

4-H Department
Pat Dufner - Chairperson

1. 4-H exhibits will be accepted on Tuesday, July 28. All out-of-county exhibits will be entered from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. All in-county exhibits will be accepted from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Doors will close at 8 p.m. Exhibits will not be accepted after 8 p.m.
2. Entries are limited to active 4-H members, whose names are on file in a University Extension Center. For counties other than Gasconade, verification of project enrollment must be listed and signed by University Extension Staff.
3. In order to exhibit all 4-H members (in and out of Gasconade Co.) must be 8 years old before January 1, 2009.
4. 4-H members who are Clover Kids (5,6, or 7 years of age on or before January 1, 2009) (in and out of Gasconade County may exhibit up to three different items in the 4-H Building. These items will not be judged and will not receive premiums. They will receive a County Fair participation ribbon.
5. In order to exhibit livestock or 4-H items in the 4-H Building, receive premiums and sell your ham or livestock, each 4-H member must be a "MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING". The requirements to be a "Member in Good Standing" are: *Attend at least five club meetings by fair time; *Complete at least one project; *Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances which will be decided upon by the Club Leader and the University Extension Staff.
6. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project which they exhibit.
7. Each exhibit shall be owned or made by the exhibitor and shall represent work accomplished during the 2009 4-H program year.
8. NO SCHOOL PROJECTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE EXHIBITED IN THE 4-H DEPARTMENT.
9. All exhibits (except Clover Kids) will be judged using the Danish System. Premiums will be paid according to a point system assigned to each class. Premiums will be paid in the ratio of 3-2-1 for Blue, Red and White ribbon items. Premiums will be paid after the Fair.
10. A seal will be placed on the article of each class that is selected to go to the 2009 Missouri State Fair. This article must have received a blue ribbon and must be a Gasconade County 4-H Club member.
11. Each 4-H member will be allowed to exhibit up to three items in each project area that they are enrolled in. All three items may be exhibited in the same class number; however, each item must be a different item.
12. 4-H members that cannot exhibit in the classes provided may enter their item under the County Class CC001. This class is not eligible to go to the State Fair.
13. ALL 4-H exhibits (in and out of Gasconade County excluding Clover Kids) must be listed on a 4-H Exhibit Summary Sheet. Exhibit tags must accompany each item when entered. PRE-REGISTRATION is NOT required. Secure the form and tags from your 4-H Club Leader or University Extension Center.
14. Articles are not to be removed until Sunday, August 2 at noon to 4:00 pm and must be checked with the person in charge of releasing items. Entry tags should be presented. The exception to this will be the Country Cured Ham exhibits (sale only), which will be released at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 1 for the Ham Sale.
15. All exhibits will be released on Sunday, August 2 from Noon to 4 pm. THE COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER 4 p.m.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR GUIDELINES

1. Items made by 4-H members should reflect the skills they have learned in their 4-H project, the needs and interests of the 4-H'er, and quality workmanship. Use the 4-H project literature and the "Clover" for ideas and criteria.
2. Items displayed must: Be made in the current year. Be the work of the 4-H members. 4-H member must be enrolled in the project.
3. Items must be of blue ribbon quality.
4. Items are displayed at the risk of the individual 4-H member. The 4-H staff, Extension Centers, and Missouri State Fair are not responsible for loss or damage to items.
5. A member is limited to two items in the 4-H Building and one demonstration in the 4-H Division.
6. All 4-H building items must be registered either on the Missouri State Fair Voucher Computer Program or on the Fair Computation Program report. This report is made at each county extension office.
7. The number of items per class that a county may display is printed in the right-hand margin of the item list. The following items will be displayed in the "Library", a special area that allows fair goers to touch and examine the items. 4-H'ers name and address should be permanently affixed to item. **Notebooks** (three-ring binders are preferred) - name and county on spine, **Posters** (flat only; do not fasten items to the poster) – name and address on back, **File card systems**. These items will be accepted from any project. **Youths who show notebooks, posters, or file card systems should understand that their exhibit will be used and touched.**
8. Where the item list states, "any item made", the 4-H member may display any item made in that project. This includes notebooks, file cards, photo displays, posters, or educational displays. **Regardless of projects, the following dimensions must be used.** Items, which do not comply with size or other specifications, will not receive a premium or ribbon. **Poster** - No larger than 14" x 22", flat only; do not fasten three-dimensional items to the poster. **Photo display** – The following guidelines are requirements for State Fair 4-H photography exhibits. All photos should be mounted on an 11'x14' **mat board, not to exceed 1/8" in thickness**. Poster board or foam core board are not acceptable mounting materials. Photographers may mount the photograph to the mat board using acceptable adhesive or approved corner mounts. No captions, titles, or writing on the mat board. The picture should tell the story. Margins are at the discretion of the photographer. No photos using glass and/or wooden, brass, plastic frames, etc. Photos can be matted with a single window colored mat if appropriate. To protect exhibits from dust and moisture, photos should be placed in a two-gallon zip-lock-style bag. Photo stories should follow the above guidelines and consist of no more than 4 photographs. Include name, address and county on back of photo. For definitions and the complete guidelines governing State Fair photography exhibits, please see <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/photo guidelines.pdf>. Exhibits that do not adhere to these guidelines will be disqualified. These exhibits will not be displayed and will not receive premiums or ribbons. **Educational display** - Must not exceed 11" in height, 12" in depth (front to back) and 14" in width. Must include three-dimensional items and stand alone. **(Posters with items taped to them do not qualify as an educational display. Science fair**

