

**Winnebago County 4-H**  
1040 N 2nd Street  
Rockford, IL 61107

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**  
**Fur & Feather and Livestock Auction**  
Saturday,  
August 17, 2024  
1:00 p.m.  
Winnebago County  
Fairgrounds  
Livestock Arena



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**This is your 4-H Show Briefing!**

# 4-H SHOW BRIEFING!



## WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Hello 4-H Families,

One 4-H show has already happened and we are anxiously waiting for the others to begin. *FairEntry.com* cut off deadline is quickly approaching of June 10. We are looking forward to meeting everyone and seeing the amazing projects you all have created!

This Show Briefing is full of important and useful information to help prepare you for the upcoming shows. We hope it answers any questions you may have. If not, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at 815-986-4357. We also (strongly) encourage you to call the 4-H Superintendent for your livestock project area if you have questions about your project and if this is your first year in the project area. Their phone numbers are in the Program Book at the beginning of each section heading. It's better to call and ask than to assume and make a costly mistake.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the 2024 4-H Shows. Good luck and have fun!

Sincerely,  
Becky Gocken & Kelly Lafferty

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## 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!**

## 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. Please begin thinking about going to the State Fair, if your project is selected, and good luck at your show! We will be making State Fair delegate calls on Monday & Tuesday after General Projects Day. Please ANSWER your phone as not to delay someone else's opportunity to participate if they are waiting as an alternate.

### STATE FAIR SCHEDULE – Friday, August 9

8-9:30 a.m.	Project Drop off
9:30 a.m.	Interviews begin
4:00 p.m.	Projects Released– NOT A MINUTE SOONER!
4:30 p.m.	All Projects MUST be gone

### 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 on a first come, first serve basis.

**State 4-H Dog Show** - August 24th, Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center \*No ticket required

## 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 THEIR 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!

### 2024 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 (TROPHY) SPONSORS NEEDED

We are still looking for 2024 4-H trophy 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 is **JUNE 10 at 11:59 p.m.** Entries must be made using FairEntry.com and instructions can be found on the email I sent May 1st:  
<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/82/399594982.html>

Every member must be registered in Fair Entry to participate in shows– this includes Cloverbuds! Late entries may be accepted depending on the timeline, but will not be eligible for Reserve Champion or Champion awards.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 2024 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 2024 4-H Program Book or call the Extension Office at 815-986-4357.

- ◆ **The deadline to register all projects in Fair Entry is June 10, 2024.**
- ◆ Exhibit day for Clothing & anything sewn, non-sewn textile show is July 13– including visual arts quilts projects (previously shown at GP day)
- ◆ Exhibit day for Dogs is July 19 at Forest City Dog Training Club in Loves Park.
- ◆ Small Pets & Rabbits/ Cavy (Building 3) is July 20 at the Fairgrounds and cats (St. Mary's Building) is July 27 . Please refer to that section for more info.
- ◆ Exhibit day for Cake Decorating and Food Demonstration is Monday, July 22 at the Winnebago County Extension Office. Please refer to that section for more info.
- ◆ Exhibit day for all Cloverbuds, Crops, Food & Nutrition and Horticulture/Floriculture projects is **Friday, July 26** at the Fairgrounds. Please refer to those sections for specific times.
- ◆ The Illinois State Fair exhibit date for Winnebago County is **Friday, August 9, 2024.**
- ◆ Age restrictions: Ready4Life– must be 11 years of age by September 1 of the current 4-H year; Innovation– No age restriction. See page 104 of your 2024 Program Book for more details.
- ◆ We are bringing back our LIVE Performing Arts Contest on Friday, August 16, 2024 at 5:30pm on the stage in Moss Hall. Sign up through the Fair Entry system when you

**General  
Information**

## 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.
- Keep them happy; a happy customer comes back again and brings friends.

**Thank You!**

## 4-H FUR & FEATHER and LIVESTOCK SHOW

### 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.



## SHOW & FAIR PREP

### FAIR REGISTRATION: FairEntry.com



Don't forget that registrations for **ALL** shows and classes must be done using the FairEntry.com online registration process. If you fail to register by June 10th, the database will close and you will not be allowed to exhibit. For instructions on how to enroll, please re-visit the email sent here: <https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/82/399594982.html>. It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure you are registered in the correct class(es). If you have any questions about registering, you may contact Becky in the Extension Office at 815-986-4357.

