

4-H Show Briefing!



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Staff Greeting

Hello 4-H Families,

Our General Projects Day is just around the corner on July 30th! I am looking forward to seeing everyone's hard work from over this past year. Our 2021 shows definitely will look differently than 2019 and most definitely different than our virtual shows of 2020, but we are transitioning back to an in-person format in a safe manner.

A couple of reminders, if you are under the age of 12 or you have not been vaccinated, the University of Illinois requires you to wear a mask during all 4-H shows.

Our 4-H livestock shows are being held before the county fair begins— this is so our 4-H members are released from 4-H as soon as they are finished showing on Tuesday. Our 4-H shows are not open to the public and spectators are limited to 2 per exhibitor, please, for everyone's safety.

I appreciate those that have reached out with offers to help during shows! When we all work together, it works out best for everyone involved— especially the children, so THANK YOU!

Sincerely,



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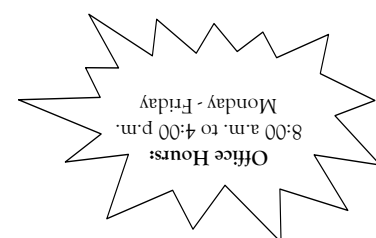
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CLOVERBUDS

Date: Friday, July 30

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Buildings 3, Winnebago County Fairgrounds

- Check pages 105-106 of your program book, to see what items you NEED to bring with you to the show.
- All projects MUST have their Project Manual with them at the time of the show. If you don't have one, contact Becky right away to get one. 815-986-4357.
- The judges will talk with your child and ask the simple questions about their projects: Who helped you with your project? Did you have fun while doing it? What was your favorite part about this project? Talk with your child before the show to help them understand and feel comfortable when their time comes to talk to the judge.
- Parents can stay in the building while their child talking with the judge.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REMINDER: SEND THOSE THANK-YOU NOTES

A number of 4-H'ers will be awarded trophies, prizes, cash and other awards during 4-H shows and throughout the 4-H year. **Be sure to take a few minutes to write the sponsor(s) a thank-you note for any award you receive.** This includes those who contributed to the livestock sale and those volunteers who gave their time to help with the 4-H shows. Without their help, we could not have successful 4-H shows. Each award that is given will be accompanied by an index card with the name and address of your sponsor. If you lose your card and don't remember who sponsored your award, the sponsor list (including addresses) will be posted on our county website for your reference. Our sponsors are very important to us and we want them to come back year after year, so let's make sure we thank them for their contributions.



Thank you to all our volunteers, leaders, superintendents, judges, & recorders for all your help with setting up to tearing down for our 4-H shows. Without your time & energy these shows would not be the success that they are! We appreciate all that you do for our youth of Winnebago County!

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT 4-H IS REALLY ABOUT!

Please remember that there is more to 4-H than blue, red and white ribbons. Champion ribbons and awards are nice too, but there is much more than a ribbon gained from being in 4-H. As shows come and go, please evaluate your learning! Did you enjoy the project? Did you challenge yourself? What improvements could you make for next year? Did your project turn out how you envisioned it would? 4-H is about "learning by doing." What you put into the 4-H program will determine what you get out of it! Take advantage of the many opportunities 4-H has to offer!

4-H'ERS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM BY DOING OWN WORK

As 4-H'ers plan and prepare their exhibits for the 4-H shows, we would like to encourage parents to remember to allow the members to do their own work. While it is OK for mom and dad to give a few suggestions, or maybe a little help, it is even more important to allow the 4-H'er to do his or her own work. Exhibiting is a time for judges to see the work of the 4-H members, not the parents' work. Our judges want to know what the 4-H'ers have learned and how they completed the projects, not what they watched their parents complete. Please remember, 4-H is for youth and your 4-H members will only grow from the experience if they do their own work. While the 4-H program is a family organization, this is one of those times where the family should show their support through their words of encouragement! Let's help our 4-H members grow and blossom into independent, young adults !

2021 4-H PROGRAM BOOK

Please, please, please take time to review your 4-H Program Book pages **BEFORE** you begin your project and before the day of the show. Many projects and guidelines change from year to year, so please make sure you are up-to-date on all exhibit requirements (i.e. size restrictions, quantities, materials, etc.). If you are unsure, contact the project area Superintendent (phone numbers are in the Program Book).

