

Completing Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Entries

There are two fairs being held during the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair.

Shelby County 4-H Fair - During the 4-H Fair, members may receive A, B, & C ratings, State Fair delegate and alternate ribbons, Top Project ribbons and trophies. 4-H general projects are conference judged which means the 4-H member must be present for the judging. Judges will ask 4-H'ers a variety of questions such as how they made the project, what they like/dislike, what they would change if they had to make it again, etc.

Shelby County Jr. Fair - During the Jr. Fair, youth may receive 1-5 placings and champion ribbons. Junior fair judging is not conference judged. Entry tags are placed on projects and judges evaluate the project based on what they see and give placings.

Cloverbud Members:

- Cloverbud members may bring up to 2 entries to display at the fair. Projects need to be in place in the 4-H Center on Sunday, July 18 between 4-8 p.m. Projects may be picked up at on Wednesday, July 21 at 9:30 p.m. or Thursday, July 22 between 8-9 a.m.
- Chit Chat with a Cloverbud is an exhibit opportunity for Cloverbuds to talk with older 4-H members about their projects and experience conference judging. Chit Chat is being planned for Wednesday, July 21 at 10 a.m. in the 4-H Center. A special award will be given to Cloverbuds who participate.
- Families may enter their 4-H projects in Fair Entry or complete a paper form. If you need a paper copy, please contact Yolanda.
- Cloverbud members may not participate in the Junior Fair.

Misc. Items:

- Confirm the check-in time and judging time of each project area.
 - During the fair, check-in times vary between the 4-H Center and Produce Building. Don't assume everything is at the same time.
 - READ YOUR FAIRBOOK!
- Confirm your projects have met all the requirements listed in the fair book! Several projects require the 4-H'er to submit a report listing the steps they took to make their project.
- Livestock – all health papers are to be checked in at the fair office on Sunday, July 18 from 7-8 p.m.
- All livestock exhibitors must have their entries in place by Sunday, July 18 at 8 p.m. No entries shall be removed until Wednesday, July 21 at 9:30 p.m. Any exhibitor failing to comply with the above rules will forfeit their premiums won during the fair.
- If you are unable to attend the face to face judging, the 4-H member must complete the Shelby County 4-H Absentee Waiver Form by July 1 and submit the form to the Extension office. If approved, the 4-H member must complete the Shelby County 4-H Absentee Judging Form and submit it with their project. The project must be at the fair at the designated check-in time and will be judged during the designated judging time. The project will not be eligible to be selected for the State Fair.

- ***Shelby County 4-H Entries – The deadline is June 4.***
- 4-H members will receive their fair book from their club leader. The leader will give the 4-H member a listing of the projects they enrolled in 4H Online by April 1.
- 4-H members must complete their 4-H entries in the online Fair Entry program. In order to do this, families must know their 4H Online log-in. If you do not remember your password, log-in to 4H Online, select “Reset password” and a link will be sent to the email that you have listed.
 - 4H Online Link: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
 - Fair Entry Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/21shelbyfair>
- Families were sent an email with the Fair Entry Instructions which will walk 4-H’ers through the entry process. When you have completed your entries, make sure you click the **submit button**. Once you have submitted entries, families will not be able to add additional entries until the entries have been approved.
 - Fair Entry Instructions link:
https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/17a_family_instructions_to_enroll_in_exhibits_-_multi_entry_shelby_county_2021.pdf
- The fair book will list the specific details for the project requirements. Some 4-H general projects will have additional classes listed such as Ready4Life and the innovation class. A 4-H member may only exhibit in **one** of the classes; either the specific project class, Ready4Life, Innovation or the Maker class.
 - Example: 4-H Geology (page 94 in the fair book)
 - The following are classes available for 4-H Geology: Pebble Pups 1, Pebble Pups 2, Rock Hounds 1, Rock Hounds 2, Geology Innovation, Ready4Life and Maker. A member may only pick one class as their exhibit.
 - If a 4-H member shows up with more than one project, they will have to choose the project they wish to exhibit.
- ***Mark the classes you enter in your fair book, so you know which projects you signed up for.***
- For livestock classes – only 1 entry is allowed per class:
 - 4-H’ers must sign up for showmanship classes. Showmanship is considered a separate division under each species.
 - Beef – If you are bringing only one animal in a project area, select class 1. For example: if you are bringing 1 Angus heifer – select Angus Heifer class 1. If you are bringing more than one entry, start at class 1, then class 2, etc.
 - Market animals – Don’t forget to sign up for the Rate of Gain class.
 - Dairy – You may enter up to 9 classes. Start at class 1, then class 2, etc.
 - Sheep – You may bring up to 2 breeds. You would select the class name and then class 1 and if you are bringing 2 entries, then select class 2.
 - Swine – Each exhibitor is limited 6 animals, at least 2 must be purebred. Otherwise, 2 gilts and 2 barrows. Start at class 1 and then class 2, etc.
- If you aren’t sure that you will get your project done, you should sign up. You cannot add projects after the June 4 deadline.