**The deadline to register is 11:59 p.m. on June 10, 2024.**

### 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 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 SET-UP

#### GENERAL PROJECTS DAY / 4-H BUILDING ASSIGNMENTS

##### SET-UP July 24 at 5:30 p.m.

- New England Banner
- North Main Rustlers
- Owen Blue Bonnets
- Seward Determination
- Stars, Stripes and Clovers
- Tri River Tryers
- Winnebago Wide Awakes

**4-H BUILDING  
BUILDING 4**

##### CLEAN-UP/TEAR DOWN - August 18 at 4:00 p.m.

- Burritt Winners
- Centerville Knot Ketchers
- Clover Crusaders
- Guildford Gainers
- Machesney Pilots
- Midway Marvels



### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

- We are in need of volunteers to help be hosts of our building during the Winnebago County Fair.
- **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 18 from 4-6 p.m. for you to come back and collect your project to take home.

## 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 Sale on Saturday, August 17, 2024 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 sale.** 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. 20-21 & page 59-65) 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

## 4-H FUR & FEATHER AND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

### 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE

#### MINIMUM WEIGHT Limitations:

To sell in the 4-H Quality Livestock Sale, minimum weights have been established:

Beef-Heifers - 875#    Steers - 950#    Swine - 220#    Lambs - 85#

Animals who do not meet the above weight requirements will **NOT** be sold in the Livestock Auction.

**SWINE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS:** A maximum live weight of **300#** has been established for the sale. If swine weigh less than 220# or exceed 300#, they will not be sold in the 4-H Quality Livestock Auction.

## 4-H SHOW INFO

### LEADER PASSES

These passes are available only to the project leaders that are enrolled through 4-H Z-Suites and are active throughout the year in their club. Leaders get one free pass. Leader **MUST** be registered in 4-H Z-Suites.

### 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. Livestock exhibitors will be given one gate pass per family.



### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Make sure you read the directions in the program book for dimensions & sizes that your project is allowed. Not only is this 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. Also make sure if it states you are required to have information from the manual or a record book that you have them!

INSTRUCTIONS



## 2024 WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H SHOW SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 13	9:00 a.m.	4-H Clothing Judging
Friday, July 19	9:00 a.m.	4-H Dog Show, Forrest City Dog Training Club
Saturday, July 20	8:30 a.m.	4-H Rabbit, Reptile & Small Pets Show, Building 3, Fairgrounds
Monday, July 22	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	4-H Cake Decorating, Extension Office 4-H Food Demonstrations, Extension Office
Friday, July 26	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	4-H General Projects Day, Buildings 3 & 4, Fairgrounds 4-H Cloverbud Show, Fairgrounds
Saturday, July 27	8:30 a.m.	4-H Cat Show, St. Mary's Building, Fairgrounds
Saturday, August 3	8:30 a.m.	4-H Horse Show, Fairgrounds
Wednesday, August 14	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rooster Crowing Contest, Fairgrounds 4-H Beef Show, Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds 4-H Poultry Show, Poultry Barn, Fairgrounds 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds 4-H Sheep Show, Sheep Arena, Fairgrounds 4-H Goat Show, Goat Tent 4-H Swine Show, Swine Barn, Fairgrounds
Friday, August 18	5:30 p.m.	4-H Talent Show Contest (Moss Hall) *Register when you sign up in Fair Entry by <b>June 10</b>
Saturday, August 17	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	4-H Fur & Feather and Livestock Auction 4-H Family Fun Night, Livestock Arena– Followed by Ice Cream party in Building 4
Sunday, August 18	3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	General Projects Pick-up 4-H Building Clean-up 4-H Animals Released from Fairgrounds



## 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!!

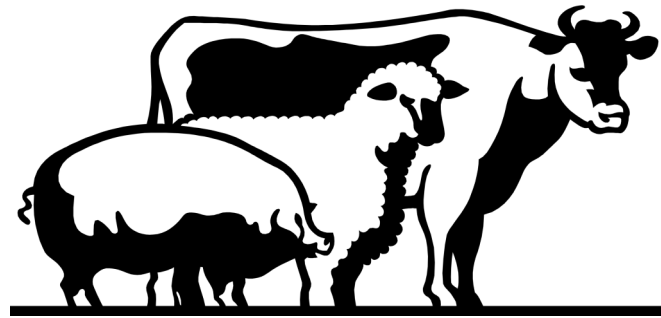


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### LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP RULES

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 20 in your 2024 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. Please remember a simple YouTube search can be of great assistance!



### LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:

#### Illinois County Fair Health Requirements:

<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/countyfairexhibitionhealthrequirements.pdf>

#### Illinois State Fair Health Requirements:

<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/isfhealthreq.pdf>

#### Livestock Issues:

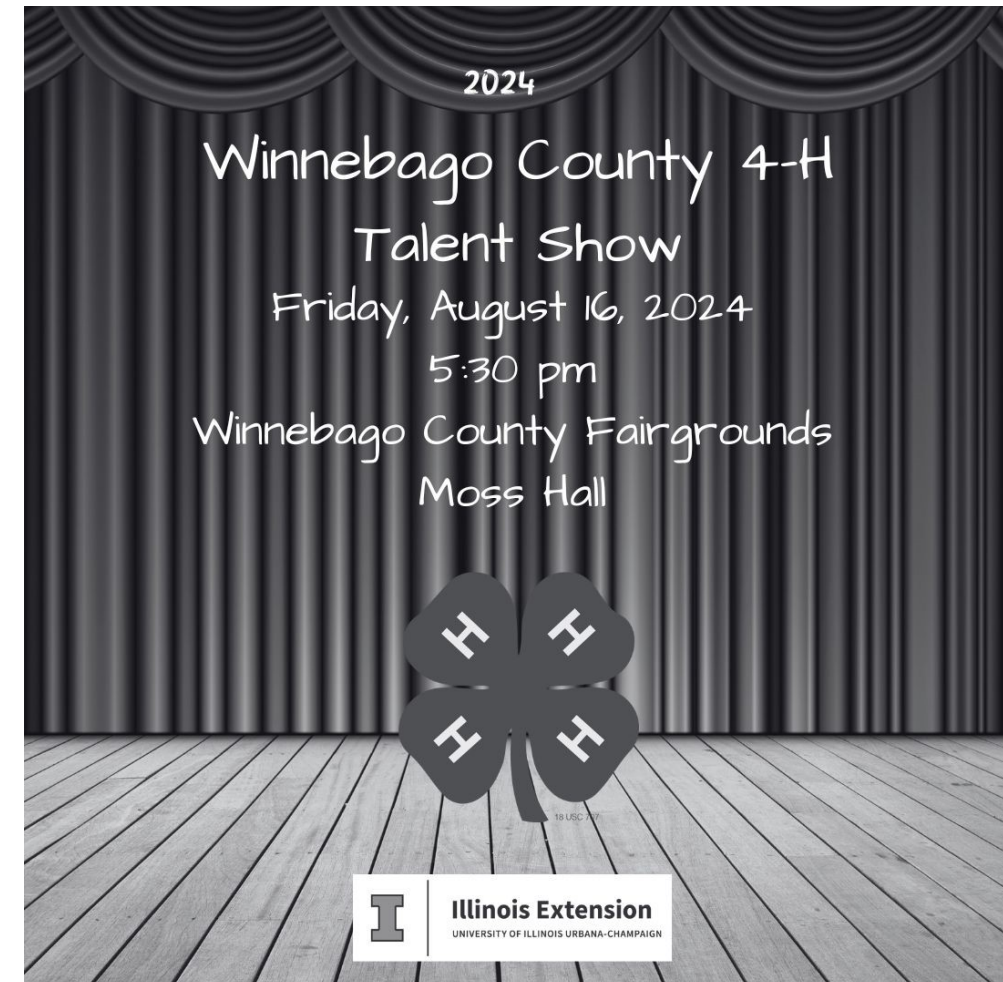
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Saturday July 13, 2024

## CLOTHING & TEXTILES, VA: QUILTING JUDGING

Starts at 9:00 a.m. at **the Extension Office, 1040 North Second St, Rockford**

- All exhibits entered in the clothing and textiles division will be judged based on their construction and fit (if applicable). This includes Shopping in Style and VA: Quilting projects.
- Exhibitors bringing garments should not wear their garments when they arrive for judging.
- The garment will be reviewed by the judges for construction first.
- Construction and appearance will both be considered during judging.
- If a pattern was used to make the item, the pattern instructions, either written or electronic, are to be included with the exhibit.
- Exhibit tags should be attached to the garment, not to the hanger
- NEW! ALL Visual Arts Quilting Projects come for judging this day.



**Friday, July 19, 2024**  
**DOG SHOW**

Starts at 9 a.m. at the **Forest City Dog Training Club, Loves Park**

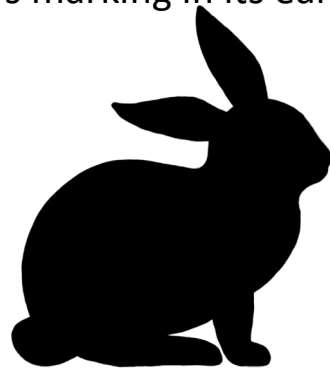
- Please bring water & water dish for your dog.
- Check pages 30-35 in your program book to make sure you bring all REQUIRED papers with you to the show.



**Saturday, July 20, 2024**  
**RABBIT/ CAVY**

Starts at 8:30 a.m. in **Building #3** at the **Fairgrounds**.

- Cages will NOT be set up for show, you will be working out of your carriers.
- Rabbits/cavy will return to Building 3 at the beginning of Fair Week.
- 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 it's marking in its ear & you bring your Ear ID form with you to show.



