



Youth Exhibits General Exhibit Rules Class Descriptions

Youth Exhibits Convention Center

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This department is open to youth who are participating in 4-H Youth Development Programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics, Franklin County Fair Youth General Exhibit Rules, and all department exhibit class rules and regulations.

General Exhibit Rules

1. **All entries with fees must be made on Fair Entry by or before due date, JUNE 20, and before 6 p.m. (Exception: Communications, and Horticulture)**

All exhibitors must be enrolled in an active 4-H club or be a member of an active FFA chapter. Each exhibit must be the work of a 4-H or FFA member during the current 4-H/FFA year. The articles may be made for use by someone other than the exhibitor. FFA members may exhibit **only** in the following Departments: ANIMALS; AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES; CREATIVE ARTS – Photography; and SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (except 4-H Bucket of Junk) and must follow rules listed for those Departments. FFA exhibits are not eligible to be selected for State Fair. *Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa. See also “4-H Department General Rules and Regulations”. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.*

2. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods may be disqualified and will not put on public display.
3. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24 inches x 36 inches in size. (See classes 10490 & 10530 for smaller requirements)
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48 inches x 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
 - Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches x 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.

4. Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species) - per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below)
 - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)
5. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H’ers.)
6. The exhibitor’s goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Deserving exhibits in all classes will be rated as a blue, red, or white ribbon quality.
7. Each member will be asked to bring their exhibits to the judge at the club's designated time for a conference. **A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit.** (Not required for Challenge classes.) Audio and video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
 - What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - What were the most important things you learned?

[Exhibit Questions Record Form](#) can be found at:
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/county-fair>

*****Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing & fashion, food & nutrition, home improvement, photography, and visual art, and 4-H poster communication, and personal development classes.**

8. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class, at the discretion of the superintendent of the department.
9. All judges’ decisions are final. **4-H** Exhibitors who have completed the 5th grade and have not graduated from high school before May 2025 will be eligible to have their exhibits considered for State Fair.
9. Outstanding Junior Awards will be given to those deserving exhibits of 4th graders. **Members who have exhibits selected as Outstanding Junior; People Project Awards; Top Jr., Int., or Sr. Challenge Class Winners; and State Fair will meet in the Youth Exhibits Building at 4:00 p.m., Saturday for photos. Please wear a clean 4-H shirt and nice jeans or shorts.**
10. There is no limit to the number of entries per class. Exceptions: Challenge Classes: Bucket of Junk, Horticulture, Food, and Photo.

11. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, exhibitor's name, class number, and class name.
12. **All exhibits will be released from the Youth Exhibits Building from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. the last day of Fair or forfeit premiums.**
13. The Franklin County Fair Board and Franklin County 4-H Organization will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.

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Youth Exhibits Building 4-H Schedule

Monday, July 7

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Youth Exhibits Judging

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Youth Exhibits Judging

Tuesday, July 8

Prepare building exhibits for public

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Exhibits Building open

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Clover Kids Exhibits Judging

1:00 p.m.

4-H Clothing Event Style Show – Van Wall Tent

Following Style Show

4-H'ers Got Talent Show – Van Wall Tent

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Zen Coloring

Thursday, July 10

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Exhibits Building open

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lego Explorers

3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

4-H Story Time

Friday, July 11

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Exhibits Building open

12:30 p.m.

4-H Educational Presentations/Extemporaneous Speaking

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bracelet Making

4:00 p.m.

4-H Working Exhibits

Saturday, July 12

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Exhibits Building open

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Iowa State University Bug Zoo

1:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.

VEGGIE 500 Decorating

1:30 p.m.

VEGGIE 500 Races

4:00 p.m.

4-H Press Day

Sunday, July 13

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Youth Exhibits Building open

Noon

Bucket of Junk Silent Auction Bidding Closes

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt Challenge

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Youth Exhibits Released

Class Descriptions

Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are strongly encouraged to go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets for information on judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H/FFA project learning.

Department: Static

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

See General Exhibit Rules

Division 101: ANIMALS

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

See General Exhibit Rules

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White
	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Class 10110 Animal Science

An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows the learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse and pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine, etc. Ownership of any animal is not required.

Class 10120 Veterinary Science

An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human health interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

Animals Special Rule:

Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Animals classes may not enter in similar FFA Animals classes and vice-versa.

Division 102: AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

See General Exhibit Rules

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

- 1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Agriculture and Natural Resources classes may not enter in similar FFA Agriculture and Natural Resources classes and vice-versa.*
- 2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers.*

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White
	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Class 10210 Crop Production and Plant Science

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops, plant growth, soils and soil fertility, or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.

Class 10220 Conservation, Environment and Sustainability

An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habit, etc.