4-H AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

We are still looking for 2021 4-H award sponsors. If your family, business, club or friends want to sponsor an award, please call the Extension Office at 815-986-4357 and talk to Becky. There are livestock, Visual Arts, Foods, Horticulture and too many awards to list here, so just give us a call and we'd be happy to tell you what's still available. Most awards are \$25 depending on the project area. Awards will be given to sponsors on a first-come, first-served basis.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

The project entry deadline for Winnebago County was **JUNE 15 @ 11:59 p.m.** Entries must be made using *FairEntry.com* and instructions can be found on our county website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-Winnebago-county>

GENERAL INFORMATION

2021 WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHOW NOTES & CHANGES

Please review the following information - as it affects ALL 4-H'ers!

For more information regarding any of these changes, please read your 2021 4-H Program Book or call the Extension Office at 815-986-4357.

- ◆ **The deadline to register all projects in Fair Entry was June 15, 2021.**
- ◆ Exhibit day for Cake Decorating and Food Demonstration is Wednesday, August 4 at the Winnebago County Extension Office. Please refer to that section for more info.
- ◆ Exhibit day for Dogs is July 23 at Forest City Dog Training Club.
- ◆ Cats (St. Mary's Building) & Rabbits/ Cavy (Building 3) is July, 24 at the Fairgrounds. Please refer to that section for more info.
- ◆ Exhibit day for all Cloverbuds, Crops, Food & Nutrition and Horticulture/Floriculture projects is **Monday, July 30** at the Fairgrounds. Please refer to those sections for specific times.
- ◆ The Illinois State Fair exhibit date for Winnebago County is **Friday, August 13, 2021.**
- ◆ Please note there is a Maker class all of it's own now; 3 total elevated to State Fair. (see page 86 in Program Book)
- ◆ Age restrictions: Ready4Life- must be 11; Innovation- No age restriction
- ◆ Child Development has a NEW description for 2021- (see page 60 of your program book.)
- ◆ Robotics has some wording changed to #4 in instructions, as well as Robotics 1 Beginning & Intermediate, & Robotics 2
- ◆ Visual Arts has added words to Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Fiber, Leather, & Heritage Arts. Check to make sure your project is in the right class.
- ◆ Health added a new class in 2021
- ◆ Horticulture added a new class for Herbs. (See page 82 in your program book)
- ◆ Plants & Soils 1 & 3 changed their wording slightly..
- ◆ Photography has NEW CRITERIA for camera Settings (see page 90 in your program book)
- ◆ Esports & Drones are completely NEW project areas this year.

◆ **Winnebago County Fair Book Correction:**

The 4-H Swine show is mis-printed in the Winnebago County Program book. Our show is August 17 at 11 am (weigh in is 6-9 am).

HORSE & PONY SHOW

Date: Saturday, August 7th

Location: Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Time: Check-In time 7:45- 8:15 AM

Show Time: 8:30 AM

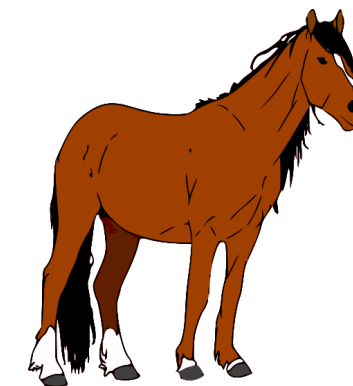
- ◆ This is a Rain or Shine Show

HELMET REMINDER FOR HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

This is a reminder that approved protective head gear, with safety strap (fastened and buckled), are required by ALL RIDERS WHENEVER MOUNTED. Helmets must meet ASTM/SEI standards. This goes for all horse clinics and the Horse Show for Winnebago County 4-H.



- Remember to bring your Coggins papers with you to check—in
- Check over all the rules & regulations on Page 88-41 in your program book and make sure you understand the classes and procedures for the event.
- We did combine some classes this year and we deleted some as well. The purpose of this was to help clean up the show and not make for sure a long day, where the same horses were having to go back into the ring, as soon as they came out.
- If you have questions about the changes, or your not sure which class you need, Call Becky at the Extension office before July 30



STATE FAIR INFORMATION

STATE FAIR DELEGATE/ALTERNATE

If your project is chosen to go to State Fair to exhibit on August 13 and you are a State Fair Delegate, you will need to let the Extension Office know if you are going or not. If you are chosen as a State Fair Alternate, you have the opportunity to attend the State Fair if the Delegate is unable to attend. These phone calls will be coming on August 2 & 3rd— **please answer your phone!** You will need to arrange to pick up your project from the fairgrounds either August 3 or 5 between 3:30-5:30 pm. Please begin thinking about going to the State Fair, if your project is selected, and good luck at your show!

STATE FAIR SCHEDULE— Friday, August 13

8-9:00—Project Drop off

9:00— Interviews begin

3:30—Projects Released— NOT A MINUTE SOONER!

