

Butler County Ohio

Special Interest Department Guidelines

2024

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SPECIAL INTEREST DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES

DEPARTMENT NO. 1000

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Dress Code

Shoes: Dress Shoes, sandals, or boots

Bottoms: Dress pants, capris, skirt to fingertips or longer, or shorts (ex: golf shorts fingertip length), dressy jean with NO holes

Dress: Knee length or longer dress; cleavage, back and shoulders must be covered, and spaghetti strap dresses must have something to cover the shoulders (sweater, jacket, etc)

Tops: Blouse or shirt with or without collar; no cleavage, no bare back, or midriff should be showing

NO 4-H T-Shirts or club 4-H T-shirts should be worn to judging

Remember when you are getting ready for judging be thinking about your total look. Remember to dress to impress.

Special Interest Department Schedule

July 1, 2024

- Submission deadline for writing projects. Includes Project 588 The Writer in You and Project 587 Writing & Reporting for Teenagers. Projects must be turned in at the OSU Extension Office for preliminary grading by 4:30pm on July 1. **Judging interviews for writing projects are on July 16, 2024.**

July 16, 2024, Tuesday- Judging

- Judging interviews for The Writer in You (588) and Writing & Reporting for Teenagers (587) projects in the Multipurpose Building (New Building). Interviews start at 9am.
- **Project judging online sign-up will be in the July newsletter sent by email.**
- Skillathon Contests for Shooting Sports, Lawn & Garden, Small Engines, and Horticulture, 9:00 am-Noon in the Multipurpose Building (New Building).

July 19, 2024, Friday

- Booth set-up and decorating, 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building. Building closes promptly at 4pm.
- Shop & Crop exhibits accepted from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building.

July 20 2024, Saturday

- Booth set-up and decorating, 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building. Booth must be completed by 4pm.
- Shop & Crop exhibits accepted from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building.

July 21, 2024, Sunday

- Special Interest Award Ceremony, 4:00pm, Multipurpose Building (New Building)

July 27, 2024, Saturday

- Project removal from Youth Exhibit Building, 4:30-7:00 pm
- Booth tear down from Youth Exhibit Building, 4:30-7:00 pm

July 28, 2024, Sunday

- Project removal from Youth Exhibit Building, 12:00-1:00pm
- Booth tear down from Youth Exhibit Building, 12:00-1:00pm

General Guidelines for Special Interest Projects:

All 4-H project requirements for 4-H Special Interest can be found online at www.butler.osu.edu

1. Dress Code: **See pg 2**
2. Special Interest projects include all projects other than those in Livestock, Family & Consumer Sciences or Small Animals.
3. All 4-H Special Interest projects must be made for a 4-H project only. Duplication of projects in FFA, Shop, FCCLA, Family & Consumer Science classes, Scouts, or other youth organizations is not permitted.
4. All project posters and exhibit items must be displayed during the entire county fair week in order for the exhibitor to receive his/her award. Projects removed before dismissal or without special permission will result in the inability to participate in the Jr. Fair the following year.
5. All Special Interest projects shall be judged prior to the Fair.
6. **All judging requirements will include:**
 - a. **Judge's interview**
 - b. **Completed project per requirements listed in project section below**
 - c. **Completed project book**
 - d. **Poster- No tri-fold board, foam board or cardboard posters**
 - e. **One item to exhibit. The project book cannot be considered the exhibit item.**
7. The same poster used at judging is to be displayed at the Fair.
8. Judge's interview will focus on the member's development and knowledge of the project area.
9. All State Fair competitors will be decided by the judge. Please read the State Fair packet before attending State Fair Judging.
10. Required project poster size is 22" by 28". **NO foam board, cardboard or tri-fold posters will be permitted.** Posters that don't meet the restrictions may have 5 points deducted during judging and may NOT be displayed in the Youth Exhibit Building as we are unable to hang them.
11. Awards will be provided for all projects where members meet project requirements and judge's standards. Type of awards provided will depend upon funding available and type of project competition.
12. The following Outstanding Awards will be given in addition to individual project awards:
 - a. Creative Arts, Junior & Senior
 - b. Photography, Junior & Senior
 - c. Woodworking, Junior & Senior
 - d. Conservation, Junior & Senior
 - e. Creative Writing, Junior & Senior
 - f. Small Engine, Junior & Senior
 - g. Gardening, Junior & Senior
 - h. Aerospace, Junior & Senior
13. **Project exhibits are to be taken to the Youth Exhibit Building immediately after judging to be displayed.** Items and posters displayed are to be identified with a tag provided by the Jr Fair.
14. **Project removal is on Saturday, July 27, 2024 between 4:30pm-7:00pm and Sunday, July 28, 2024 between Noon and 1pm.** No vehicles are allowed near the building on Saturday.
15. Items not picked up by 1pm on Sunday may be discarded.
16. Special Interest and FCS projects selected for State Fair may be removed before the specified project removal times only if they are going to State Fair judging and are listed on the approved list.
17. Projects not otherwise designated will be grouped for judging where Juniors are age 8-13 and Seniors are age 14 and above. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
18. All combustible fuel needs to be removed from tractor or small engine projects before entering any fairgrounds building.