Class 10222 Entomology

An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (for example honey) or equipment as part of the display.

Class 10224 Fish and Wildlife

An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, or who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

Class 10226 Forestry

An exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.

Class 10230 Horticulture and Plant Science

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc.

Class 10235 Home Grounds Improvement

An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.

Class 10240 Outdoor Adventures

An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.

Class 10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports

An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.)

Class 10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources

An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

Horticulture Show**Additional Rules:**

1. There is no pre-entry for this class. Enter and pay fees the day of the show.
2. An entry fee of \$2.00 per exhibit will be CHARGED AT ENTRY TIME.
3. Any member in an organized 4-H or FFA group in Franklin County is allowed to exhibit in this class.
4. Each exhibitor is entitled to unlimited entries.
5. The exhibitor must have grown entries during the current year.
6. Each entry must be labeled with an entry tag furnished by the fair association at the time of entry showing entry number and class. Please show variety name(s) on each entry. Exhibitors are responsible for care and upkeep of planters.
7. Vegetables, fruits, fresh cut herbs and flower displays are not eligible to be selected for State Fair. Vegetable and fruit entries should be displayed on firm white paper plate. Herbs

and cut flowers should be displayed in clear jars with water. Vegetables to be displayed will follow the guidelines for that variety and be properly prepared for exhibit according to the [4-H-462 publication "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit."](#) Flower exhibits should be displayed according to the [4-H-464 publication "Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit."](#) These publications can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/county-fair>.

The following are numbers of **vegetables** needed for each exhibit.

Beans _____	6
Beets _____	3
Cabbage _____	1
Cantaloupe _____	1
Carrots _____	3
Cucumbers _____	3
Eggplant _____	1
Honeydew Melon _____	1
Kohlrabi _____	3
Onions (dry) _____	3
Onions (green) _____	3
Peas _____	3
Peppers (sweet or hot) _____	3
Potatoes _____	3
Pumpkin _____	1
Squash (summer) _____	3
Squash (winter) _____	1
Sweet Corn _____	3 ears with husks open on one side
Sweet Potatoes _____	3
Tomato _____	3
Tomato, cherry/cocktail type _____	6
Watermelon _____	1
Any other vegetable _____	3
Any small fruit or tree fruit _____	3

Individual Herbs: Three sprigs of the same species in bottle of water

Herb Collection: Collection of 4 herb species (three sprigs each) to be displayed in separate bottles of water.

Specimens should include 3 stems of adequate length for each species. Each herb species should be properly labeled.

Ornamentals: Gourds, small ornamentals _____ 3

Miniature Pumpkins _____ 3

Potted Ornamental Pepper Patio Plant Container: One ornamental pepper plant grown in a patio container with a saucer no larger than 14 inches in diameter. Entries will be judged on quality, culture, stage of development and attractiveness.

Potted Ornamental Lavender Patio Plant Container: One ornamental lavender plant grown in a patio container with a saucer no larger than 14 inches in diameter. No other plants, ornaments or decorations allowed in the container. Entries will be judged on quality, culture, stage of development and attractiveness.

Vegetable Container Display: The vegetable display must include five to seven different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden. More than one variety of a vegetable would constitute one vegetable. Any decorative basket, box, or other container can be used. Judging will be based on 75% for the perfection of the vegetables and 25% on decorative arrangement. A file card must accompany the exhibit with each crop labeled as to the variety.

Salsa Tray: This tray must include vegetable specimens (grown by the exhibitor) to make salsa. Salsa tray must contain two specimens each of tomatoes, peppers, and onions. In addition, it must contain two specimens each of 1-2 other vegetables or herbs that are included in the salsa recipe. A copy of the recipe card must be included in the tray.

First Year Member Platter: Platter of mixed vegetables exhibited by a 4-H/FFA member who has never participated in the Horticulture Show before. Platter is to consist of three different vegetables of the exhibitor's choice. A file card must accompany the exhibit with each vegetable labeled as to the variety.

Club or County Vegetable Platter: This platter must be exhibited by a minimum of two club/chapter or county members who already are exhibiting vegetables individually. A platter must include 5 different vegetables species (2 each).

Vegetables of The Same Color Platter: This platter consists of 3-4 kinds of vegetables and/or herbs that are the same color (of the exhibitor's choice). For example, a red platter could have red slicing tomato, red cherry tomato, red bell pepper and cayenne pepper; while a green platter could include green variety eggplant, green bell pepper, green beans, and green kohlrabi. There is no limit to the number of individual specimens; however, the amount of produce exhibited MUST fit on the special platter that will be provided. Platters will be judged 75% on exhibit quality and 25% on accuracy of hue and appearance. Each exhibitor may enter up to two color platters, but each must represent a different color group.