4:00— All Projects MUST be gone



CHANGES TO STATE FAIR ADMISSION

The Illinois State Fair is no longer offering advance parking tickets to 4-Hers. State Fair exhibitors will pay for parking at the gate like all Fair attendees and there is no designated parking lot for 4-H members. The Illinois State Fair is only giving 15 Loading/Unloading passes to each county. These will be given out on a first come first served basis and we ask that anyone with a small, portable project refrain from requesting a pass. No CARS WILL BE ALLOWED to remain in LOT 1.

You may purchase Entry Ticket Passes for the State Fair, through the Extension office. We will send an email when tickets are available.

State 4-H Dog Show is August 28th at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest— Open Livestock Center— Saturday, August 21

State Fair Livestock Shows— August 13-15

Poultry Show—Junior Livestock Building— Starting Monday, August 16

Rabbit Show— Junior Livestock Building—Starting Saturday, August 21

SHOW & FAIR PREP

FairEntry.com REGISTRATION

Don't forget that registrations for **ALL** shows and classes must be done using *FairEntry.com* online registration process. **The deadline to register was 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2021.** If you fail to register by that date, the database will close and you will not be allowed to exhibit. For instructions on how to enroll, please visit our county website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-Winnebago-county> to download a copy of the instruction packet. **It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you are registered to exhibit in the correct class(es).** If you have any questions about registering, you may contact Becky in the Extension Office at 815-986-4357.

CONFERENCE JUDGING:

If you are showing at any of the shows, you have a great experience ahead of you! You will have the opportunity to participate in "conference judging." This unique type of judging gives you the chance to talk to the judges so they can find out what you've learned! The judges will consider what you've told them when assigning your ribbon placement and choosing champions!

Here are some things to remember as you prepare:

- ◆ Your exhibit offers a display of what you are capable of doing.
- ◆ The judges will be looking for positive learning. Tell them about your exhibit and your mistakes and how you have learned from them when you completed your project this year.
- ◆ The judge will be evaluating your exhibit and what you've learned - not YOU as a person.
- ◆ Your project will be evaluated against the blue ribbon standard. You won't be competing with others for your blue, red or white rating ribbon. Competition with other members is only involved when the Champion, Reserve Champion, Award and State Fair winners are selected.
- ◆ Your biggest competitor is YOU!
- ◆ Most importantly, READ the rules and guidelines in your 4-H Program Book pages. Be certain you have followed the established rules for the class you have entered.

Questions the judge may ask you:

- ◆ Did you enjoy working on this project? Why?
- ◆ What was the easiest or hardest thing you did?
- ◆ Why did you choose this exhibit?
- ◆ Who assisted you with this project?
- ◆ Tell me about the kinds of materials you used.
- ◆ What part of the exhibit do you feel you could improve? Why?

If you prepare a neat and creative exhibit, you'll be ready to tell the judge a lot. If you've followed the rules in your project area, you have nothing to worry about! Conference Judging will be a fun, learning experience for you!



SHOW & FAIR PREP

4-H BUILDING

Due to the unknown and what-ifs, we have held off this year in making huge plans for our building and displays. With not having in-person meetings till just recently, it would have been hard to expect our leaders & clubs to get banners made, etc.... to do booths and displays this year.

We are however going to:

- Setup the building and display your general projects during the fair. We will have the tables sorted out by project areas, so it will be easy for grandparents, family, & friends to locate your project and to see what you have made & learned this year!
- We will be offering information on 4-H for people that are curious about it and want to know more.
- We will have a blood pressure screening area that will have nurses from U of I at Chicago College of Pharmacy in Rockford.
- As well as a few other things, that we are still working on.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

- We need helpers for setting up for General Projects Day on Wednesday, July 28 from 5:30 pm until we are finished. We need at least one representative from each club for this.
- We are in need of volunteers to help be Hosts of our building during the Winnebago County Fair. Call us to let us know what time slot you can fill.
- We need your projects! After the general Projects day show, we have a secured building on the fairgrounds that we are able to keep your project until the week of the fair when they will be displayed for everyone to see. We will have a project pick up day on August 22nd from 4-6 pm for you to come back and collect your project to take home.
- We need helpers with tear down on Sunday, August 22 starting at 5 pm until we are finished.



4-H FUR & FEATHER and LIVESTOCK SHOW

Suggestions for Auction Follow-up

Parents of 4-H Members

- Discuss with your children what they want to do and what they should do to thank the buyer.
- Follow up with your children to make sure they do these things.
- Thank the buyer personally and the contending bidder. (You probably had some influence on them being there).
- Answer any questions they may have and offer to help them.
- Follow-up after the fair to make sure everything was okay with their purchase. Encourage them to come back next year and bring friends.
- Put them on your reminder list of people to contact for next year.

