

## **4-H Show & State Fair Updates**

Carroll, Lee & Whiteside County 4-H State fair day is Saturday, August 13, 2022

### **Daily Schedule for State Fair**

8:00 -9:00AM Project drop off

9:00AM Interviews begin

3:00PM Judging ends

3:30PM Projects Released **(and throughout the day)**

4:30 All projects must be gone

*Projects will be released throughout the day as last year. Families have the option of when to pick up projects.*

### **State Fair Ribbons & Awards**

Every exhibitor receives a **PARTICIPATION RIBBON & EXHIBITOR BUTTON**.

Top score in each class receives **CHAMPION MEDAL**. Receive 2X value premium money.

Second highest score in each class receives **RESERVE CHAMPION MEDAL**. Receives 1X value premium money.

Exhibitors who present inspirational, innovative, or unique exhibits receive the **INSPIRE AWARDS**. (This is not 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

## **Changes to Project Areas**

### **ANIMAL SCIENCE**

- Splitting the Animal Science area into two “experience” levels due to high number of exhibits, creating easier judging comparisons.
- Level 1: 1-2 years of exhibiting in Animal Science
- Level 2: 3 or more years of exhibiting in Animal Science

### **NATURE**

- Adding Natural Resources or Outdoor Adventures Innovation Class
  - Adding Fishing and Wildlife Class
- Adding these Classes will allow youth to create an exhibit not directly tied to a specific 4-H project book (i.e. Sportfishing 1 must be from Take the Bait). Their resources can come from elsewhere for these additions*

### **CLOTHING**

Changed wording to encourage quilts to be entered in Visual Arts-Quilting, but allow Quilts to be entered at any Clothing level. Added clarifying language to make things clearer in a few areas

Made minor changes to scoresheets per judge suggestions:

- Took darts off criteria on Clothing 1 Sewn Clothing scoresheet
- Added “Seam allowances finished” to pillowcase construction (Clothing 1) criteria

## HORTICULTURE

Change in Division Name:

- Horticulture: **Vegetable Gardening is changing to Horticulture: Vegetables, Herbs, & Fruits**
- Fairy Garden clarification/Floriculture B:
  - Create an artistic fairy garden of plants, flowers and/or herbs. Explain the process you utilized to prepare your fairy garden. Label your plants by name and explain how the plants were chosen to fit the theme.
- Addition of Fruit Plate

## PLANTS & SOIL SCIENCES

- New class –**Cover crops**- Exhibit an experimental or educational activity related to one experience from your project; OR prepare a display focusing on any activity related to the cover crops project. This could be related, but not limited, to plant growth & development, cover crop benefits, land management, sustainability, or other topics of interest to the member related to cover crops. A cover crop might include any plant that is sown in between primary production crops for the benefit of overall farm health rather than crop yield (examples: pennycress, clover, radish, annual ryegrass, etc.).

## VISUAL ARTS

- **Food/Cake Decorating** Correction for Exhibit Guidelines (see showbook when its released)
  - Increased number of exhibits in Food/Cake Decorating from 1 to 2 exhibits from any of the classes
- **New Quilting Classes**
- You Can Quilt! (SF 50331A)
  - Mini Quilt -doll or infant sized -max size 48"x 48"
  - Table Runner -Width 15"-18"; Length 24"-48"
- Quilting the Best Better (SF 50331B)•Lap Quilt -Width 48"x 60"; Length 60"-72"•Large Quilted Wall Hanging –rectangular or square, sized larger than 48"x 48"; hanging to include tabs or pocket to be hung •Quilt that fits any size bed –Twin; Double; Queen; or King
- Clarification-No Quilts will be exhibited in Heritage Arts!
  - All Visual Arts quilting entries will exhibit in either: 1. Visual Arts –You Can Quilt; OR 2. Quilting the Best Better

## State Public Speaking

**Date:** April 30, 2022

**Location:** Parkland College, Champaign, IL

Separate from State 4-H General Project Show

- Can compete in both events
- No state fair premiums, other awards given

**Dates:**

- State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion, Monday, June 20, 2022
- State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, Saturday, August 27, 2022 Dixon IL  
\*Webinar 1/31\*
- Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show: July 24 –30 First day is move in day. No Sunday show this year.
- Poultry show location and date change. Barn #26 Thursday Aug. 11, 2022 One day, in/out show.
- Rabbit Show location and date change. Barn #26 Saturday Aug. 13, 2022 One day, in/out show.
- State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest –Barn #26 Thursday Aug. 11, 2022
- State Superior Young Producer Contest:
  - General Livestock-Junior Livestock Bldg. South show ring, Wednesday, August 10, 2022
  - Dairy –Open Livestock Center, Saturday, August 20

**Other Dates:**

- State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest –Open Livestock Center Saturday, August 20, 2022.
- State Fair Junior Livestock Shows August 12-14
  - Friday-Breeding Females
  - Saturday-Junior Market
  - Sunday-Open Market
  - Exceptions (Dairy, poultry, rabbits)
- State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl –Saturday, Feb. 26 Illinois Corn Growers Assn, Bloomington IL
- State 4-H Horse Bowl –April 24, U of I campus
- State Horse Hippology/Speech –April 23, U of I
- State 4-H Horse Judging Contest –Feb 19, BHE
- YQCA face to face or online (Required for all livestock: Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine)  
DUE by: May 1 (*if you don't do the face to face you can choose to do it online on your own*)
  - Carroll County Date: Monday, February 21 at 11:00am (Carroll office)
  - Lee County Date: TBD
  - Whiteside County Date: Wednesday, April 13 6:30pm (Whiteside office)