Jumbo Vegetables: one specimen

Tomato	Squash
Potato	Cabbage
Pumpkin	Other

Flowers:

Please refer to [“Harvesting and Preparing Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit” \(4H-464\)](#) when preparing **flower** exhibits for fair. Each exhibit **must** show variety name as well as exhibitor’s name and club. All flowers are to be cut from exhibitor’s garden.

Gladiolus _____ 1 spike, any color

Zinnias _____ 3 blooms, same variety, any color

Dwarf Marigolds _____ 1 spray

Giant Marigolds _____ 3 blooms

Petunia _____ 1 spray

Dahlia _____ 1 bloom with foliage

Rose, 1 blossom, (3 sets of leaves), stem long enough to support head

Any Annual _____ 1 spray or 3 blooms

Any Perennial (includes foliage or grasses): 1 spray or 3 blooms, leaves or stems

Small Flower Arrangement- Home Grown with cut flowers suitable for table use, flowers must have been grown by exhibitor. Must be in vase of appropriate size and water.

Small Flower Arrangement- Purchased with cut flowers suitable for table use may include purchased flowers. Must be in vase of appropriate size and water.

Bucket of Flowers: 5-gallon bucket with appropriate drainage holes, can be brought to Becky’s Greenhouse, Dougherty to be filled with potting soil and planted with annuals. Plants will be offered at a discounted price for 4-H/FFA members participating by May 31. Include weatherproof sign with member name, grade and Club/chapter name. Planters will be on display throughout the fairgrounds. Pick up bucket in Youth Exhibits Building, Sunday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Special Awards:

Best Vegetable, Best Herb, Best Flower: Purple Ribbon

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

- 1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Agriculture and Natural Resources classes may not enter in similar FFA Agriculture and Natural Resources classes and vice-versa.*
- 2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display may be dropped one ribbon placing.*

Division 130: Horticulture Challenge

Additional Rules:

1. Any 4-H/FFA member is eligible to enter.

2. Member may enter one vegetable or one flower or one of both.
 3. Members must have registered and picked up seeds/plants at Becky's Greenhouse, Dougherty, or the Franklin County Extension Office, Hampton by **May 31**.
 4. Vegetable entries should be displayed on firm white paper plate. Number of vegetables to be displayed will follow the guidelines in fair class for that variety and be properly prepared for exhibit according to the [4-H-462 publication "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit."](#) Flower exhibits should be displayed according to the [4-H-464 publication "Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit."](#) These publications can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/county-fair>.
 5. Enter and pay fee of \$2.00 per exhibit on Entry Day.
 6. Purpose of class is to plant and grow crop and bring in best samples of harvest for exhibit.
- Sponsored by **Becky's Greenhouse, Dougherty**.

Vegetable (Green Beans)

Class 13000 – Junior (Grades 4, 5, 6)
Class 13001 – Intermediate (Grades 7, 8)
Class 13002 – Senior (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Special Awards:

Top entry, each lot: Purple ribbon

Flower (Nasturtium)

Class 13003 – Junior (Grades 4, 5, 6)
Class 13004 – Intermediate (Grades 7, 8)
Class 13005 – Senior (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Division 103: CREATIVE ARTS

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

See General Exhibit Rules

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White
	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Class 10310 Music

An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition, arrangements, instruments, musical styles, or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

Class 10320 Photography

An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Complete and attach 4-H Photography Exhibit Form found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/4h> to back of photo. Still photos only, not video.

Photography Special Rules:

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed 1/2 inch thick.
4. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats, or have matting done professionally.
 - **4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.**
 - **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**

5. A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.
6. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
7. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
8. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will **not** be displayed.
9. Franklin County Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
10. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice versa.

Class 10340 Creative Photography

A photographic image that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. Could be a composite of multiple photographs.

Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.
2. If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
4. Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.
5. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
6. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

Class 10345 Photography Idea/Educational Display

An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography. Display board size may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches.

Class 10350 Visual Arts Original Art

An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. Original art is a one-of-a-kind, non-replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another's work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.

Class 10355 Visuals Arts: Design, Process or Technique Exploration

This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different mediums. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit must be included. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. See Visual Arts Special Rule #5 and #6.

Class 10360 Visual Arts: Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics

Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc.

Visual Arts Special Rules:

1. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers.
2. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.
3. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source of inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information, see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets.
4. If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.
5. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.
6. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H member is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.

Division 131: Photo Challenge

Additional Rules:

1. Open to any 4-H or FFA member. Member does not have to be enrolled in the 4-H Photography Project.
2. "Family" is this year's theme. 4-H members may enter one 5x7 photo printed on photographic paper, flat mounted on black 8x10 matte.
3. 4-H entry must be made in FairEntry by June 20, 2025. Entry fee \$2.00
4. 4-H photos judged with other building exhibits at designated club time on Monday.
5. The purpose of this class is to learn basics of photography, colors, compositions, and cropping.