4-H Members

- Find the buyer as soon as possible after your animal sells and personally thank them.
- If you can, find the contending bidder and thank them for their support. They could be the buyer of your animal next year.
- Take a picture of the animal and personally present it to the buyer after the fair.
- Send a thank you card to the buyer. **Personally write it.**
- Put up a pen sign at the fair. Most of the people are buying for business reasons. The main benefit for them is publicity.

Thank You!

Suggestions for Letters for the Winnebago County Livestock and Fur & Feather Auctions

Parents of 4-H Members

- Help your children decide where to send the letters. Letter recipients do not have to be all agribusiness. They can be doctors, lawyers, bankers, storeowners, car dealers, basically anyone who will support the community.
- Educate the prospective buyers on how much it costs the 4-H'ers to keep the project, feed it, buy it, etc.
- Supervise the letter writing and the follow-up.
- Do some prospecting yourself. Remember this is to help your children.
- Don't feel you are being overbearing; the buyers are purchasing a usable product.

4-H MEMBERS

- Introduce yourself.
- Tell them how many years you have been in 4-H.
- Keep the letter to the point, not more than four paragraphs. They read and remember the first and last paragraph.
- Tell them what you will do with the money from the auction.
- Give them the date and time of the auction.
- Don't sell yourself; sell the auction.
- If you are selling an animal and your buyer can't use a whole animal, encourage them to partner with another prospective buyer to split a $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$.
- Tell them trucking and slaughter arrangements will be made the day of the Livestock Auction. At the Fur & Feather Auction, they must find their own trucking and slaughter (you might give them some suggestions).
- They don't have to take the meat; they can **"resell"** the animal at market price.
- Make sure to say thank you!
- Provide them a way to get in touch with you.
- Go personally to the business after you send the letter to see if they have any questions.
- Send reminder letters to past buyers.



We are so excited that we can be back to in-person 4-H shows & judging! With this in mind, and with the changes that have recently happened within our State, we need to update you on the newest policies for in-person showing.

This information is for ALL 4-H shows being held here in Winnebago county!

Please pass this information on to your family members, step parents, co-parents, grandparents, & anyone who is to be helping your 4-H member with getting to the 4-H shows.

- The University will no longer require fully vaccinated people to wear face coverings or practice social distancing indoors or outdoors. "Fully vaccinated" means 14 days after your final dose.
- Face coverings for youth under 12 and people who are not fully vaccinated will be required indoors. Masks may be removed outdoors only when it is possible to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet.
- These policies are grounded in the honor code. Participants will self-identify as vaccinated or unvaccinated; staff will not verify vaccination status for staff, youth, families, or volunteers.
- **The 4-H program teaches youth the values of honesty and integrity and this is a chance for us all to model and represent those principles. Youth will continue to pay attention to not only our words, but also our actions.**

- ⇒ When you register at Fair Entry.com you will be asked 3 custom questions, in order to register. The only question that has changed is the #1, they says you MUST wear a mask at both indoor & outdoor events. We will be following the rules above for that one question.
- ⇒ We will still require that NO OVERNIGHTS for 4-H members,. After Tuesday's shows, 4-H's name will be taken down and the rest of the week will proceed under the Winnebago County Fair & their guidelines.
- ⇒ Lastly, we still have to maintain all event spaces to stay under our allotted number of people per area. We ask that only the 4-H member and 2 parents/guardians at the shows.
- ⇒ NO SPECTATORS are being allowed this year for the 4-H shows.

Again, we are excited to finally being able to move ahead with our planning & shows for the youth, by helping us follow this guidelines, YOU will ensure that we have a safe & fun show for everyone!

4-H SHOW INFO

FAIR PASSES FOR 4-H MEMBERS

The Extension office will purchase a fair pass for any 4-H Member who is showing at a 4-H show, who is NOT showing in junior open or open show during the fair week. You must let your 4-H Leader know before July 30th. If a member is showing in junior open &/or open show **THEY MAY NOT** take part in this offer. Passes can be picked up at the end of General Projects Day on Friday, July 30.

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

If you are bringing a project in *Passport to the World* (individual or club), please bring a small card table to display your project.



