

**State Fair
Please Read Carefully**

New Requirements and Changes for 2009 State Fair

1. To be eligible for nomination as a delegate, projects must have an "A" rating and the 4-Her must be 10 or older as of September 1, 2008.
2. McLean County 4-Hers are allowed one State Fair exhibit due to the limited entries allowed per county. 4-Hers nominated as a delegate in more than one project will select one project to exhibit at the State Fair.
3. Exhibitors MUST attend a State Fair Q & A Session, Thursday, July 30 at 4 p.m. or Saturday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m., (at the McLean County Fair), to be aware of eligibility requirements and to register themselves and their exhibit for the 2009 Illinois State Fair.
4. All projects that are selected at the county level must be the one exhibited at the State Fair, adjusted for State Fair requirements. Modifications can be made to the original county exhibit to 1) meet State Fair requirements, and 2) to incorporate suggested improvements made by a local judge.
5. 4-H members selected for State Fair exhibition will **participate in conference judging** and/or action-oriented presentations. **The exhibitor** will be responsible to transport their own exhibit to and from the Illinois State Fair on the appropriate judging day.
6. If a 4-Her selected as a State Fair delegate knows that they are not able to participate in the State Fair, it is important to alert superintendents, show directors, and/or Extension Staff **as soon as possible** so that alternates can be contacted.
7. Project exhibition schedule:
Saturday, August 15
MOST projects will be conference judged for McLean County
Saturday, August 22
ALL Bicycle Rodeo, Consumer Education, Electronics, Geospatial, and Robotics projects will be judged.
8. Public Presentations, Fashion Revue and Bicycle Rodeo are competitive events. Top individuals will receive special recognition that will be announced at the end of the day.
9. State Fair Guidelines may differ from County Guidelines. Please refer to State Fair Rules to check project eligibility.

Fair entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, July 1 or delivered to the Extension Office by 5 p.m. July 1.

**4-H Exhibit Release
4:30-6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2**