Class 13100 Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Class 13101 Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)

Class 13102 Senior Section (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Special Awards:

Top entry, each lot: Purple ribbon

Division 104: FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

See General Exhibit Rules

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White
	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Class 10410 Child Development

An exhibit that shows learning about children. An exhibit could include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, or safety and health. An exhibit that includes items intended for use with children, such as babysitting kits, books, learning games, or toys, must include information about what you have learned about children while creating and using the exhibit OR what the child/children learned from their use of the item(s) in the exhibit.

Class 10420 Clothing and Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories

A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

Class 10422 Clothing and Fashion – Purchased Garments & Accessories

Purchased garments or accessories that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

Class 10424 Clothing and Fashion: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

Clothing and Fashion Special Rule:

1. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.
2. Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

Class 10430 Consumer Management

An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

Class 10440 Food & Nutrition – Prepared and Preserved Product

An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. *See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products.*

Class 10442 Food and Nutrition: Preserved Product

An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. *See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food products.*

Class 10445 Food & Nutrition – Educational Display

An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation & service, safety practices, or food preservation. *See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products.* Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning and service must include a menu.

Food & Nutrition Special Rules:

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, including the source of the recipe.
7. Preserved foods must include the Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2024, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits.
8. Preserved foods exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
 - Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
 - Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product
10. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

Class 10450 Health

An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, safe activities and skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and healthy lifestyle choices.

Class 10460 Home Improvement

An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.

Home Improvement Special Rules:

1. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers.
2. Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).

Class 10470 Sewing and Needle Arts – Constructed item

A constructed item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans. Include decisions you made in your project, including decisions about elements and principles of design.

Class 10472 Sewing and Needle Arts – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including but not limited to construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

Sewing and Needle Arts Special Rules

1. Include decisions you made in your project, including decisions about elements and principles of design.

Class 10480 Other Family and Consumer Science

An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family & Consumer Science class listed.

Class 10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge

Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the five food groups with a budget of \$11. (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance as of October 2024).

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.
2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
4. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
5. The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the five (5) food groups: Fruit, Vegetable, Protein, Grain, and Dairy.
 - a. Recommended portion sizes per person: ½ cup fruit, ½ cup vegetable, 2-3 ounces protein, 1-2 ounces grain, 1 cup equivalent dairy.
 - b. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
6. The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 20 inches x 30 inches) that includes:
 - a. The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
 - b. Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).
 - c. Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).
 - d. Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.
 - e. The completed [Thrifty Meal Challenge](#) Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.
 - f. Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.

For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.

Special Award:

Top qualifying entry will be selected for State Fair.

Division 134: Food Challenge

Additional Rules:

1. 4-H entry must be made in FairEntry by June 20, 2025. Entry fee \$2.00
2. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter. Members do not have to be enrolled in the 4-H Food and Nutrition project.
3. Members may enter one entry per challenge recipe.
4. Enter with other building exhibits at designated club time on Monday.

5. Food & Nutrition Special Rules (see above) also apply to this class.
6. The purpose of Challenge 1 contest is to use only the following recipe to make, bake, and present 3-4 baked sugar cookies. The purpose of Challenge 2 is to use your creativity to decorate some of the sugar cookies.
7. Members may choose to enter one challenge or the other or both challenges.

Challenge 1 – Sugar Cookies

1 cup butter room temperature	1 cup granulated sugar
2 tsp vanilla extract	1 egg
3 cups flour	2 tsp baking powder

Source: <https://cookingwithkarli.com/perfect-sugar-cookie-recipe/#wprm-recipe-container-4886>.

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Cream together the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer for a full 2 minutes.
3. Scrape sides and add in vanilla and egg. Mix until combined.
4. Add flour and baking powder to the bowl. Mix slowly at first gradually getting faster until the dough comes together. The texture should be like Playdoh.
5. Use a rolling pin and roll the dough onto a floured surface until ¼- ½ inch thick, depending on the size of your cookie cutter. (The cookies will not rise while baking, they will not get thinner while baking. Roll out to your desired FINISHED thickness).
6. Use cookie cutters and cut out desired shapes. Transfer the cookies to an ungreased cookie sheet.
7. Bake at 350°F for 7-11 minutes or until the centers are puffy and no longer glossy. Pull the cookies out of the oven BEFORE they start turning brown. If they turn brown, the cookie will be dry and 'crackey' instead of soft and chewy.