Shelby County Jr. Fair Entries

- There is no cost to participate in the Junior Fair. Any entry fees will be deducted from the premiums paid out.
- Each person exhibiting in the Jr. Fair needs to complete an exhibitor card.
- The Jr. Fair entry sheets are on yellow paper. The Jr. Fair entry forms correspond to the yellow colored pages in the fair book pages 17-48.
- ***Mark the classes you enter in your fair book or make copies of your entries so you know what you have signed up to bring to the fair.***
- ***Each project area needs to have an entry form.***
 - Example: Woodworking and welding would go on separate forms.
- Jr. Fair entries are open to youth enrolled in a Shelby County 4-H Club or who live in Shelby County. The exhibitor must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2020.
- **Youth can submit Jr. Fair entries for any project areas. Youth do not have to be enrolled in a corresponding 4-H project.**
 - Example: A 4-H'er is only enrolled in Cooking 101. For the Jr. Fair, they could complete Jr. Fair entries for any Jr. Fair project area such as gardening, photography, arts & crafts, rabbits, etc.
- Exhibitors need to complete one Junior Fair Exhibitor Card.
 - Complete your name and age as of September 1, 2020 at the bottom of the form. Jr. Fair classes are split by 4-H age, which is based on September 1.
- When filling out the Jr. Fair entry form for all livestock, rabbits and poultry:
 - It is very important to list the number of head and the number of cages/pens you will need.
 - List the class #, class name and the breed and complete birthdate including year.
 - **DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THE CHAMPION CLASSES.** Champion classes are listed so that winners can be paid for the class.
 - Jr. entry forms for horses - List each horse on a separate form or list the name of each horse in the Livestock information breed column.
- Misc. general projects:
 - List the first number of the class if there is a series of classes. Example: 910-914 are woodworking classes. On your entry form, you would list 910.
 - **DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THE CHAMPION CLASSES.** Champion classes are listed so that winners can be paid for the class.
 - If you aren't sure that you will get your project done, you should sign up. You cannot add projects after the June 3 deadline.
- Verifying your entries before submitting them to your leader/Extension office.
 - The fair book has a table of contents on page 4 and 5. Most all 4-H entries have a corresponding Jr. Fair entry. If there is a page number listed for 4-H and the Jr. Fair, then your project can be exhibited in both fairs. If you have signed up for a 4-H project, verify that you have also completed a Jr. Fair entry for that same project area. We do not want youth to miss out on a judging opportunity.
 - Example: 4-H Geology (page 92-93), the corresponding entry for the Jr. Fair would be Class 801 (page 39).

- **4-H projects without a Jr. Fair class:** Bicycle, Cats, Child Development, Civic Engagement, Collectibles, College & Career readiness, Communications, Consumer Education, Drones, esports, 4-H Exploratory, Family Heritage, Health, Intercultural, Leadership, Plants & Soils, Reading, Small pets/guinea pigs, Technologies, Theatre Arts, Weather, and Video/Filmmaking
- Entries are due into the Extension office by June 4.

IL State Fair Entries:

- Horses and Livestock **do not** have to qualify at the Shelby County 4-H Fair to exhibit at the State Fair. It is the **4-H'ers responsibility** to complete state fair entries for horses and/or livestock. Only General Projects must qualify to exhibit at the State Fair.
 - Horses –State Fair entry forms must be signed by Shelby County 4-H Staff and postmarked by June 1.
 - Livestock - State fair entry forms must be signed by Shelby County 4-H Staff and postmarked by July 15.
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Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Checklist – due June 4

- I have verified that my 4-H entries match my Junior Fair entries. (There are exceptions listed above in the Junior Fair section.)
- I have entered my 4-H Entries in Fair Entry (online).
- I have completed a Junior Fair Exhibitor Card.
- I have completed my Junior Fair Entries.