



4-H Exhibiting Guidelines

GUIDELINES FOR MEMEBERS EXHIBITING IN 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING

4-Hers are expected to exhibit completed items made during the year.

PROCEDURES TO GET ITEMS TO THE FAIR:

- Prepare all items with exhibit cards
- List items alphabetically by lot and class on entry form. **No entry form...no premiums.**
- Fill out 4-H exhibit entry form specific for 4-H exhibit building. Do not use entry in fair book. (request from 4-H office)
- One item per lot unless otherwise specified in 4-H exhibitors fair book.
- Leave entry form at fair once items are dropped off.
- Deliver items to fair by leader or by bringing them yourself; Tuesday, August 26th between 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm or August 27th between 8:30am-10a.m.

GETTING ON FAIRGROUNDS

- ✓ Enter the green Gate off Kearsarge Ave, in Contocook
- ✓ Drop off exhibits then move vehicle to area designated by police security.

GENERAL EXHIBITING TIPS

- ★ Members should only be exhibiting items made as part of a 4-H project or done on their own at home with leaders approval. Members need to be signed up officially for the project.
- ★ School projects, along with other projects not done in the 4-H club system, are not allowed .
- ★ All articles are exhibited at member's own risk.
- ★ Exhibits should be the best example of 4-H'ers ability and should be nicely displayed.
- ★ Only one item per lot is to be entered unless specified; such as crafts, which can enter four items. If more than one entry is allowed each entry must be different.
- ★ Projects or articles exhibited, must represent work done since July 1st, 2007 and not previously exhibited by 4-H members. The items must have been done as a 4-H project and in an area

in which the 4-H member was enrolled in the current 4-H year. MEMBER MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR THEIR PROJECT.

- ★ Ribbons and premiums are awarded to worthy exhibits on the basis of individual merits at Hopkinton State Fair only. Premiums are awarded at Achievement Night.
- ★ Items exhibited by Merrimack County members at the Hopkinton State Fair are not eligible for display at any other fair.
- ★ Each qualifying exhibit will receive a ribbon. First place: blue ribbon, Second place: red ribbon, and Third place: white ribbon. Green ribbon, worthy of a ribbon, but not meeting exhibiting criteria and guidelines.
- ★ Unsatisfactory projects may be disqualified and will not be eligible for awards. Examples would be: not meeting project standards, improper labeling, unsatisfactory workmanship, etc. Reasons for disqualification will be written on the evaluation sheet. Members are encouraged to talk to the judge or superintendent if questions arise.
- ★ Judges consider the difficulty of the project, and years enrolled in the project.

- ★ Older members should do work appropriate for their age.
- ★ Items listed in the *Fair Guideline Book* only are to be exhibited.
- ★ Exhibit cards: filled out correctly, securely attached. Cards are obtained at the 4-H office. Information to be included: name, age, number of years in 4-H, town, club, number of years in specific project, project goal. If an entry is a set of articles, fill out ONE LABEL but indicate how many articles are in the set.
- ★ Cover articles to keep dust off. Prepare items like pictures, photos, posters, arts and crafts, plants, clothing so they can be hung.

NOTE: A goal should be identified for project entered.

**Any exhibit that arrives on
Wednesday, August 27th , after
10 a.m. will receive no
premiums.**

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

Special Exhibiting Considerations

CLEANLINESS OF ARTICLES

We realize that articles are used in between completion of the project and the Fair, however, articles should be laundered, pressed and free of dust and extreme wear. If soiled, spotted or not clean, it may be reason to judge the item down.

CRAFTS: Members 8 - 11 years old, for the most part, are doing simple projects. Most articles will go in the simple, junior, or intermediate category. Articles that are more ambitious and involve more time go in the advanced or creative category. If exhibit specifies 3 x 5 card, it must be with the exhibit. If not with item, it may cause the item to be placed down a level.

CANNING LABELS/CANNING/FOOD PRESERVATION/EXHIBITS GUIDELINES

All preserved foods must have proper labels from the 4-H office. Call to request your Exhibiting Guidelines for up to date canning and processing information. If you need the guidelines or labels, call Lynn at 225-5505. Most canned items are to be pressure canned only. Do not use old recipes with improper canning techniques. Items not meeting requirements, risk being removed for display.