Class 13400 – Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Class 13401 – Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)

Class 13402 – Senior Section (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Special Awards:

Top entry, each lot: Purple ribbon

Challenge 2 – Frosted Sugar Cookies

The point of this challenge is to be creative with decorating your sugar cookies! Use the recipe above to make the sugar cookies. ALL 4-H Members MUST use the frosting recipe below.

1 cup unsalted butter, slightly softened
 4 cups powdered sugar
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 Tablespoons dairy milk (skim, 2%, or whole)

Source: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>.

1. Beat the butter, salt, and vanilla together until fully combined on medium speed.
2. Reduce speed and add powdered sugar and milk. Add the milk a teaspoon at a time to achieve the right consistency for the way you want to use the frosting. DO NOT use more than 2 tablespoons of milk.
3. Slowly increase the speed of the mixer and beat until the frosting is light and fluffy.

Class 13403 – Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Class 13404 – Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)

Class 13405 – Senior Section (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Special Awards:

Top entry, each lot: Purple ribbon

Division 132: Bag of Scraps Sewing Challenge

Goal: Use the provided materials to showcase your creativity and innovation, to create a exhibit out of fabric scraps. Members may use a sewing machine, hand-sewing or other techniques to complete this challenge.

Additional Rules:

1. All entries must be made in FairEntry by June 20, 2025.
2. Each team will be made up of one 4-H member and one adult if needed. This may be done independently as well.
3. Each team will get one bag, which contains a variety of fabric scraps.
4. There will only be 20 bags available for this contest. Bags will be handed out on a first call – first serve basis by calling 641-456-4811 or e-mail laela@iastate.edu.
5. The goal is to showcase each members creativity by creating an exhibit from the provided scraps.
6. Each team must use approximately 75% of the materials provided.
7. Youth may use the following supplies in their final project: ribbon, cotton stuffing, batting, ribbon, zippers, etc. **NO additional fabric may be used or added!**
8. Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member's exhibit write-up responding to: **What did you plan to learn or do?; What steps did you take to learn or do this?; and What were the most important things you learned?**
9. All entries must be made on FairEntry by June 20, 2025. Bags of Scrap can be picked up at the Franklin County ISU Extension and Outreach office beginning on May 1.
10. All entries must be in place in the Youth Exhibits Building by 1:00 p.m. on judging day.
11. These exhibits are not eligible to advance to the State Fair.

Class 13200—Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Class 13201—Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)

Class 13202—Senior Section (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Special Awards: Top entry, each lot: Purple ribbon

Division 135: Drab to Fab Home Improvement Challenge

In the spirit of Flea Market Flip, this challenge is designed to utilize member creativity in making a drab garage sale find into a fab new piece for the home.

Additional Rules:

1. All entries must be made in Fair Entry on or before June 20, 2025.
2. All entry fees of \$2.00 per exhibit must accompany advance entry form.
3. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter. Members do not have to be enrolled in the 4-H Home Improvement project.
4. Any item purchased for \$25 or less and repurposed for the home.
5. Take a photo of the original item.
6. Must use at least 50% of the original item in the finished product.
7. Exhibit write-up must include:
 - a. Photo of original item
 - b. Receipt for original item
 - c. List of supplies & cost in refurbishing item

- d. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- e. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- f. What were the most important things you learned?

Class 13500 - Junior Section (Grades 4,5,6)

Class 13501 - Intermediate Section (Grades 7,8)

Class 13502 - Senior Section (Grades 9,10,11,12)

Special Awards:

Top entry, each lot: Purple ribbon

Division 105: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

See General Exhibit Rules

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White
	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Class 10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement

An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country, or your world.

Class 10520 Communication

An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, or visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc. If finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

Class 10530 4-H Poster Communication

Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

- 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H members interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- Beyond Ready in 4-H (2024 National 4-H Week theme)
- Lasso Your 4-H Legacy (variation of 2025 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- 4-H Sweet 4-H (variation of 2025 Iowa State Fair theme)

Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. Contest is open to all 4-H members. Only posters entered by members who have completed 5th through 12th grade are eligible for State Fair.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches x 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches x 22 inches.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.
5. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
6. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
7. 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
8. Posters are to be judged with other building exhibits at designated club time on Monday.

9. Each poster must have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.

Special Awards:

An award will be presented to the top Poster Communication participant.

Class 10540 Digital Storytelling (See also Creative Arts)

An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative film/movie/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video. Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.

Class 10550 Leadership

An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

Class 10560 Self-Determined

An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

Personal Development Special Rule:

1. Exhibits entered in the Personal Development classes should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?

Division 106: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

See General Exhibit Rules

Premiums:	Blue	Red	White
	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Class 10610 Mechanics

Any exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or that involves a combination of skills.

Class 10612 Automotive

Repaired or restored vehicle

Class 10613 Automotive: Educational Display

An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.

