

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND RULES

The purpose of 4-H is to teach youth through practical training, how to become more useful and progressive citizens. The program is well balanced, since the 4-H emblem itself means equal training of head, heart, hands and health. The development of leadership and giving back to the community through community service are some of the key ideals of the 4-H program.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED!!! THIS MEANS ALL EXHIBITS!!! ENTRIES CAN BE SCRATCHED THEY CANNOT BE ADDED LATER. IF THERE IS A QUESTION, PLEASE ENTER THE EXHIBIT.

- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED ON AN OFFICIAL 4-H ENTRY FORM.
- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY JULY 15!
- EXHIBITS NOT ENTERED ON THE ENTRY FORM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

REMEMBER... JULY 15 IS THE DEADLINE!

Need Help? Come to Entry Fest, Thursday, July 7 at 6:00 PM in the Youth Building

General Rules

The 4-H classes are open to Ulster County youth enrolled in the 4-H Youth Development program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County by May 15 of the project year. Exhibits must be made, raised, owned, leased, grown, or prepared by the 4-H member enrolled in that 4-H project during the current 4-H year. Exhibits should reflect the age of the member and the number of years enrolled in a project.

1. **EXHIBITS:**

- a. ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE GROWN, MADE, OWNED OR RAISED AS A PART OF A 4-H PROJECT. Every exhibit must follow rules under the section in which the exhibit falls.
 - b. Exhibits must be in place at the time designated in each section, and may not leave prior to the designated times.
 - c. **RULES FOR REMOVING EXHIBITS ON SUNDAY REMAIN IN EFFECT FROM LAST YEAR.**
The release times are as follows:
 - 6:00 p.m. - Large Animals Released:** (Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, & Llamas Only) If a Large Animal Exhibitor has static exhibits in the youth building, and/or a small animal, they may be removed at this time.
 - 7:00 p.m. - Small Animals Released:** (Poultry & Rabbits) If a Small Animal Exhibitor has static exhibits in the youth building, they may be removed at this time.
 - 8:00 p.m. - Static Exhibits in Youth Building Released:** A maximum of one car pass per club will be allowed to pick up large static exhibits and/or multiple club member exhibits. You may "walkout" exhibits at 6:00pm.
- Any exhibits not adhering to the policy forfeit the premium award. Exception: Dogs, horses and bowl & pocket pets may be removed after judging in their respective area.
- d. 4-H reserves the right to limit the number of entries made by the 4-H members.
 - e. **NOTE: Any static exhibit area with a "U" in its number (such as SCB-U1) is an "Ulster County Exhibit Only". Not eligible for State Fair.**
 - f. All foods exhibits still in good condition after judging will be sold for the benefit of 4-H activities.
 - g. ALL exhibits must have a 4-H Record Sheet. It can be the yellow 1/2 page Project Summary Record or a project specific record. Animal records must be submitted with Pre-registration on July 15.

2. **EXHIBIT ENTRY TAGS:**
- Entry tags will be available at the 4-H Office beginning July 15. Entry tags will be available at the 4-H Fair office on Monday when entries are brought for judging.
 - Entry tags must be properly and completely filled out, and securely attached to each static exhibit.
 - Exhibits without an entry tag or Record Sheet will not receive a premium.
 - Your age as of January 1 of current year is to be used on all Fair entries.
3. **GATE AND RIDE PASSES FOR EXHIBITORS:**
- Exhibitors, participants, leaders and parents required to be at the fair on a daily basis for animal exhibits will receive one wristband per exhibitor and two wristbands per family for parents. Participants in other 4-H activities will be issued exhibitor passes. **THESE PASSES ARE NOT INTENDED FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OR FRIENDS. EACH 4-H MEMBER WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR PASSES ISSUED TO THEM.**
 - Each exhibitor is entitled to one \$5 discount ride pass. This can be picked up and signed for at the 4-H Fair Office starting on Monday.
4. **PREMIUMS:**
- Premiums will be awarded only to enrolled Ulster County 4-H members whose projects are approved by his or her 4-H Leader.
 - All 4-H members, including individual members, must be enrolled with the 4-H office by **May 15**.
 - The value of one unit will depend on funds available and the total number of exhibits.
 - No premium will be awarded by a judge, and no premium paid by the Agricultural Society for:
 - an unworthy or disqualified exhibit.
 - animals or exhibits not properly cared for and/or poorly exhibited.
 - exhibitor not showing proper behavior on the Fairgrounds.
 - Fair Premium checks must be cashed promptly. No checks will be honored by the issuing bank after 30 days of check issuance, at which time they will be canceled without notification.
 - Any youth who does not complete their All Star Duty will not receive premiums.
5. **AGE REQUIREMENTS:**
- Youth participants must be eight by January 1 of the current year, and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to January 1 of the current club year. Youth who are at least eight years of age by January 1 of the current club year and in the third grade or higher should enroll as a 4-H member.
- CLOVERBUD:**
- Youth who are five through eight years of age on or before January 1 of the club year and enrolled in kindergarten through second grade may exhibit.
 - See the Cloverbud Fair Guide for **ALL** Cloverbud Classes.