PLAN AND PLANT: Exhibit in a nice container. You must be signed up to exhibit in this category. Bring plant so it can be hung.

MAJOR CHANGES TO WOODWORKING

New categories included. Read your fair book for proper placement.

*Simple
Beginner
Intermediate
Advanced*

Note: All items in this class need to be finished; either stained, painted or transparent, regardless of LOT.

RESUMES/RECORDS SHOWN AT HOPKINTON STATE FAIR ONLY:

All must have covers. Records must first be judged at County Judging to enter the fair. NOTE: Records are only entered at Hopkinton State Fair.

CLOTHING: Cover items with clear plastic bag or covering.

EXHIBITING VEGETABLES:

Vegetable guideline book is available.

Call the office for your copy!





Checklist for Leaders

- Require that all products/projects for competition be made or grown during the 4-H project year done as part of a recognized 4-H project. Member must be signed up for their project.
- Limit the exhibit classes to those articles, specimens or animals that are made, raised or produced by the club member and represent some practice or workmanship. Items are to be exhibited in categories appropriate for members skills level.
- Provide 4-H members exhibiting at the fair with instructions on how to prepare 4-H exhibit cards.
- Judges will use a rating slip, if one is available for the project area, in evaluating exhibits which provides a place for judges comments. These should be given to the 4-Her after the fair for them to know how they were evaluated and to read the judges comments.
- Leaders need to submit an exhibitor entry form for each member exhibiting. Request from the 4-H office.
- Exhibit cards are to be attached to items as secure as possible. Attaching with string works better than tape. Be sure that the exhibit cards are folded and secured with a staple or paper clip.
- Be sure that members understand that part of the exhibiting **evaluation is based on how the item is presented**, not just the item itself, i.e., a crewel picture should be framed or edged, a craft project should be displayed in a small box, etc.
- Members with special needs: Place a separate note on article and bring to the 4-H Educator's attention.**
- Place similar items made by several members in the SAME CLASS AND LOT. For more concise details on preparing different projects for display, refer to the booklet: "Preparing Articles for Exhibiting at the Fair", which can be obtained at the 4-H office.



Exhibit Cards

EXHIBIT CARDS

These must be filled out for each item you are entering both front and back.
(SEE EXAMPLE)

You must refer to the **FAIR GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTION BOOKLET** in order to find out what class and lot items are to be placed in. These must be followed in order to receive a blue, red, or white ribbon. If not followed, exhibit will receive a green ribbon.

Securely attach card to article. The bottom piece of the card is to be folded up and held in place with a paper clip.

HINT: CLUBS CAN USE THEIR CLUB STAMP TO FILL IN THE NAME OF THEIR CLUB.

PLEASE SURE TO FILL OUT.

Fair Resources available: call 225-5505

- 4-H Canning/Freezing Labels
- Booklet "Preparing Articles for Exhibiting at the Fair"
- Booklet: "Vegetable Exhibit Guidelines"
- USDA Fact Sheets on proper food preservation (canning, jams, jellies)
- Fact Sheet: "Large Animal Transportation"
- 4-H Exhibitor Entry Form - one per person entering items
- 4-H "Exhibit Cards"



4-H CLUB EXHIBIT

AWARD

Blue _____ Red _____ White _____ Green _____

Age _____ # years in 4-H _____ # of years in project _____

Class _____ Division _____ Article Exhibited _____

Goal for Project _____

Circle choice(s) ONLY if you are exhibiting in the category of crafts, clothing, heritage arts, knitting/crocheting, leisure education and/or woodworking.

Materials Used: New Used Recycled

Hours (start to finish) 2-4 5-10 10 or more

Instructional Materials/Design:

Kit Pattern Only * Enhanced Pattern * Original

Judges Comments * (Describe details on reverse)

Town _____

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

Club _____

Class _____ Division _____

AWARD

Blue _____ Red _____ White _____ Green _____

* OPTIONAL:

For projects requiring 3"x 5" card provide information below

What would you like the judges to know about your project?