

4-H Department
Crystal Rademacher - Chairperson

1. 4-H exhibits will be accepted on Tuesday, **July 25**. 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. Outside county projects are limited to 5 entries per 4-H member.
3. In order to exhibit all 4-H members must be 8 years old before January 1, **2017**
4. 4-H members who are Clover Kids (5,6, or 7 years of age on or before January 1, **2017** (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 **2017** 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 **2017** Missouri State Fair. This article must have received a blue ribbon and must be exhibited by 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 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, July **30** 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, July **29** for the Ham Sale.

15. All exhibits must remain in the building until noon on Sunday, **July 30**. All premiums will be forfeited if an exhibit is removed before that time without the permission of the superintendent or Gasconade County 4-H staff. All exhibits must be picked up by 2 p.m. **THE COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER 2 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 following items will be displayed in special areas that allow 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) – region, county and youth name 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 handled.**
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. Exhibit tag must be marked with project number and description.
9. Because of display space, available cases and number of exhibits in certain projects dimension criteria is specified. Items which do not comply with size or other specifications, will not be displayed or receive a ribbon. **No posters, pictures, or patterns attached to projects. Scrapbooks made in projects other than class 315 will be displayed with other exhibits. Poster** - No larger than 14" x 22", flat only; do not fasten items to the poster. **Photo display** –Requirements for State Fair 4-H photography exhibits. **Photos must be mounted on an 8"x10' solid mat board. The mat board can be, in a color of the photographer's choice. Photographs must be 8" x 10" or smaller – no more than 4 photos per mat board. PLEASE NOTE:** "Solid" requires that there are no cutouts or other holes in the mat board, either around or behind the photo. Mount photos on the smoothest side of the mat board. "Mat board" is a specific material, intended to keep the photo from getting

bent or destroyed. It is not cardboard, foam core, poster board, etc. If local sources are not available, 8"x10" mat board may be ordered from University of Missouri Extension Publications at <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop>. Select 4-H members, project literature, then photography. If you're uncertain whether it's mat board, do the "wave it and squeeze it" test: Mat board is not squishy or flimsy. If it isn't light, then, stiff, and solid, the material is not mat board. Mounting material meeting this test will be given the benefit of the doubt. Single window mats, or "frames", made of mat board and sized 8x10 are acceptable but not required. DIGITAL CONSIDERATIONS AT THE STATE FAIR 4-H BUILDING: Techniques that can be performed in-camera, in a photo editing software program, or in a film darkroom are permissible. At State Fair, the line is drawn between "enhancing" and altering a photo. 1. *Altering* (editing to change the contents of a photo) is not permitted for State Fair exhibits. Examples include adding a sunset or object, removing someone for the shot, airbrushing to cover a bad complexion, etc. 2. *Enhancing* (editing to enhance the existing qualities of a photo) is permitted. Examples include cropping, dodging, burning, brightness/contrast adjustments and red eye reduction. Photo exhibits should arrive in a bag that fits the photo, to protect them from dust, humidity and handling. The bag should not be oversized and folded, as this makes it difficult to display on the rack. Include name, address and county on the back of each photo. All exhibits are subject to the FULL State Fair Photography guidelines. They are posted online at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/photoguidelines.pdf>.

Educational display - Educational displays should 18" in height, 16" in depth and 12" in width. Must include three-dimensional items and be free standing. **(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 no more than 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 1 side 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. If more than one page is submitted for an exhibit, the exhibit will be disqualified. **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 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 and is considered in the 13" base requirement. Cake boards should be sturdy, especially if using a cake pan. **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.) Cakes with candy decorations are allowed; however, avoid using candy that melts (e.g., M & M's, candy canes, etc.). Cakes that have melting items will be removed from display.

10. 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.
11. Photographs of items too large or fragile: **This category is restricted to: large items such as welding project or large woodworking items like furniture; fragile items such as delicate ceramic work. It is not intended as a substitute category for bringing or mailing projects.** All pictures of projects should not exceed 4 x 6, 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.
12. Fire Hazard Prevention: Any exhibits using batteries such as circuit boards or robots 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Shooting Sports exhibits should contain no live ammunition and arrow points should be removed.
16. All items must have a Missouri State Fair tag securely fastened to the item in a place that is visible to fair-goers. Remove all county or regional ribbons. Two identification labels should be securely attached, sewn or safety pinned to each item, 1 on the outside/front of the item and a second one behind, underneath or inside (e.g., textile items such as clothing or knitted items). Multiple piece exhibits should be fully labeled and connected (Examples: jacket and skirt; rocket and rocket launcher). Ideally, each item is also numbered to prevent sets from being separated. Example: Each item in a 3 piece exhibit (e.g., "Clothing you buy" outfit) would be labeled, 1 of 3, 2 of 3, of 3e. Perishable items such as food, vegetables and crops should have exhibit tags in an envelope.

REMEMBER: ALL EXHIBITS, REGARDLESS OF PROJECT MUST COMPLY WITH THE SIZE AND DIMENSION GUIDELINES IN ITEM 9.