Class 10614 Electric

Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.

Class 10615 Small Engine

Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.

Class 10616 Tractor

Repaired or restored tractor. Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.

Class 10617 Tractor: Educational Display

An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

Class 10618 Welding

Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

Class 10620 Woodworking

Any exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

Class 10630 Science, Engineering & Technology

Any exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), robotics, or any other application of science, engineering, or technology.

Class 10632 Aerospace

Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.

Class 10634 Robotics

Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) showing learning about robotics and robotic systems.

Science, Engineering & Technology Special Rule:

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology classes may not enter in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice-versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers.

Division 137: 4-H Bucket of Junk for Charity Challenge**Additional Rules:**

1. Each team will be made up of one to two 4-H members and one adult.
2. Each team will get one bucket. Each bucket will have similar "junk".
3. There will only be 10 buckets in the contest. Buckets will be handed out on a first call – first serve basis by calling 641-456-4811 or e-mail laela@iastate.edu. Buckets can be picked up from the 4-H Food Stand on April 26 from 9-10 a.m.
4. The goal is to use the items in your bucket to create a sculpture or lawn art piece that will be auctioned off for charity.
5. You will be asked to name your creation when you turn in the final exhibit.
6. You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish the items you are provided, but no pieces may be added.
7. Each team must use approximately 75% of the materials provided.
8. Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member's exhibit write-up responding to: What did you plan to learn or do?; What steps did you take to learn or do this?; and What were the most important things you learned?
9. All entries must be made on FairEntry by June 20, 2025.

10. All entries must be in place in the Youth Exhibits Building by 1:00 p.m. on judging day.
11. Please return your bucket at the check-in table on judging day. Buckets will be used for next year's contest.
12. These exhibits are not eligible to advance to the State Fair.
13. The finished projects will be silent auctioned off; proceeds will go to the Franklin County Relay for Life. Top bids are to make checks out to American Cancer Society, and sculptures may be picked up after auction closes on Sunday at noon!

Class 13700—Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)
Class 13701—Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)
Class 13702—Senior Section (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
Special Awards: Top entry, each lot: Purple ribbon

DEPARTMENT: Communications

Entry Fee: None

See General Exhibit Rules

Premiums:	Purple	Lavender	Blue
	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

GENERAL COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

All entries must be made on FairEntry before midnight on June 20, 2025.

1. 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2025 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. **Exception: Share the Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See class rules for age guidelines.**
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit may be given by one or more 4-H'ers. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class of the member in the highest grade level (i.e. a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader must be entered in the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H'er(s) should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience(s) or learning in their project areas. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
5. 4-H members must always use sanitary and safe procedures and methods. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines, including HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide" found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>.
6. Stickers and self-adhesive products are not allowed in the Youth Exhibits Building. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason.
7. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2025 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State

Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the Youth Exhibits Building or on the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

8. **All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.**
9. Participants in Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, and Extemporaneous Speaking will be presented with ribbon awards and judges' comments in the Youth Exhibits Building on Friday, immediately following judges' comments.
10. Members who have exhibits selected as Outstanding Junior and State Fair will have photo taken immediately following award presentation on Friday. Please wear clean 4-H t-shirt.
11. Accommodation requests may be made orally and in person, up to the date of the event. However, the timing and manner of a request potentially reduces the Management's ability to determine a reasonable accommodation. Management requests an [Accommodation Request Form](#) be submitted 30 days prior to the event or activity.

Division 111: EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION DEPARTMENT

Judging – Friday, 12:30 p.m., Youth Exhibits Building

Purpose

Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.

Educational Presentation Rules

1. Time limit: Junior presentations (5th and 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th – 12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes.
2. **Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s).** Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.

Class 11101 Educational Presentations – must have completed 5th-12th grade.

Class 11100 Educational Presentations 4th grader

Division 112: WORKING EXHIBIT

Judging – Friday, 4:00 p.m., Youth Exhibits Building

Purpose

Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

Working Exhibit Rules

1. Time limit: All Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 30-minute period.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form prior to judging.

Class 11200 Working Exhibit - must have completed 5th-12th grade.

Class 11201 Working Exhibit 4th grader

Division 113: SHARE-THE-FUN

Judging Wednesday following the 4-H Fashion Show, Van Wall Tent

Purpose-

Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

Share-the-Fun Rules

1. Eligibility for Iowa State Fair: 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2025. Exception: If the Share the Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:
 - At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade.
 - Clover Kids are not eligible to participate in the Iowa State Fair.
2. **Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.**
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All participants will receive participation ribbons and no premiums. Acts selected for State Fair Share-the-Fun will be announced at the conclusion of the show.

Class 11300 Share-the-Fun

Division 114: EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Judging – Friday following Educational Presentations, Youth Exhibits Building

Purpose-

Encourage the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.

