

**GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS  
FOR  
DEKALB COUNTY 4-H SHOW & FAIR**

We're looking forward to the 2021 fair season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols may also be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. **Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).**
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact the DeKalb County Extension office at 815/758-8194. We can discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of

**\*\*Notice:** Throughout the 4-H Fairbook the phrase "past year" will mean 2020 and the phrase "present year" will mean 2021.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Each exhibitor in the DeKalb County 4-H Shows must be officially enrolled in a DeKalb County 4-H Club in the present year. Member must be enrolled online in the project by **April 15**, present year.
2. Any exhibitor who individually or in groups is responsible for any disturbance during a 4-H show shall be required to leave the premises with their exhibits and shall forfeit their premium money.
4. A minimum age of 8 as of September 1, 2020 is eligible to participate in all State Fair Junior Department livestock, horse and pony, and general projects classes.
5. 4-H members unable to attend the 4-H General Project Show should sign-up to drop off their project and written report to be judged.
6. All animals must be exhibited in the show ring by 4-H owners. In cases of sickness, two entries, or a judging conflict, another 4-H member may be secured to help.
7. 4-H'ers are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium eligible projects.

8. **If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact the Extension office at 815/758-8194. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.**

## **ENTRIES**

1. Deadline to enroll in the General Project Show, Livestock Shows, Horse & Pony Show is **June 14**

### **2. Family Instructions to Enroll in Exhibits**

1. Go to <http://dekalb4-hfair.fairentry.com>
2. Click on Sign in with 4H Online
3. Click on "Register an Exhibitor"
4. Click to Register an Individual and Select the name of the first exhibitor (if more than one)
5. Click on Continue to Entries
6. On the next screen you can review the exhibitor's information
7. Click on "Continue to Entries AND click on "Add an Entry"
8. Select the appropriate Department. Then you will see a list of Divisions within that Department.
9. Select the desired Division. This will show a list of classes within the Division.
10. Select the Desired Class. Some classes may require additional information.
11. After selecting the class, click on create entries
12. Answer any questions that come up. Click Continue.
13. **If you wish to add another Entry, click on "Add another Entry" and you will return to the "Choose Department and Division" screen and select the appropriate department to select the class to enter.**
14. If you would like to register another exhibitor (sibling), Click on "Register another Exhibitor" **OR** if you are done with entries, Click "Continue to Payment". Follow any instructions regarding payment. In DeKalb County, we do not require a registration fee, so the Invoice will be \$0.
15. Choose to Submit your entries.
16. You will receive an email from Fair Entry stating that your entries were submitted.  
**PLEASE NOTE** - Once you hit submit, you cannot edit your entry or add entries until after your entries have been approved.
17. The Extension Office will then approve or reject your entries. You will be sent another email accordingly.

3. **ENTRY FEES** – The 4-H Show & Fair require no entry fees.

### **4. ENTRY RULES**

- A. Entries may be made only in project areas in which the 4-H member is enrolled in.
- B. All entries **MUST** be the current work of the member making the exhibit or entry.

5. **LIVESTOCK RULES** - All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must be owned by the 4-H member. Professional fitters **will not be allowed** to assist in the 4-H Fair. 4-H'ers may be assisted by a family member (mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardians) or by another 4-H'er from DeKalb County.

## JUDGING

### 1. RATING & PREMIUMS

- A. 4-H General Projects are evaluated on an individual basis through conferences between the 4-H'er and the judge. 4-H livestock exhibits are evaluated on an individual basis within their classes. All 4-H exhibits receive a blue, red, or white rating.
- B. 4-H exhibitors will receive their 4-H premium checks if/when money is received from the state for this purpose. 4-H premiums will be paid using an x-factor. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors.
- C. Grievances/Protests - The 4-H Grievance Committee shall consist of the 4-H Fair Superintendent and 4-H Extension staff. Judging concerns/questions should go to the appropriate department superintendent first. If the concern cannot be resolved, then the department superintendent may refer the concern to the Grievance Committee. All grievances must be filed in writing. Grievances should be submitted to an Extension staff member. Complaints must be brought before the Grievance Committee within 24 hours of the incident.

#### **Tax Implications for Prizes, Gifts, or Awards**

Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift, or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift, or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.

