

4-H GENERAL PROJECTS SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS (replaces Division II & III)

1. All members must observe the General 4-H Show Rules and Regulations.
2. All 4-H members may enter an exhibit for each project in which they have enrolled during the current 4-H year by March 1, 2009. However, premiums will only be paid according to Rules 3 and 4 of the 4-H SHOW RULES and REGULATIONS.
3. All exhibits in this department must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been completed by 4-H members during the current 4-H year. Non-compliance will mean automatic disqualification from showing.
4. 4-H'ers will receive a rating and ribbon for each project properly enrolled and exhibited.
5. See General Rule #16 for poster and table display sizes. **Be sure to read each project's specifications carefully.**
6. All exhibitors must be present for conference judging. Exhibitors who do not follow the exhibit class guidelines and requirements are ineligible to receive a ribbon. The judge's decision is final unless it has been determined that an exhibitor has not followed the guidelines or rules for that exhibit class.
7. Only the judges, assistants, and exhibitors may be present at the time of judging.
8. Completed entry tags for each project will be available at the judging locations. The tags must remain on the projects for the entire length of the exhibit.
9. State Fair delegates will be selected from classes marked with an asterisk (*). Besides receiving an A rating, 4-H'ers must have reached **age 10 by September 1, 2008 in order to be chosen for State Fair.**
10. All exhibits will be put on display in the 4-H building. It will be open to the public during the Henry County Fair June 23 - 28. **Take score sheets home after judging.**
11. *Projects will be released Sunday, June 28 at **12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m.** and **MUST BE PICKED UP BY 1:15 p.m.** It is the responsibility of each member to bring exhibits to be judged and for picking them up on time. Projects left in the 4-H building after 1:15 p.m. will be discarded. **Clean up is 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.***
12. Interested groups wishing to support non-livestock 4-H projects will donate all special awards other than ribbons and trophies. Those interested in donating an award must notify the Unit office prior to award selection.
13. Please check under each department and the project you plan to exhibit for additional rules and guidelines. If the additional requirements under the department and project are not met, a lower rating may result.
14. Following judging you are encouraged to cover your project with a clear cover to protect it from the elements (wind, dust, and dampness). You are also allowed to use foam board instead of poster board as it resists dampness better. Projects such as child care should be in a container large enough to hold all the items, with each item clearly marked.
15. The judging schedule for all projects is found on page 5.
16. Display space is limited. **Table displays are limited to 2' wide x 15" deep unless otherwise stated in the class listings for that project.** (Standard science display boards fit into this size limitation.) This pertains to exhibits to be placed on a table only; floor exhibits are not limited UNLESS INDICATED in a specific project section (i.e., Woodworking, Interior Design, and Visual Arts). **The maximum poster size for hanging is 22" x**

30”, unless otherwise stated in the class listings for that project. **Exhibits that stand over 4’ tall will be placed on the floor.** Use of page protectors is recommended for binder exhibits. **Binder exhibits will NOT be labeled “Do Not Touch.”**

17. **CLOVER CHALLENGE** exhibit classes are included in many of the General 4-H Sections. These classes are ONLY for 15-18 year olds who are enrolled in Clover Challenge projects in that specific exhibit project area. Clover Challenge projects are to be “above and beyond” what the 4-H project books cover. Exhibit a display illustrating the Clover Challenge area that you explored. This could include anything NOT covered in the project book, including but not limited to career exploration or an in-depth study of s specific topic in that project’s subject matter. **The completed Illinois 4-H Clover Challenge Agreement must be presented with the exhibit.**

State Fair Delegates and Plaque winners will be recognized on Sunday, June 28. Plaque winners and State Fair Delegates and alternates will be posted in the 4-H exhibit building on Tuesday afternoon. All winners should try to be present for the presentation. Photographs of State Fair Delegates and Plaque winners will be taken following the awards presentations.

State Fair registration forms will be attached to your project. Please follow the directions for completing these forms and return to the Extension office by the date stated on the card, whether you participate or not.

PLAQUES and SPECIAL AWARDS will be presented in the following areas for this Division:

Please note: ‘Sponsor funding not yet confirmed’ means there is a possibility that the award may not be given out.

Bicycle

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Foods

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Plant & Soil Sciences

Henry Co. Farm Bureau (bond)

Child Care

Blain’s Farm & Fleet of Geneseo

Horticulture

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Tractor

Henry Co. Farm Bureau (bond)

Beginning Clothing

Blain’s Farm & Fleet of Geneseo

Mechanical Sciences

Blain’s Farm & Fleet of Geneseo

Tractor Operator

Henry Co. Farm Bureau (bond)

Advanced Clothing

Quilt Box, Kewanee

Natural Resources

Henry County SWCD

Woodworking

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Education

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Photography

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Visual Arts

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