms should be completed and brought with you the day of judging.
  - These forms will be distributed with a copy of the schedule after July 10 and are also available at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winnebago/county-fair>
- If you have timing conflicts with other fair events and would like to participate in one of the communication events, please call the Extension Office. We will do our best to work with you to find an alternate time.

### Livestock Exhibit Information for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry (FairEntry.com) by July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Please refer to your fair book for class information and fees.
- There are two methods of payment, online payment with a credit card or checks are payable to the Winnebago County Fair Board.
  - Send to the following address:
    - Winnebago County ISU Extension & Outreach
    - ATTN: Winnebago County Fair Board
    - PO Box 47
    - Thompson, IA 50478
- The Winnebago County Extension office MUST have a copy of ALL 4th-12th grade 4-H or FFA members YQCA certificate (that are planning on showing Beef, Goats, Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep and/or Swine) before approval in Fair Entry. Certificates can be emailed to [xwinnebago@iastate.edu](mailto:xwinnebago@iastate.edu), mailed or dropped off at the Winnebago County Extension Office. YQCA certificates are due by July 1.

### **Livestock Exhibit Information for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders** continued

- SWINE must have a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) within 7 days of fair. CVI is required for entry into the fair.
- ALL sexually intact SHEEP must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag.
- ALL sexually intact GOATS must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA.
- POULTRY must have pullorum typhoid testing within 30 days - this is available at fair check in.
- **ALL LIVESTOCK will go through an on-trailer vet inspection point before unloading on the fairgrounds.** ALL vehicles arriving on Wednesday and Thursday should enter through the west entrance of the fairgrounds. (Please see attached map)
- ALL DOGS and CATS exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. A copy of this certificate is due at the Winnebago County Extension Office by Monday, July 10.
- **Wear Winnebago County Exhibitor T-shirts when showing your livestock.**
- All livestock exhibits, except Swine, will be released at 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 16.
  - **Any member who chooses to remove their livestock before 6:00 pm will forfeit all premiums.**
- All livestock not loaded by 11:00 pm must stay until 7:00 am on Monday, July 17.

All forms, rule books, and exhibition preparation help sheets are available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winnebago/county-fair>. Please call the Winnebago County Extension Office at 641-584-2261 or email [xwinnebago@iastate.edu](mailto:xwinnebago@iastate.edu) with your questions.

See you at the Fair!

Attachments:

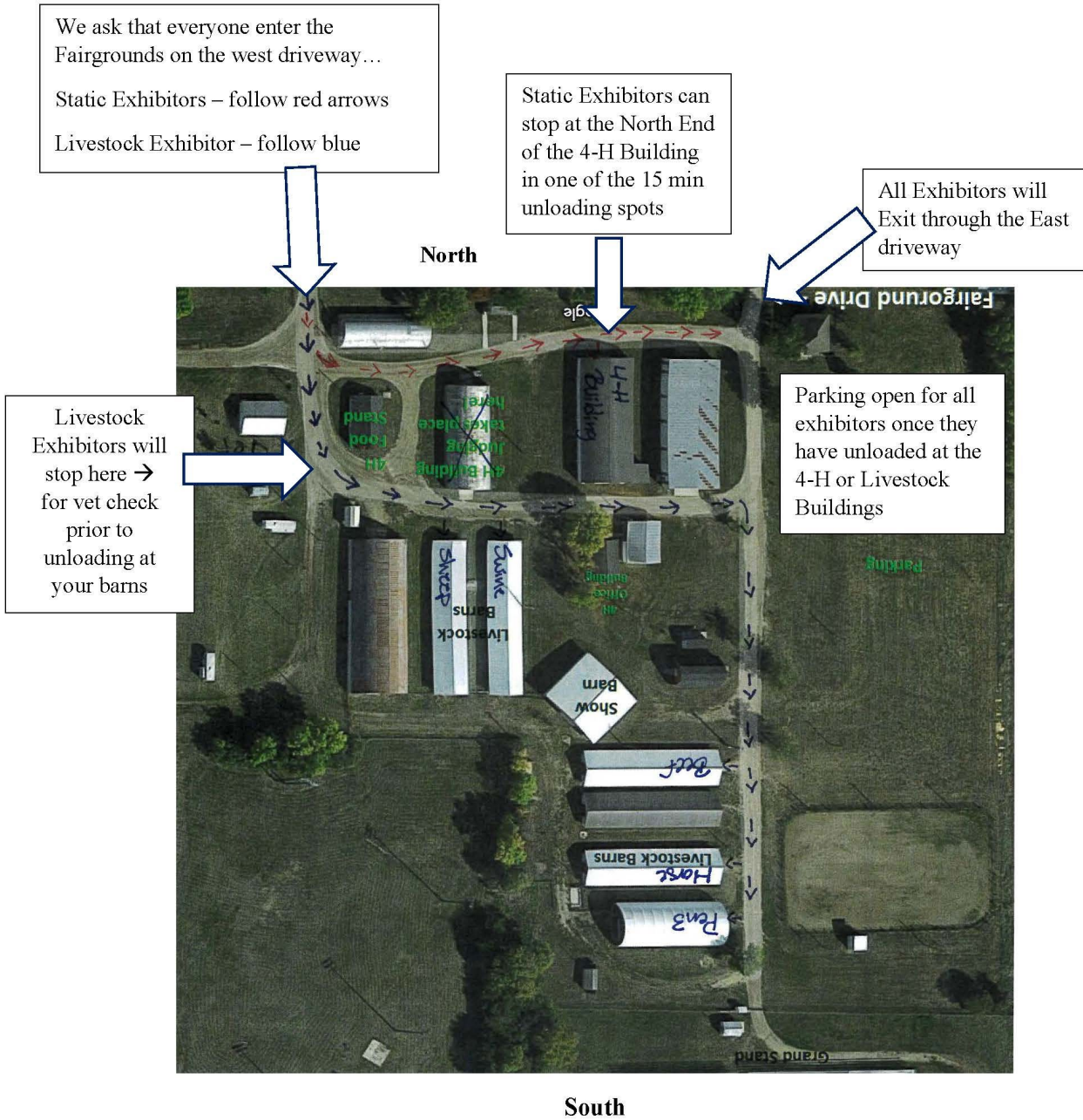
[Map of Traffic Flow for Wednesday and Thursday](#)

[Exhibit Goal Sheet](#)

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# 2023 Traffic Flow Map

## Wednesday and Thursday of Winnebago County Fair





# Exhibit Goal Sheet

Use this sheet to accompany your fair exhibit on judging day. After fair include this sheet with your project record keeping for project completion recognition.

**Project Area:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_ **Grade Just Finished:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years enrolled in project including this year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My goal:**     **What did you plan to learn or do?**

**What I did in achieving my goal (in steps):**     **What steps did you take to learn or do this? What decisions did you make in accomplishing your goal?**

**What I learned:**     **What were the most important things you learned?**