4-H COOKING PROJECTS

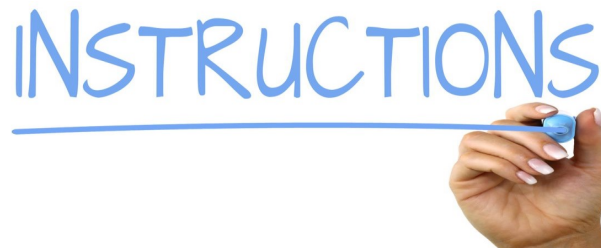
There are requirements for you to bring from your 4-H Cooking manual. Be sure to check page 74 in your blue 2021 Winnebago County Program book for what you need to bring on General Projects Day. Missing items could result in lower ribbons.

PHOTOGRAPHY

ALL photos in exhibits must have been taken by the exhibitor. Photo/Model releases from individuals pictured in the exhibitor's photographs are required unless the photograph is of a group in a public place where identification would not be an issue. The release can be obtained at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/photography>. Photos may be taken with a camera, an electronic tablet (i.e. iPad), or a cell phone.

ALL photos must be accompanied by details of the camera settings that include:

- Camera/device used
- Aperture (F-stop)
- Exposure time (shutter speed)
- ISO (film/sensor sensitivity)
- Lighting used (flash, artificial, sunlight, other)
- Lens Filters (Ultra-Violet, Polarizing, etc) if used.



Additional details required for Photo Editing ONLY:

- Photo editing software/application used (required for ALL edits and retouches except for cropping)
- Filters used (lens filters and or digital/software filters)

Members are allowed to shoot on a camera's automatic setting, but should be able to find the metadata information on the photo to discuss the information above.

The exhibition size requirements for all photographs will be:

- Minimum image size: 5" x 7"
- Maximum image size: 8" x 10"
- Maximum exhibit size (including frame): 18" x 20"

All exhibitors must include unframed (taped to the back of the framed exhibit or attached to the project booklet) **original or un-edited** versions of either the same subject or the examples of the same technique that the framed image represents. This will assist the judge in understanding the choices made by the photographer to build the exhibited composition.

4-H FUR & FEATHER AND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

4-H LIVESTOCK SALE

The Winnebago County 4-H Showboard is planning the annual 4-H Livestock and Fur & Feather Auction for 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 21, 2021 in the Livestock Arena.

REMEMBER 4-H'ers — In order to sell your animal at the Livestock and Fur & Feather Sale, you must be an achieving 4-H member, meaning you have attended monthly 4-H meetings, participated throughout the year in 4-H activities and completed your previous year's livestock records.

4-H Members are responsible for inviting their own buyers to the auction. Please send your potential buyers a personal invitation to attend. Ideas and tips for inviting buyers can be found on the following pages.

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW AND AUCTION DRESS CODE

In an effort to promote a professional appearance by 4-H members, the following dress code is to be followed by all 4-H Livestock exhibitors while in the show ring and sale ring. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change before you show or sell your animal. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation and will be strictly adhered to. The following is considered appropriate attire:

- Clothes must be clean and in good repair, free of holes, tears, and slashes.
- No lettering on shirts or hats except 4-H club names, Winnebago County 4-H, your own farm name, or name of a breed association.
- Clothes must be free from violent or drug-related material, or anything that alludes to violations of the 4-H Code of Conduct. This includes references to tobacco and alcohol.
- Please wear jeans or long pants. No shorts or cut-off jeans.
- Shirts must have sleeves. Sleeves may be short or long.
- Midriffs should be fully covered by shirts and pants.
- No see-through garments.
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn. Work boots are preferred.
- Horse exhibitors should follow the dress code and safety gear requirements as stated by the horse department.
- Dairy exhibitors should wear white jeans or pants in the show ring.
- Please remember that you are representing 4-H. Your attire should reflect favorably on your family, 4-H club, and Winnebago County 4-H.
- In the show ring you are showing your project that you have worked hard on and in the sale ring you are marketing your project animal and should present a professional appearance to the buyers. Your attire should not take away from your animal.

SHOW & FAIR PREP

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

General Rules and Reminders for all animal areas:

Make sure you read all health requirements for your animals (Program Book pgs. 19-23) You are responsible for following all requirements!

The Extension Office will email and post online all health forms for poultry, rabbits and guinea pigs (cavy) to members prior to the show. Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) forms for cats, beef and dairy heifers, sheep, swine, and goats must be obtained from your veterinarian within 90 days prior to the show. These forms MUST accompany the animal to the show.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS

County rules specify that each exhibitor personally care for the animal(s) during the feeding period or required tenure of ownership. It also states that all purebred animals must be registered in the name of the 4-H Owner/Lessor.