6. **DRESS CODE:**

- a. All individual 4-H participants/exhibitors must wear the 4-H emblem in order to participate. The emblem must be clearly visible and shall be worn on left breast or left shoulder (exception as on a club T-shirt with a clover on it). The clover is the symbol that identifies a 4-Her. We are proud of you!
- b. 4-H chevrons are available from the 4-H office in Kingston and at the fair. These chevrons can be easily pinned on garments. Failure to wear the 4-H emblem will prevent participation in the event.
- c. 4-H'ers should set an example of excellence for all youth. Appropriate attire is required at all times during The Ulster County Fair.

Wearing appropriate clothing and presenting a neat and clean appearance is important – especially since many 4-H events occur in public. Additionally, apparel and footwear should be appropriate to our activities. At the most basic level, clothing should be moderate in type and style. No fashion statements are necessary.

These simple guidelines will make our events enjoyable and satisfying for everyone in attendance. All participants, members, volunteers, and 4-H youth development staff shall adhere to the core values of the Ulster County 4-H Youth Development Program. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change, or be required to leave until dress code is followed.

With simple planning, you will save yourself the inconvenience of changing your attire to ensure that you contribute to a pleasant atmosphere.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced:

1. All clothing and footwear shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events.
2. Articles of clothing that display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
3. Excessively baggy or tight clothing, and clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
4. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited. Shorts and skirts should be of appropriate length.

5. When representing 4-H during a public event, it is expected that the 4-H clover or chevron be worn. Make sure the clover pins or chevron are well placed and visible to all.

6. Categories for club meetings, events and programs are: **casual** (such as shorts, tee shirts, athletic shoes); **business casual** (button-down shirts, slacks, polo shirts and the like); and **dress** (such as shirts and ties for young men, and formal dresses and suits for young women). Please use these categories in 4-H informational communications to include meeting agendas and program announcements. For public events involving show rings as well as working in a barn setting, please refer to individual club guidelines on the following page.

Dress Code Violations



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7. **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITS:**

IMPORTANT – RABIES REQUIREMENTS

Proof of Rabies Vaccination is required for all Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Dogs, and Horses. Ulster County is considered a high risk area for rabies, and we must take every precaution. Veterinary documentation is required and if possible, a photo copy should be attached to the Animal Entry Form when entering your animal. A fourteen day rabies vaccination requirement is the minimum time frame that will help to insure protection of animals against rabies while on the fairgrounds. It is preferable to establish rabies immunity well in advance of the fair season. Keep in mind that a non- immunized animal (or an animal whose protective vaccination status has expired), exposed to rabies virus prior to receiving its vaccination, is not likely to be protected. Exhibitors should consult with their veterinarian about vaccinating their animal(s) against rabies as soon as possible. As animals receive their booster vaccination a population will be forming that is protected against rabies to the broadest degree possible. These are the rules as New York State Ag. & Markets has dictated them and the Ulster County Health Department has endorsed them. Ulster County 4-H, in an effort to provide a safe atmosphere for our members, their families and the public, is adopting the above rules on rabies vaccinations.

BE SAFE...VACCINATE EARLY!

- e. All Livestock under Section L & C, must have been owned or leased and cared for by the 4-H member and registered with the 4-H Office by June 1 of current year – using the 4-H Animal Identification Certificates (also known as non-ownership forms.)
 - f. Horses must have been registered at the 4-H Office by May 15.
 - g. No animals may be exhibited that are not properly fitted.
 - h. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE SHOWN to be eligible for premiums.
 - i. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 3:00 PM TUESDAY, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
 - j. EXHIBITORS MUST GIVE PERSONAL ATTENTION to their exhibits and take charge of same promptly at the close of fair. Entries and exhibits are accepted under the following conditions:
 - 1) All animal exhibits must comply with livestock health requirements.
 - 2) **FAIR WILL PROVIDE ALL BEDDING WITHIN REASON. IT WILL BE PORTIONED OUT DAILY.** Make sure the 4-H staff is aware of your needs.
 - 3) Livestock exhibitors must furnish all halters, tie ropes, hay and feed. Personal care must be provided and locations must be kept clean and neat.
 - 4) Poultry, rabbit and small animal exhibitors must provide their own containers for water and provide their own feed. Proper care must be given to all animals.
 - 5) Horses and dogs should not be left unattended at any time, nor should they be led about the Fairgrounds. Horses should stay in the horse exhibit area.
 - g. All animal entries are subject to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Animal Health Requirements. Animals may be removed by fair officials if paperwork requirements are not met.
8. All 4-H exhibitors are expected to do four hours of All Star Duty. 4-H animal exhibitors will do four hours of All Star Duty per barn. Sign-up sheets for All Star Duty will be in the Youth Building.

