

THE JUDGING PROCESS

ABSENTEE JUDGING

Youth unable to attend the County Fair due to extreme situations can still submit exhibits. The exhibits are eligible for State Fair and grand and reserve champion ribbons, but keep in mind youth not in attendance are at a disadvantage. If you're going to be absent on judging day, you must make arrangements with the 4-H office to utilize a pre-recorded presentation, written story or arrange to speak with a judge via cell phone, Skype, Google Hangout, etc. Keep in mind, 4-H'ers wishing to speak with a judge will need to provide the necessary technology. Staff is not responsible if the fairground location does not allow for internet or phone connectivity.

JUDGING FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES OR INJURIES

If a 4-H'er is unable to participate in conference judging by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member or an immediate family member can request permission for an assistant to be with them during judging. Arrangements should be made in advance with the 4-H Coordinator and if possible a 4-H age sibling or friend should act as assistant.

STATE FAIR: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The number of State Fair trips is based on the number of 4-H'ers enrolled in a project area.
- **Members selected to represent the county at State Fair events must have completed 6th grade.** If a project area winner does not meet the age requirement, the trip will be given to the next ranking eligible participant. A younger member may only participate as part of a Share the Fun act where an adult chaperone stays with the group.
- Trips for State Fair, State Horse Show, and State Dog Show will be selected from blue ribbon exhibits only (see State Dog Show Rules for exceptions). Exhibit classes that are not eligible for State Fair are labeled in this guide.
- 4-H members that win trips in a project must plan to attend the State Fair with their exhibit. This does not apply to club projects. Also, members that win trips can only bring one general project area exhibit.
- A 4-H member can exhibit both a livestock and a non-livestock project at the State Fair in the same year. In addition, they may also participate in activities such as Share-the-Fun, demonstrations, Arts-In, or judging teams.
- **State Fair Trip winners will be posted in the 4-H exhibit area on Thursday morning.** It is the member's responsibility to check the State Fair Trip Board to see if they won a trip and indicate whether they intend to go to State Fair. 4-H'ers who win State Fair trips in more than one project area should choose which project they will exhibit at the state level as soon as possible so alternates have time to consider a trip.
- State Fair information and registration packets will be available at the 4-H information table. The State Fair meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm and attendance is mandatory unless you have been excused by the 4-H Program Coordinator. **All State Fair paperwork must be completed and turned in by 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 13.**
- When projects chosen for State Fair are too large to be transported by car with other state fair projects, it will be

ENCAMPMENT

- 4-H members participating in general project areas during State Fair have the option of staying in the 4-H dormitory during our county's encampment or attending just for the day of judging in the company of a parent/guardian.
- 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock must stay at the 4-H dormitory and are responsible for feeding and caring for their

STATE POLICIES

- **All youth participating at the State Fair as 4-H livestock exhibitors in beef, dairy, sheep, llama, swine, poultry, rabbits or goats must have completed a Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics workshop.** Certification is good for three Fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place.
- **All beef, dairy, goat, horse, rabbit, sheep and swine shown in state 4-H livestock shows must have the required state 4-H ID system ear tag and/or tattoo.** Animals must be identified appropriately in 4-H Online or with 4-H livestock ownership affidavits/lease agreements. Hard copy form(s) must be on file at the Extension Office.