The original copy of the registration papers MUST be available for inspection by the department superintendent before show time - NO EXCEPTIONS - they will be checked!

All animals entered for exhibit in the Winnebago County 4-H Shows must be owned/leased by the 4-H Exhibitor and must have been personally cared for by that 4-H Owner-Exhibitor during the current 4-H year.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

At all the Livestock shows, only the 4-H Member and 2 parents or guardians are to be in the show barns for the shows. This only pertains to the 4-H shows, once they are over, this rule is void.

Thank you for understanding and following these guideline so that we are able to have a fun & safe 4-H show!

2021 WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, July 23	9:00 a.m.	4-H Dog Show, Forrest City Dog Training Club
Saturday, July 24	8:30 a.m.	4-H Cat Show, St. Mary's Building, Fairgrounds
	11:30 a.m.	4-H Rabbit, Reptile & Small Pets Show, Building 3, Fairgrounds
Friday, July 30	9:00 a.m.	4-H General Projects Day, Buildings 2 - 4, Fairgrounds
	9:30 a.m.	4-H Cloverbud Show, Building 3, Fairgrounds
Wednesday, August 4	11:30 a.m.	4-H Cake Decorating, Extension Office
	2:30 a.m.	4-H Food Demonstrations, Extension Office
Saturday, August 7	8:30 a.m.	4-H Horse Show, Fairgrounds
*** No Clothing Revue or Theatre Shows for 2021– clothing will be shown flat during GP Day		
Tuesday, August 17	9:00 a.m.	4-H Poultry Show, Poultry Barn, Fairgrounds
	10:00 a.m.	4-H Beef Show, Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds
	10:00 a.m.	4-H Goat show, Goat Tent, Fairgrounds
	11:00 a.m.	4-H Swine Show, Swine Barn, Fairgrounds
	1:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Cattle Show, Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds
	1:00 p.m.	4-H Sheep Show, Sheep Arena, Fairgrounds
Saturday, August 21	1:00 p.m.	4-H Fur & Feather and Livestock Auction



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Make sure you read the directions in the program book for dimensions & sizes that your project is allowed. Not only is the necessary for spacing on our tables, but MOST times they are also the State requirements. If you get elected to the State Fair and your project is not the right size you will get a lower score at judging time.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021:
**FOOD (CAKE) DECORATING &
FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS**

University of Illinois - Extension Office, Rockford

11:00 a.m. - Food (Cake) Decorating

2:30 p.m. - Food Demonstrations

- Please show up to your show 10 minutes prior to start time, to check in.
- Judging times for these shows is a first come, first serve.
- Cake Decorating show will start promptly at 11 a.m.
- If you are bringing a cake, it can have the base frosting completed and you decorate in front of the judge. If you are bringing cupcakes or cookies, 2 can be already decorated and then you decorate the other two in front of the judge. (You are given an hour)
- After each show the room will be cleared out and cleaned, before we start the next show.

Saturday, July 23, 2021:

DOG SHOW

Starts at 9 AM at the **Forest City Dog Training Club**, Loves Park

- Please bring water & water dish for your dog.
- You must have current vaccine records & a negative fecal from with 30 days.
- Check page 29 in your program book to make sure you bring all REQUIRED papers with you to the show.



ANIMAL INFORMATION

ANIMAL WELFARE

Prepared by Dan Jennings, Animal Systems Extension Educator

Fair season is rapidly approaching once again. 4-H youth should be sure to present their animal projects to the benefit of the animal and the public. This behavior is encouraged both in and out of the show ring.

Animal welfare is a growing concern in this country today and warrants some attention during county fairs and any other 4-H livestock events. Livestock exhibitors should be aware of the fact that animal welfare and animal rights groups have been known to show up at county fair livestock events. Therefore, it is imperative that we show all general audiences at these livestock events that we, as keepers of animals, do know the right way to raise and care for our animals. This is something we should be doing regardless of who is watching!

While we are at the fair showing livestock we are under the watchful eye of the general public. This gives us a great opportunity to show people the method in which we care for our livestock.

The following is a list of guidelines that should be helpful in preventing any misconceptions that the public or any special interest groups may have about the way your livestock are raised. The proper care of animals should receive primary attention. Please follow these guidelines:

- Always provide clean, fresh water.
- Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
- Be aware of animal comfort zones (i.e. temperature, space).
- Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
- Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age before the fair; this will make them more manageable at the fair.
- Arrange for veterinary care in case of an emergency.
- Handle animals in a very humane way.
- Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and water or feed additive withdrawal times.
- Animals should be fed on a routine basis.
- Avoid stressing the animal.
- Keep animals clean, a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
- Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and try to use them as gently as possible. Never use electric prods.
- Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations. This is also a good way to answer any questions the public may have.
- Have a plan of action if a problem should arise and who to contact to help solve it or answer any questions.
- Know who and where fair officials are and how to get in contact with them.
- If questioned about animal care by a stranger, remain calm, be polite, answer the question the best you can, don't argue, and refer them to the Department Superintendent, or Extension Staff member, if you are unable to answer their questions.