**4-H LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

**Date:** August 14, 2023

**Location:** Winnebago County Fairgrounds

**\*CHECK IN TIMES\***

**(check your program book for specific livestock)**

**Tuesday, August 13 7:30—9:00 p.m. (Dairy 4—9 pm Tuesday)**

**\*SHOW TIMES\***

8:30 a.m.	4-H Beef Show
10:00 a.m.	4-H Poultry Show (Rooster Crowing at 8:30 a.m.)
11:00 a.m.	4-H Dairy Cattle Show
1:00 p.m.	4-H Sheep Show
2:00 p.m.	4-H Goat Show
5:00 p.m.	4-H Swine Show

- ♦ Make sure you have all your health & registrations papers the day you arrive. They will be checked at check-in.
- ♦ Unless you made previous arrangements with the office – ALL Livestock MUST be on the fairgrounds no later than 7:00 a.m., Poultry– No later than 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ 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

### 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):

- When you are done showing your project on Friday, July 26, you will bring your project to building 4, take your project where you are directed to put it, & get your fair pass (if eligible).
- Fair passes will be distributed to Cloverbuds and 4-H members.
- Youth with food, horticulture & Cloverbuds projects ONLY will be able to get their fair pass on Friday, July 26 when they show their projects. Youth exhibiting livestock ONLY can pick up their passes in the Extension office starting on August 1.
- 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 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, August 18- 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 18 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. It's a great service project for your club and it's the right thing to do!

## Monday, July 22, 2024 FOOD (CAKE) DECORATING & FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

University of Illinois - Extension Office, Rockford

10:00 a.m. - Food (Cake) Decorating

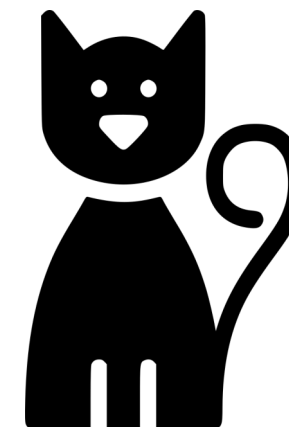
Immediately following Food Decorating: Food Demonstrations

- 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 10 a.m. You can bring your cake half decorated and are given an hour to complete in front of the judge.
- After each show the room will be cleared out and cleaned, before we start the next show.

## Saturday, July 27, 2024 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 pages 25-26 of your program book.
- Bring a water & water dish for your cat.



## Saturday, August 3, 2024 HORSE & PONY SHOW

**Date:** Saturday, August 3rd

**Location:** Winnebago County Fairgrounds

**Time:** Check-In time 8:00- 8:15 a.m.

**Show Time:** 8:30 AM

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a Rain or Shine Show

**Rain Location:** Stagecoach Pass Farm—Durand



### 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 including costume class.

- Remember to bring your Coggins papers with you to check - in.
- Check over all the rules & regulations on Page 39-43 in your program book and make sure you understand the classes and procedures for the event.
- If you have questions about the show, or your not sure which class you need, Call 4-H Horse Superintendent Paige Heinke (number is listed in the program book) or Becky at the Extension office before June 10th.

## GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

### GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

General Projects Day is scheduled for **Friday, July 26**. 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 check in with that area's judge to let them know that you are NOT showing.** Please note that you will receive your exhibit tag(s) when you check in your project. Please also note that only projects receiving a blue ribbon will be held 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 (#4) to keep until fair week. Fair passes and leader passes will be available at the end of the day. Please see Becky at the 4-H office area to receive your pass.

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 9 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.

### SIGN UP GENIUS

**We will be using Sign Up Genius again this year for General Projects Day ONLY!**

- This is to help us manage the numbers inside of each building (event space.)
- Once Fair Entry closes on June 10th, 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, and try as much as possible to plan your times so you are not running yourself all over.



## GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

**Show Date:** Friday, July 26, 2024

**Where:** Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Buildings 3 & 4

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

- Check-in time is 9 a.m. You will sign up for your judging time with SIGN UP GENIUS. 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 and tasted.
- All food will go home with you that day after judging is completed. You may choose to make a poster for display in the 4-H building for the week of the fair or bring back your project (if you froze it). Canning projects are allowed to stay and will be kept in the 4-H building until we setup for the fair.
- 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 bring another specimen for Fair Week.

### JUDGING TIMES

When it is your child's time to be judged, only the child & their project will be allowed into the 4-H building and up to go to the judging table. If your child needs an accommodation to meet their needs, please contact Becky, by July 1st at 815-986-4357.

4-H Club Leaders should be present in inside the buildings to assist the kids getting to where they need to be.



### 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.

## CLOVERBUDS

**Show Date:** Friday, July 26, 2024

**Where:** Building 3, Winnebago County Fairgrounds

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

- Check pages 119-120 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 them 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 Cloverbud member is talking with the judge.