display boards are too large.) Entomology or Geology display boxes - Box must be exactly 18" long x 24" wide and 3 1/2 "deep to fit in display racks. Plexiglas or plastic covers are preferred. No handles or knobs. Boxes will be displayed upright in racks. **Scrapbooking exhibits should be only 1 page representative of the complete scrapbook. Size not to exceed 12"x12". All pages should be in clear protective sleeve or clear zipper bag. Do not frame.** **Working models** – These exhibits should show how things actually work (cutaway sections of motors or computers) or can be used to help people identify parts such as parts of a motor or computer. Many times these exhibits are considered "hands-on" and can be handled by visitors. Working models should require floor space no larger than 14" x 22". **Decorated Cakes** - The use of forms or pans is recommended. **Cakes should not exceed 13" in height or at the base.** Cake boards should not exceed 1" margin on each side of cake pan or form. **Must only use Royal Icing, Rolled Fondant or commercial product (i.e. DAAP) that will harden and preserve the decorated cake only.** (NO REAL CAKES OR BUTTER CRÈME ICING or tube/gel icing –displays containing these items will be considered ineligible and will be rejected.)

9. Perishable items such as food, vegetables, crops and home grounds items will not be returned after the State Fair. Edible vegetables will be donated to a charitable organization. These items are displayed in group settings not as individual projects.
10. Photographs of items too large or fragile: All pictures of projects should not exceed 5 x 7, should not be mounted on anything, and should not have multiple pictures. Counties should send pictures individually rather than making a poster board of all the pictures. The tag should be attached. Indicate on the voucher that this is a project too large or fragile to come and what the project is. These photographs will not be returned. Do not send pictures of items that would be disqualified if sent to the fair.
11. Electricity exhibits using batteries such as circuit boards should not connect the wires to the battery rather the wires should be taped behind the battery. Another option is to not attach a battery but indicate "battery goes here." This is to prevent potential fire hazards.
12. All 4-H Building items must be checked in and out of the building by State Fair 4-H personnel during established times. **(No exceptions will be made.) No early removal or checkout of items is permitted.** Items, which are not properly checked in or out of the 4-H Building, will not be awarded premium money and/or ribbons.
13. No outdoor exhibit space is available. Please contact the State 4-H Office at 573-882-1441 prior to check-in for approval of large over-sized exhibits. Determination of items to be showcased will be left to the discretion of the 4-H Building Superintendent based on available space and the safety of fair-goers. Submitting photographs of these items is encouraged. A ribbon and premium will be awarded for the project.
14. Shooting Sports exhibits should contain no live ammunition and arrow points should be removed.
15. All items must have a Missouri State Fair tag securely fastened to the item in a place that is visible to fair-goers. A second identification label is required on all items, except perishable items such as food, vegetables or crops. This label should give name and county of the 4-H member, and be placed in an inconspicuous spot. When an item includes more than one piece, each piece must be labeled with name and county. (Examples: jacket and

skirt; rocket and rocket launcher; ceramic tea set; mittens, etc., should have an identifying label on each piece.) Textile items (clothing, knitting, visual arts, etc.) should have a cloth label sewn or safety-pinned into the item as second label. Please remove all county or regional ribbons. Vegetable and food tags should be placed in an envelope.

REMEMBER: ALL EXHIBITS, REGARDLESS OF PROJECT MUST COMPLY WITH THE SIZE AND DIMENSION GUIDELINES IN ITEM 8.