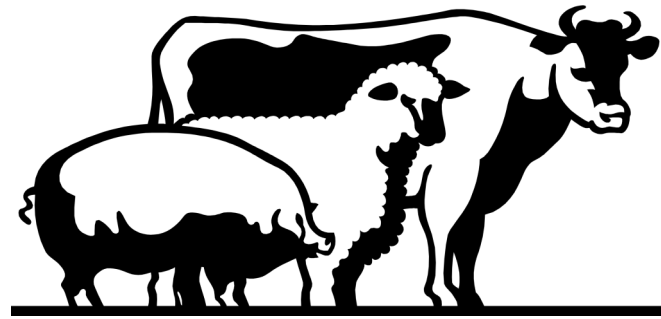
You are 4-H to the public...show it! Have a great showing season and good luck!!

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LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP RULES

If you are exhibiting animals at one of the 4-H Livestock shows make sure you read and understand the Showmanship Rules. The rules can be found on page 19-20 in your 2021 4-H Program Book.

If you do not understand any of the rules, contact Becky at the Extension Office at 815-986-4357 and ask. There are no stupid questions! Ask *BEFORE* you get to the show so you know what to expect and there are no surprises or disappointments.



LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:

Illinois County Fair Health Requirements: <https://my.extension.illinois.edu/documents/579192602190219/2019-county-fair-exhibition-health-requirements.pdf>

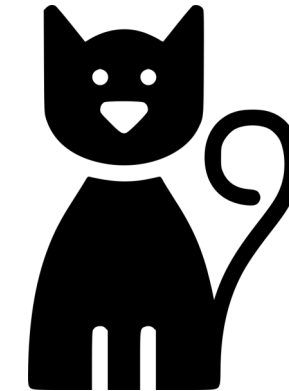
Animal Welfare at County Fairs: <https://my.extension.illinois.edu/documents/579191705190519/animal-welfare-at-4-h-events.pdf>

Checklist for protecting visitors and pigs at County Exhibitions: https://my.extension.illinois.edu/documents/579182903180318/checklist_for-protecting-guests-

Saturday, July 24, 2021: **CAT SHOW & RABBIT/ CAVY**

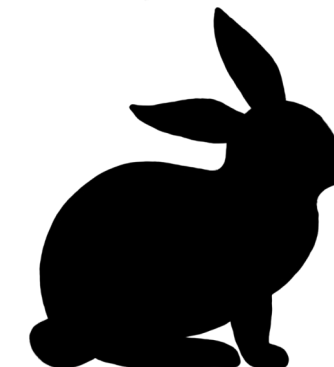
CAT SHOW: Starts at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's Building at the Fairgrounds.

- Make sure you have proof of vaccination for your cat on the day of the show, all health regulations are listed on page 24 of your program book.
- Bring a water & water dish for your cat.



RABBIT/CAVY SHOW: Starts at 11:30 a.m. in Building #3 at the Fairgrounds.

- Cages will NOT be set up for show, you will be working out of your carriers.
- This will be a show-n-go, no rabbits/cavy will stay on grounds after the show.
- Plan ahead how to keep your rabbit/cavy cool... bring a fan, extension cord, frozen bottles of ice, water dishes/bottles for them to drink.
- Make sure your rabbit has its marking in its ear & you bring your Ear ID form with you to show.
- Any Cavies will be shown before the Rabbit classes start.



GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

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General Projects Day is scheduled for **Friday, July 30**. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. **ALL 4-H'ers** must Sign up thru SIGN UP GENIUS for a time slot for judging with each project they are bringing. **If you have decided not to show in a specific area, after you registered in fair entry, please email Becky at rgocken@illinois.edu you are NOT showing.** Please note that you will receive your exhibit tag(s) when you check in your project at the judges tables. Please also note that only projects receiving a blue ribbon will be held until noon for final judging of Champion, award and State Fair winners. All projects receiving a red or white ribbon will be released immediately for you to take to the **4-H** building (Building 4) to keep until fair week. Fair passes and leader passes will be available at the conclusion of General Projects Day in the 4-H Office in Building 4.