9. **YOUTH FAIR OVERNIGHT POLICY:** No 4-H Youth, 18 years or younger, will stay overnight anywhere on the fairgrounds unless chaperoned by an adult. No 4-H Youth department participant may sleep in the animal exhibit areas.

4-H offers a limited number of camping spaces to 4-H Fair Exhibitors and sets the rules and policies for these areas. To obtain information about these spaces, contact the 4-H Office at 340-3990.

10. The Ulster County Agricultural Society, its officials, committees in charge, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, the 4-H Program and its employees assume no responsibility and disclaim any liability for damage or loss of any article or stock exhibits, or any damage caused by any stock or any personal injuries. Care will be taken to avoid such damage or loss, consistent with the conditions under which the Fair is held.
11. **ULSTER COUNTY FAIR - OPEN CLASS** - All 4-H members are allowed to enter the open classes. Open classes are not administered by 4-H, they have completely different rules and different shows. Contact the County Fair secretary at the Fairgrounds, Libertyville Road, New Paltz, Phone: 255-1380 or visit the website at www.ulstercountyfair.com.
12. All 4-H participants shall at all times act with a mature and morally responsible attitude, recognizing the basic rules of society and common rights of others. 4-Hers should set an example for all others at the Ulster County Fair.
13. Additional rules are stated at the beginning of each section.
14. 4-H is not responsible for printing errors.
15. Any infractions of these rules will be penalized at the discretion of Fair officials and/or the 4-H staff. Persistent violators will be sent home and premiums forfeited.
16. Errors in Premiums must be brought to the attention of the 4-H office **IMMEDIATELY!** Retain entry cards to verify correction.

STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBITS

1. County Fair judges will nominate outstanding exhibits worthy of consideration for State Fair. Eligibility of members and exhibits will be rechecked before State Fair exhibits are announced.
2. State Fair exhibitors will be notified by mail.
3. Other exhibits may be selected to go to State Fair for display only.

4-H SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship Expectations For Youth Participants

Sportsmanship is an important part of growing up. To become contributing, competent, and capable adults, you must develop and learn to value sportsmanlike behavior: you should strive to be a fair and generous competitor, a good loser, and a graceful winner.

All participants in 4-H and other youth programs supported by CCEUC are expected to demonstrate each of the following elements of sportsmanship before, during, and after their participation in competitive events.

CONDUCT

Demonstrate and maintain high standards of personal behavior and conduct becoming to you as an individual and as a representative of your family, your club, your community, and the 4-H program or other youth program in which you are involved.

FAIRNESS

Learn and follow the rules. Do not cheat. Be objective, honest, and just in evaluating yourself and others.

HONESTY

Be truthful, fair, and straightforward in everything you say and do. Show integrity. Do not lie or deceive. Do your own work. Do not understate or overstate your abilities, skills, or accomplishments.

COMPETITION

Accept that the nature of competition is seeking to get what others are seeking to get; that it involves rivalry between contestants to earn rewards; and that it results in both winners and losers.

COURTESY

Be well-mannered in your conduct. Be respectful, thoughtful, considerate, cooperative, friendly, and cheerful in your attitude and your behavior regardless of whether you do well or not, or whether you win or lose.

Do not argue with the judges or program organizers. When you have concerns, questions, or suggestions, be polite in expressing them.

Be pleasant toward other participants, spectators, program officials, judges, the media, your advisors, parents, and others. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Treat people, animals, and things kindly.

GRACEFUL ACCEPTANCE OF RESULTS

Accept judges' suggestions and the results with a positive attitude. If you are *not* selected as a winner or if you receive a lower evaluation than you expect, do not gripe, complain, whine, pout, make excuses, or say you didn't feel well.

Congratulate those who did win and who performed better than you did. Recognize, appreciate, and try to learn from the accomplishments and admirable traits of others. Recognize, learn from, and try to improve your own shortcomings. Do not protest or make accusations unless you have proof and are willing to personally face the person(s) you are accusing.

If you are selected as a winner or receive a higher evaluation than you expect, graciously thank the people who congratulate you. Be happy but do not gloat, brag, act conceited, or downplay your accomplishments.

Finally, regardless of the outcome, thank your parents, advisors, program organizers, sponsors, judges, and others who helped you.