



Fair Tips Static Judging Day



Don't forget, fair judging day is June 11th!

Step 1: Arrive at the fairgrounds

- Bring static exhibits on June 11th at your club's designated time to the 4-H Exhibits Building. You will also need the Worth County Fair Entry Tag, 4-H Exhibit Entry Form and goal sheet filled out for each project.

Step 2: Judging

- Take your exhibits to the corresponding judge
- Wait patiently for your turn to show your static item
- Each judge table will be color coordinated and will have a sign with the project area listed

Step 3: Exhibit Judging

When it is your turn

- Take all of your exhibits in that project area to the judge, bring the 4-H Exhibit Building Entry Form, Goal Sheet & Fair Entry Tag
- **Only the 4-H'er will go to the judging area to be judged.**

What questions will the judge ask?

- What did you learn while doing your exhibit?
- What were your goals?
- What is your favorite part of the exhibit?
- What was the hardest part of the exhibit?
- If you could do it again what would you do differently?
- What do you plan on doing next year in this project area?

Packing Checklist

- Exhibits
- Write-Up for each exhibit
- 4-H Shirt
- Positive Attitude
- Pen/Pencil
- 4-H Member
- Phone/Camera
- Patience

Step 4: Ribbons

- Take your 4-H Exhibit Building Entry Form to the 4-H table located in the center of the building
- Hand your form to a 4-H staff member, they will hand you your ribbon placement
- There is tape and string at the table to attach your Fair Entry Tag and ribbon to your project
- Bring your project to your club's fair booth

If you have any questions please call 641-324-1531





Fair Tips for Showing Livestock



Arrive at the fairgrounds

- Make sure to have any paperwork ready when you arrive at the fair grounds. All swine exhibitors must get in line for inspection by the fair veterinarian before unloading animals.
- Stay calm. If you are calm, your animal will be calm. Remember, this is a new environment for them.

During the fair

- Keep stalls, walkways, and animals clean.
- Talk to other 4-H'ers from other clubs. Make new friends!
- Cheer on your fellow 4-H'ers while they show.
- Participate in other activities (Example: Showmanship and Barn Interview).
- Get your animal used to the show arena by walking them in the arena when it is not in use.

Packing Checklist

- Any paperwork
- Animal feed
- Water from home
- Fans/frozen bottles of water to keep animals cool
- Animal shampoo
- Water hose
- Mud boots/ extra shoes
- Clean change of clothes for showing (Close toed shoes)
- Clean 4-H shirt for show day
- Shovels
- Bedding
- Pans/buckets/cups for feed and water
- Halters (if needed)
- Show stick (if needed)
- Animal cleaning brushes/cloths
- 4-H'er

Preparing for judging

- Make sure your animal is clean before you show. Utilize wash racks/pens to help with this.
- Make sure 4-H'ers clothes are clean.
- Pin your exhibitor number to the back of your shirt.

You are done!

- You **MUST** wait until the assigned release times to remove your animal from the fairgrounds.
- Enjoy the rest of the fair!

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Herdsmanship Award

- For livestock: horse, beef, sheep, meat goat, dairy, poultry, rabbit and swine exhibitors
- Take good care of your animal
- Feed and water
- Clean pens/stalls
- Keep alley ways clear and clean





Fair Tips for Parents



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- Have patience... have a lot of patience.
- Know something might get broken or dropped... judges are human and will understand.
- There will be issues that come up... support the 4-Hers as they work through them.
- Stay calm! Be an example for youth.
- Remember not all things go to the Iowa State Fair... it is all about the 4-H'ers learning to do their best.

Showing Livestock

- You won't be the first family that forget something and will have to go home to get it.
- It is the 4-H'ers exhibit. Let them clean up & take pride in their animal.
- Celebrate the successes! Be understanding during stressful times and when issues arise.
- Ask older youth, committee members, & other parents for help. There is a first time for everyone—they understand!
- It is one judges opinion....Not everyone can be Grand Champion.

Other Tips During Fair

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

Don't forget...

- Advil/Tylenol
- Clean dry clothes for everyone
- 4-H is a safe place to fail and learn from those lessons for later in life
- Encourage your 4-H'er to try their best and celebrate their successes
- Fair is supposed to be fun!
- Take a deep breath.
- Keep things in perspective—
It's not the end of the world.

Don't forget to pack:

- Exhibit
- Write-Up for each exhibit
- 4-H Shirt
- Closed Toe Shoes
- Snacks or money for snacks
- Water
- Pen/Pencil
- 4-H Member
- Phone/Camera

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