Extemporaneous Speaking Rules

1. Participants must be senior 4-H members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2025.
2. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
 - The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
 - b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted each 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
 - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participant may bring their own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
 - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.

- d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H'ers own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
 - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - f. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
 - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name and the county he/she represents. The participant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.
 - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
3. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Content related to topic.
 - b. Knowledge of the subject.
 - c. Organization of material.
 - d. Power of expression.
 - e. Voice.
 - f. Stage presence.
 - g. General effect.
 - h. Response to questions.
 4. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

Class 11400 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

DEPARTMENT: CLOTHING EVENT

Entry Fee: 2.00 per exhibit

See General Exhibit Rules

Division 121: Fashion Revenue

Judging -

Additional Rules:

1. Four total Senior Fashion Revue participants will be selected for the Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event, with no more than two (2) participants from any one category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
 - Model a garment or outfit the participant has constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
 - A garment or outfit consisting of one to three pieces such as party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear and/or coats are acceptable as Fashion Revue entries.
 - Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
 - All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.
 2. Judging will be based on grooming, posture, poise, accessories, and Total Appearance of the garment. All participants must fill out and bring a Clothing Event Report Form found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/county-fair>.
 3. All judging will take place on Wednesday before fair. Each entrant will meet privately with a judge for evaluation at an assigned time. All participants will be asked to take part in the Style **Show on Wednesday in the Van Wall Tent at 1:00 p.m.**
- Class 12100 - Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)**

Class 12101- Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)

Class 12102 - Senior Section (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Premiums:

Excellence Award: Purple Ribbon and \$3.00

Merit Award: Blue Ribbon and \$2.00

Special Awards:

An award to the Selected for 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event participant(s).

Division 122: Clothing Selection

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

Judging -

Additional Rules:

1. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter. An entrant does not have to be enrolled in the clothing project.
2. Four total Senior Clothing Selection participants will be selected, with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume) for the Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event.
3. The outfit selected by the participant must be purchased.
 - The purpose of this category is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
 - Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
 - There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of recordkeeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
 - Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other second-hand venues with a total price of over \$15. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member actually selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
 - Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.
4. Judging will be based on the individual, the outfit on the individual, the outfit for the intended purpose, and the money spent. This information should be included on the Clothing Event Report Form found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/county-fair>.
5. All judging will take place Wednesday before fair. Each entrant will meet privately with a judge for evaluation at an assigned time. All participants will be asked to take part in the Style Show on Wednesday in the Van Wall Tent at 1:00 p.m.

Class 12200 - Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Class 12201 - Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)

Class 12202 - Senior Section (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Premiums:

Excellence Award: Purple Ribbon and \$3.00

Merit Award: Blue Ribbon and \$2.00

Special Awards:

An award to the Selected for 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event participant(s).

Division 123: \$20 Challenge

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

Judging -

See General Rules and Regulations

1. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter. An entrant does not have to be enrolled in the clothing project.
2. Four total Senior \$20 Challenge participants will be selected, with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume) for Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event
3. Purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
4. Have had individual planned or county experiences in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality, and construction features, price, and cost comparison.
5. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.
6. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax. Receipt(s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Receipt(s) MUST be turned in with the Clothing Event Report Form found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/4h>.
8. All judging will take place on Wednesday before fair. Each entrant will meet privately with a judge for evaluation at an assigned time. All participants will be asked to take part in the Style show on Wednesday in the Van Wall Tent at 1:00 p.m.
Class 12300 - Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)
Class 12301 - Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)
Class 12302 - Senior Section (Grades 9,10,11,12)

Premiums:

Excellence Award: Purple Ribbon and \$3.00

Merit Award: Blue Ribbon and \$2.00

Special Awards: An award to the Selected for 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event participant(s).

Division 124: Innovative Design

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per exhibit.

Judging -

See General Rules and Regulations

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.

4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.
6. All judging will take place on Wednesday before fair. Each entrant will meet privately with a judge for evaluation at an assigned time. All participants will be asked to take part in the Style show on Wednesday in the Van Wall Tent at 1:00 p.m.

Class 12400 - Junior Section (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Class 12401 - Intermediate Section (Grades 7, 8)

Class 12402 - Senior Section (Grades 9,10,11,12)

Premiums:

Excellence Award: Purple Ribbon and \$3.00

Merit Award: Blue Ribbon and \$2.00

Special Awards: An award to the Selected for 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event participant(s).

CLOVER KIDS EXHIBITS

Entry Fee: None **Premiums:** None

Judging: Wednesday July 9, 9:00 a.m. -11:00 am

Entry and judging will take place in the 4-H Exhibit building at the Franklin County Fair.

