

4-H Department
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Gasconade County Fair Guidelines

1. 4-H exhibits will be accepted on Tuesday, July 23. All Gasconade 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 of a Gasconade County 4-H Club.
3. In order to exhibit all 4-H members must be 8 years old before January 1, 2019
4. 4-H members who are Clover Kids (5,6, or 7 years of age on or before January 1, 2019 (in 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 MU Extension Staff.
6. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project in which they exhibit.
7. Each exhibit shall be owned or made by the exhibitor and shall represent work accomplished during the 2019 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 2019 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 MU Extension Center.

14. All exhibits must remain in the building until noon on Sunday, July 28. 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 1 p.m. THE COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER 1:00 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 "Clover" for ideas and criteria.**
2. 4-H members may display only in projects in which they are enrolled in the current 4-H year. Items must be made in the current year and must be the work of the 4-H member submitting the item.
3. Items must be of blue-ribbon quality.
4. Items are displayed at the risk of the 4-H member. The 4-H staff, Extension Centers and Missouri State Fair are not responsible for loss or damage to items. Building staff do make ongoing efforts to protect all projects while they are physically in the State 4-H Building, including set-up volunteer training and strategies to keep fairgoers from touching items (e.g. chain barriers and "DO NOT TOUCH THE PROJECTS" announcements).
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 Fair computation program report. Special instructions for the preparation of these vouchers will be provided to 4-H staff.
7. The following items will be displayed in special areas that allow fairgoers to handle the exhibits. The 4-H member's region, county and name should be permanently affixed to items. These items will be accepted from any project.
***NOTEBOOK** - use a three-ring binder with region, county and name on spine.
***POSTERS** - no larger than 14"x 22", flat only, do not fasten 3D items to the poster - name and address on back. See additional poster information in Rule #9.
***FILE CARD SYSTEM.**
Youth who show notebooks, posters, or file card systems should understand that their exhibits will be handled.
8. All exhibits may be "any item made", unless stated otherwise. The 4-H member may display any item made in that project. This includes notebooks, file cards, photo displays, posters, or educational displays.

Be sure to mark the exhibit tag with Project number and description. Size restrictions may apply. See additional information in Rule #9.

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. There should be no posters, notebooks, or patterns attached to projects. Scrapbooks made in all projects should follow guidelines listed for Scrapbooking under Arts and Crafts.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY - Educational displays should not exceed 18 inches in height, 6 inches in depth and 12 inches in width. Can include three-dimensional items and must be free standing. **(Posters with items taped to them do not qualify as educational displays. Science fair display boards are too large.)**

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 those of a motor or computer. Working models should require floor space no larger than 14" x 22".

10. Perishable items such as food, vegetables, crops and home grown items will not be returned after the Fair. Vegetables will be donated to a charitable organization. These items are displayed as a group without individual tags.

11. **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: Do not attach a battery, but indicate "battery goes here".

12. All 4-H Building items must be checked in and out of the 4-H 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 ribbons.

13. No outdoor exhibit space is available. You must contact the State 4-H office at 573-882-1441 prior to 8/1/19 for approval of large, oversized exhibits. Determination of items to be showcased will be left to the discretion of the 4-H Building Superintendent, based on available space, prior approval and the safety of fairgoers. Submitting a photograph of the items is encouraged.

14. Photographs of items too large or fragile: This is restricted only to large items such as welding projects 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 a project. All photos of projects should not exceed 4 x 6 inches and should not have multiple photos. Counties should send photos individually, rather than making a poster board of all the photos. The tag should be attached. Indicate on the voucher that this project is too large or fragile to come and describe project/item. These photographs will not be returned. Do **not** send photos of items that would be disqualified if sent to the fair.

15. All items must have a Missouri State Fair tag securely fastened in a place visible to fairgoers. 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).

Each item in a multi-piece exhibit should be fully labeled and numbered to prevent items from being separated. Example: Each item in a 3 piece exhibit would be labeled with a State Fair tag and the notation, 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3.

16. Counties who mail or ship their items to the State Fair should enclose one printed copy of the State Fair Exhibit List and a digital file on a storage device (e.g., flash drive) with the voucher in the box with the items, and mail one copy separately to: 4-H Superintendent, 4-H Building, Missouri State Fair, 2503 W. 16th St., Sedalia, MO 65301. Use sturdy boxes. **Do not ship cakes or items in glass containers.** All items must be properly tagged and ready for display. Counties may ship no more than five boxes of exhibits and **must enclose CASH to cover the return shipping or mailing costs.**