Any 4-H'er that is not able to attend General Projects Day but still wants his/her project judged will need to refer to rule #7 on page 7 in the Policies section of the Program Book. This applies to ALL projects except livestock. Please remember....this is conference-style judging, so there is the chance the 4-H'er may not receive the highest rating due to the fact that the judge is not able to ask questions of the 4-H'er and may not fully know what was accomplished or learned by doing the project. Please let judges know ahead of time if you are in being judged in another area and need to come back to conference.

NEW FOR 2021

We will be using Sign up Genius for General Projects Day ONLY!

This is to help us manage the numbers inside of each building (event space.) Once the Fair Entry closes on June 15th, we will be looking at the numbers for each project area and creating judging times to work accordingly.

Your check in time is your judging time- - Bring your project to the table at that time!

The information for Sign up genius will be sent by e-mail with instructions on how to proceed.

Please keep in mind when you are signing up for judging times that you look at the projects you have and what building they are in, & try as much as possible to plan your times so you are not running yourself all over the fairgrounds.

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Date: August 17, 2021

Location: Winnebago County Fairgrounds

CHECK IN TIMES

*Tuesday, August 17

- Swine Weigh-in—6-9 AM
- Beef Weigh-In—8:00 AM
- Poultry Arrival—7:30-8:30 AM
- Sheep Weigh-In— 12:30 PM

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOWS

9:00 AM	4-H Poultry Show
10:00 AM	4-H Beef Show
10:00 AM	4-H Goat Show
11:00 AM	4-H Swine Show
1:00 PM	4-H Dairy Show
1:00 PM	4-H Sheep Show

When your 4-H livestock show is finished, you are no longer under 4-H rules & guidelines.

- ♦ Make sure you have all your health & registrations papers the day you arrive. They will be checked at check-in.
- ♦ In order to show beef, dairy, goats, sheep, & swine the 4-H member must have completed their YQCA training by June 1st, and have submitted their certificate to the Extension office by that date, as well.
- ♦ In order to show Cat, Dog, Rabbits/ Cavy, Poultry, & Horse & Pony, the 4-H Member must have taken their QAEC training, at least once in their 4-H career, by June 1st.

GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

Show Date: Friday, July 30

Where: Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Commercial Buildings 2, 3 & 4

Time: Starting at 9:00 a.m.

- o Check-in time is 9 AM. Be prompt to your judge time, so you do not hold up others or cause skips in the schedule. Judging will start right away, however due to the temperatures please make sure your foods are kept in a cooler, so they do not get too hot before they are judged.
- o All food will go home with you that day. You may choose to make a poster for display in the 4-H building for the week of the fair or return with fresh projects on Monday, August 16 between 9-noon.
- o Canning projects are allowed to stay and will be kept in the HCE Dining hall until we setup for the fair.
- o Crops & Horticulture projects will go home, as well. You may choose to make a poster to display in our 4-H building for the week of the fair or return with fresh projects on Monday, August 16 between 9-noon.

JUDGING TIMES

When it is your child's time to be judged. **Only the child & their project will be allowed to go inside the buildings.** If your child needs an accommodation to meet their needs, please contact Becky, by July 16, at 815-986-4357.



GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

4-H PROJECT DISPLAY & FAIR PASS PICK-UP

In order to increase the public's awareness about the wide variety of amazing projects our 4-H'ers do and to help promote 4-H, the following guidelines will be followed for exhibiting your project(s):

- General Projects Day projects need to be brought to the 4-H building when you are done showing on that day (Friday, July 30) You will bring your project to the building, take your project where you are directed to put it, & get your fair pass (if eligible). 4-Fair passes will be distributed to youth age 6 and older as of 9/1/2020 who have told their leader they need one.
- Food, horticulture, floriculture (any perishable projects) and/or State Fair Projects must be returned to the 4-H building at the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 16 between 9-12 p.m.
- If you are unable to deliver your project and pick up your own pass, you may give written permission to another 4-H'er, parent, or volunteer to drop off your project and get your pass.

FAIR PASS PICK-UP PERMISSION

I _____ of _____ Club
(member)

give _____ of _____ Club
(member or leader)

permission to pick up my Winnebago County 4-H Fair Pass when he/she delivers my project on General Projects Day to the 4-H Building.

Member phone number: _____

Pick-up person's phone number: _____

4-H Member's Signature _____

4-H projects will not be released until 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, August 22- NO EXCEPTIONS!** All projects **MUST be removed by 6:00 p.m. that day.** If you cannot pick up your project(s), please arrange for someone from your club to do it for you. Please plan to assist in cleaning up the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 22 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. It's a great service project for your club and it's the right thing to do!