All Clover Kid exhibits will be on display at the Franklin County Fair in the 4-H exhibit building.

Exhibits can be picked up Sunday, July 13 at 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm.

Rules:

1. Open to youth grades K-3 that have participated in current years after school or Summer Clover Kids Program, organized by Franklin County Extension and Outreach.
2. These classes are open classes. No Entry Free. No premiums paid. A participation ribbon will be awarded.
3. Youth should bring their exhibit(s) on Wednesday, 9:00 am- 11:00 am to share with a reviewer.
4. Clover Kids judge or reviewer will be an older 4-H member or a caring 4-H adult volunteer. Youth will be asked questions about how they made their exhibit, or what their favorite part was and other general questions.
5. Youth may enter up to four static exhibits **not** including the CK photography challenge class, Clover Kids fashion class or Lego class.
6. Exhibits may be anything that the youth has made while at a clover kid meeting &/or anywhere else.
7. Goal card is not required but encouraged.
8. All entries must remain on exhibit until release time of 5:00 pm Sunday.

Clover Kid Classes

Clover Kid Class 1: Static Exhibit

Limit of 4 entries (does not include photo challenge entry and clothing and fashion entry.)

Judging: Wednesday July 10, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

- Static Exhibits can be anything the youth made including cookies, paintings, craft projects, reports, bucket of flowers, house plant, fairy garden, pictures taken, stuffed animal they want to share about and so much more. The possibilities are endless with static exhibits and a great way to explore new hobbies.

- Youth are encouraged to fill out Clover Kids goal card (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/county-fair>) for each exhibit though it is not required. Goal cards are also available at the Franklin County Extension office or accessed through the Franklin County Extension website.
- Each participant will receive a participation ribbon.
- If you have any questions, please call Franklin County Extension office at 641-456-4811 or email laela@iastate.edu.

Clover Kid Class 2: Clover Kid Challenge Class Photography:

Limit 1 entry

2025 Clover Kid Photography Challenge theme is family.

- Youth may submit any photo that relates to the them family.
- This class introduces youth to the 4-H Photography Challenge Class.
- No goal card is needed.
- CK Photography will be on display with the other Clover Kid exhibits at the fair.
- Each youth will receive a participation certificate.

Clover Kid Class 3: Clover Kid Clothing and Fashion

Limit 1 entry

Fashion Show: Wednesday July 9, 1:00 p.m. in the Van Wall tent.

- This class introduces Clover Kids to the 4-H Clothing Project Area by asking each participant to select an outfit to wear and share about the outfit they choose.
- The chosen garments may be selected from one's own wardrobe, borrowed, or purchased, and can be acquired from a combination of sources.
- The participant can choose to wear their outfit or bring a picture of them wearing the outfit to the clover kids judging times.
- Clover Kid Clothing and Fashion class participants may participate in the 4-H fashion show during the Franklin County Fair on Wednesday July 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Van Wall Tent.
- Participation in fashion show and picture displayed is not required to participate in this class.
- Each child receives a participation ribbon during the showcase.

More fun engaging activities for youth during the Franklin County Fair!

All youth are welcome to participate, 4-H or Clover Kids membership is not required.

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Activities will be in the youth exhibit building during the fair unless otherwise noted. Please contact Franklin County Extension Office at xfranklin@iastate.edu for any questions.

Lego display for K-3rd graders.

Youth may submit one Lego project they made to be displayed during the fair.

Registration and display drop will take place Wednesday July 9, 9:00-11:00 am in the youth exhibit building at the Franklin County Fair.

Entries will not be accepted after 11:00 am Wednesday July 9.

- Lego display submitted may come from a kit.

- Display size must be 12x13 inches or smaller.
- No pre-registration required.
- Participants may sit down with a judge.
- Lego entries from youth in grades K-3 will receive a participation ribbon.
- Lego displays need to be picked up by Sunday July 13, 5:00-6:00 pm
- This class is just for fun and will not move on to another show or contest.

Veggie 500

Entry Fee: None

Premiums: None

Saturday, 1:00-1:30 p.m., Youth Exhibits Building

Sponsored by Franklin County Extension & Outreach Summer Clover Kids Program.

- Open to all youth, ages 5 to 11, and must be accompanied by an adult.
- Youth will create and decorate race cars using supplied veggies and wooden wheels and axles.
- The cars will then race down a wooden 4-laned ramp.
- Registration and construction of veggie racer will begin at 1:00 p.m., limited to the first 35 registrants.
- Judging of decorated cars will begin at 1:30 p.m. Races will begin at 1:35 p.m. Eliminations continue until a winner is determined.
- Prizes to be awarded include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Racer; Best Decorated, Most Colorful, Funniest, and Most Original.
- All participants will receive a participation ribbon.