**All first time 4-H'ers showing horses, rabbits, cats, dogs and poultry will need to complete the QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS PROGRAM over the internet. This should be completed by May. Failure to complete this program will result in the 4-H'ers being dropped from the project and ineligibility to show at the fair.**

\* Articles lost, stolen, or damaged are not the responsibility of the University of Illinois Extension DeKalb County.

### **4-H CODE OF CONDUCT**

The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege and not a right. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff – who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Illinois 4-H program and conduct themselves according to the following standards. These standards also apply to online 4-H activity, including social media and internet presence. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to: race, color, religion, political beliefs, national or ethnic origin, immigration or citizenship status, sex, gender identity and expression, transgender status, sexual orientation, age, marital or family 108 status, educational level, learning style, pregnancy, physical appearance, body size, and individuals with disabilities.

1. **Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why.
2. **Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H contests with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
3. **Obey the Law.** Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems., . Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. Do not attend 4- H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.
4. **Honor Diversity – Yours and Others’.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons who participate in 4-H programs.
5. **Create a Safe Environment.** Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not engage in romantic displays or sexual activities in either public or private situations. Be kind and compassionate toward others. Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile activities. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property.
6. **Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge. Respect the integrity of the group and the group’s decisions.
7. **Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others. Have fun!
8. **Watch What You Wear.** Use good judgment. Wear clothing suited for the activity in which you will participate. Dress in a manner that is respectful to yourself and others. Clothing that displays or promotes violence, obscenity, illegal activities, discrimination, or intimidation is prohibited. Do not wear revealing clothing, such as short skirts or shorts, midriff-baring tops, or anything showing undergarments.
9. **Be a Positive Role Model.** Act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing you are role models for others and that you are representing both yourself and the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. Be responsible for your behavior, use positive and affirming language, and uphold exemplary standards of conduct at all 4-H activities.

**CONSEQUENCES** Any of the following may be used, depending on severity of the situation:

1. Participant will receive a verbal warning.
2. Participant may remain at the event/activity but may be barred from future events.
3. Participant may be asked to leave the event/activity. If the participant is a youth, the parent(s) will be called, and the youth will be sent home at family’s expense.

**4-H GENERAL PROJECTS SHOW  
DEKALB COUNTY FARM BUREAU BUILDING  
PHONE: 815-758-8194  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 & 8, 2021**

The 4-H Show and Fair are only open to 4-H members ages 8 to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2020. Cloverbud participants are not permitted to compete at county events.

1. **Online entries are due by MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021. NO late entries will be accepted.** To register projects for the General Project Show go to: <http://dekalb4-hfair.fairentry.com>
2. ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO **ONE** IN EACH EXHIBIT AREA with the EXCEPTION OF VISUAL ARTS AND FOODS PROJECTS. 4-H'ers are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium eligible projects
3. Entry tags to label exhibits will be mailed to 4-H'ers to attach before the general project show.
4. If a 4-H member needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in the 4-H General Project Show, please contact the DeKalb County Extension office at 815-758-8194 by June 15, 2020.
5. Exhibits will be evaluated in a scheduled conference between the member and an adult judge in the Farm Bureau Building. Individuals will be able to schedule appointments with to the judge(s). If the 4-H members prefer to not show in-person they can drop off the project before the judging begins with a completed project report.  
**Exhibitors should come prepared with all requirements of their exhibit classes met. Exhibitors should also be prepared to discuss with the judge: A) Process followed in making the exhibit, B) what you learned, and C) what you would do differently next time.**
8. Exhibits will be released on Friday, July 9 from 8:00 – 4:30 PM.
9. 4-H families are urged to make every attempt to have 4-H'ers present for their conference(s) with the judge(s) for the educational benefit. 4-H'ers who prefer not to judge in person may drop off their project before judging begins. The 4-H'er must complete the project report form. Failure to include the project report form could result in a lower ribbon rating. All other class requirements must also be followed.
10. Emergency Procedures: In the event of a tornado, staff/guests should go immediately to coat closet in the main lobby or the lowest point in the theater prior to reaching the stage. In the event of a fire, all staff/guests should exit the building by the nearest exit and convene in the lawn area in the northeast corner of the property adjacent to Prairie Dr.