

4-H BUILDING EXHIBITS 2024

1. Items made by 4-H members should reflect the skills they have learned in their 4-H project, the needs and interests of the 4-Her, and quality workmanship. Use the 4-H project literature for ideas and criteria. The member must be enrolled in the project and completed their 4-H club requirements.
2. Exhibits are displayed at the risk of the individual 4-H member. The 4-H Staff, Extension Centers, nor the Cooper County Fair are not responsible for loss or damage to items.
3. 4-H members may exhibit only in project(s) in which they are enrolled in. Items exhibited must be made in the current year and must be a completed project, the work of the 4-H member submitting the exhibit.
4. 4-H Personnel must check exhibits in and out of the 4-H building at established times. (No exceptions will be made.) No early removal or checkout of exhibits is permitted. Exhibits which are not properly checked in or out of the 4-H building will not be awarded premium money and/or ribbons.
5. Unless otherwise noted, members are limited to three (3) exhibits per class. Clover kids limited to five (5) entries. Exploring class (first year members only) limited to five (5) entries. Exploring and Clover Kids members cannot display animals or hams/bacon in this project.
6. TROPHY/AWARD NOTE: Trophy winners are selected from the State Fair recipients in select project areas only. The judge's decisions are final.
7. All exhibits must have a Cooper County Fair tag securely fastened to the item in a place that is visible to fair-goers. This label must list the member's name, identification number, club, age, class number, and description of entry.
8. Conference judging is used to evaluate the 4-H exhibits at the Cooper County Fair. 4-H members are expected to visit with the judge about the project to be exhibited. Absentee Interview Judging forms are to accompany exhibits if member is unable to attend conference judging.
9. Where the exhibit list states, "any item made", the 4-H member may display any item made in that project. This includes: notebooks, file cards, photo displays, posters, or educational displays. Not all are eligible to proceed to the state fair. Regardless of the project, the following dimensions and guidelines must be used.

REMEMBER: ALL EXHIBITS, REGARDLESS OF PROJECT, MUST COMPLY WITH THE SIZE AND DIMENSION GUIDELINES. SEE EXTENSION AND FAIR WEBSITES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE STATE FAIR AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE COOPER COUNTY FAIR BOOK

Exhibit Guidelines:

- **POSTER**-No larger than 14" x 22"; flat only; do not fasten three-dimensional items to the poster. Foam board is allowed.
- **PHOTO DISPLAY**-All photos should be mounted on an 8" x 10" solid mounting surface. The mounting surface should be mat board, in a color of the photographer's choice. The photographs must be 8" x 10" or smaller, with no more than four photos per mat board. Poster board or foam core board is not acceptable mounting materials. Photos can be mounted either horizontally or vertically with no writing or labels on the mat board. A permanent mount must be made using photographic adhesive. No photos using glass and/or wooden, brass, plastic frames, etc. To protect exhibits from dust and moisture, photos should be placed in an exhibit bag available through MU Extension (8 ¼ x 10 ½ inch sleeves). Digital considerations – techniques that can be performed in camera, in a photo editing software program, or in a film darkroom are permissible. The Line is drawn between "enhancing" and "altering" a photo. 1. Altering (editing to change the contents of a photo) is not permitted. 2. Enhancing (editing to enhance the existing qualities of a photo) is permitted. Photographs entered in project area besides photography should follow these mounting and editing guidelines.
- **FOODS/NUTRITION**- Paper or disposable plates are recommended. Provide a recipe card and a sample with any food item.
- **NOTEBOOKS**- select 1 page that represents the notebook.
- **EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY** - Must not exceed 12" in height, 12" in depth (front to back) and 14" in width. Must include three-dimensional items and stand alone. (Posters with items taped to them do not qualify as an educational display.)
- **ENTOMOLOGY OR GEOLOGY DISPLAY BOX**-Box must be exactly 18" long, 24" wide, and 3 ½" deep to fit in display racks. Plexiglas or plastic covers are preferred. **NO** handles or knobs.
- **DISPLAY BOARDS**- (rigid backings with items fastened to them)-No larger than 14" x 22".
- **WORKING MODELS**-These exhibits should show how things actually work (cutaway-sections of motors or computers) or can be used to help people identify parts such as parts of a motor or computer. Many times these exhibits are considered "hands-on" and can be handled by visitors. Working models should require floor space no larger than 24" x 24".
- **DECORATED CAKES**-The use of forms or pans is recommended. No real cakes, please. Cakes should not exceed 12" in height and 12" at the base. Cake boards should not exceed 1" margin on each side of cake pan or form. Use royal icing or rolled fondant or commercial product like DAPP.
- **SHOOTING SPORTS**-Exhibits should contain **NO** live ammunition and arrow points should be removed.
- **SCRAPBOOKING**-exhibits should be **only** 1 page/1 side representative of the complete scrapbook, not to exceed 12" x 12". Page should be in clear protective sleeve or clear zipper bag. Do not frame. No more than one page per entry.
- **EXHIBITS USING OF BATTERIES**- such as circuit boards or robots should not connect the wires to the battery; rather the wires should be taped behind the battery. Another option is to not attach a battery, but indicate "battery goes here".

EXHIBIT ENTRY TIMES

Entries are accepted beginning at 6:00 pm Monday, July 22,2024. Each exhibitor will obtain a name tag from staff located in the Bonanza building (south of the exhibit building) for admission to the Exhibit Hall where projects are judged. Ham/Bacon entries are judged Monday. Tags at a special table set for **Ham/Bacon Entries only - will be Sunday, July 21 from noon to 2 p.m.** Entries close for other projects Monday at 8:00 pm.

The Members will enter in alphabetical order by the member's last name.

6:00pm	YELLOW	Initials G to L
6:30pm	BLUE	Initials M to R
7:00pm	RED	Initials S to Z
7:30pm	PURPLE	Initials A to F

Ushers will be available to direct exhibitors to the various sign in areas. PARENTS are NOT to be present during judging. Exhibits will be available for viewing beginning Tuesday, July 23 at 7:00 pm.

Exhibitors Arm Band info:

Livestock Members will receive an armband to wear during the fair for gate entry during exhibit check in times (see above). All others will not need them. Most gate times are sponsored by a local business.

Some events will require all ages to pay at the gate.

Livestock members if the armband is not on your wrist, plan to pay entry fees at the gate. Our volunteers do not know you as members.

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