19. 4-H Special Interest competitors must be present at judging in order to win their class. Exceptions are made only for 4-H sponsored trips or camps.
20. Projects not judged at Special Interest Judging must have their projects in the Youth Exhibit Building by 4:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the Fair.

Special Interest Project List

All projects require that the participant complete project guidelines as listed in the project book.

Participants must bring the completed project book, one exhibit from an interest area and a 22" X 28" poster to display.

Some projects may have additional requirements as listed. **Refer to the 2024 Family Guide to 4-H for information about which projects are eligible to go to the State Fair.**

- 091 – Discovering 4-H:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 092 – 4-H Around the Globe:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 244 – From Airedales to Zebras:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 245 – All Systems Go:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 246 – On the Cutting Edge:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 300 – You’re the Athlete:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 343-- Superhero You:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 351 – Staying Healthy:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 352 – Keeping Fit:** Follow general guidelines- REMOVE
- 353 – First Aid in Action:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 354-Medicine Science and Safety:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 355-Tracking your Health and Fitness:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 356- Relationships 101:** Follow general guidelines- NEW. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 357 – Alcohol & Drug Abuse:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 358 – The Truth About Tobacco:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 359 – Your Thoughts Matter:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 360- Your Feelings Matter:** Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.
- 365 – Self-Determined Projects**

Self-determined projects must be related to Special Interest project categories. Member must submit a plan to their 4-H Advisor on what he/she plans to do with the project and must also submit the plans to the Extension Office by July 1. Print and complete one Self-Determined Project Guide (plan) for each self-determined project. Copies of the Self-Determined Project Guide can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/selfdetermined>
Participants must complete project guidelines as listed in the plans, bring the plan, one exhibit from an interest area, and a poster.

Only one 1st place trophy will be awarded for the Self-Determined Junior Division and one trophy will be awarded for the Self-Determined Senior Division.

General Self-Determined Projects: The following is a list of topics which have printable Self-Determined Starter Guides available at www.ohio4h.org/selfdetermined. For topics not listed below use the Self-Determined Project Guide to describe your project, set goals, and record your activities.

Note: Self-Determined Animal Projects

Complete general project guidelines. Bring and exhibit a poster for judging. **Please leave ALL animals at home in a safe place.**

365.00- 3D Printing, Amateur Radio, ASL, Clowning, Computer Science, Digital Media, Genetics, Local Foods, Model Railroading, Music, Skateboarding, Viruses

365.00- Disability Advocacy and Awareness

365.00- PhysBot-Your 4-H Fitness Tracker

365.01 Companion Animal: Chinchillas Ferrets Hedgehogs Pigeons Reptiles and Amphibians

365.02 Creative Arts Miniature Gardens—fairies with fake plants, etc. Paper Craft String Art

365.03 Family Life: Babysitting

365.04 – Going Green- Learning to Lead a Sustainable Life

365.04 Natural Resources: Astronomy, Bats, Climate Change, Get Started with Composting* Crop Production, Field to Faucet: What Determines Water Quality, Flower Gardening, Miniature Gardens—live plants Native American Artifacts: Arrowheads Paddle Water Sports, Shale Gas Extraction, Ways of Knowing Water, Weather

365.05 Quilt

365.06 Workforce Prep Camp Counseling The World of Work Is Calling . . . Are You Ready?

370 – Mentoring Leadership in Action: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

371 – Club Leadership 1: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

372 – Diversity: The Source of our Strength: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

373 – My Hands to Larger Service: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

374 – Teens on Board: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

375 – Leadership Road Trip: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

375i – Leadership Road Trip iBook: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

376 – Pantry Panic: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

377 – Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking Made Easy: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

378M – Leadership Master: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

382 – Am I Ready for Work?: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

383 – Club Leadership 2: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

386- You're Hired: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

387- Here, There, Ag Careers Are Everywhere: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

434- SuperHero You!- Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

442 – Family History Treasure Hunt:

Each participant will be interviewed and evaluated on their knowledge of genealogy and what they learned in the project, their abilities in conducting genealogy, their abilities in conducting genealogical searches, specifically documentation or reference, organization, certificates, personal research, and overall appearance and presentation of their work. Bring completed project book, correspondence log, your research journal, pedigree charts, family group sheets with documentation of your research as outlined on pages 3-4 of your project book. DO NOT bring any of the following: BIG display/exhibit, poster board, computer, videos, tape recorder, photo albums, framed photos, reference books, family heirlooms, or knick-knacks. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

490 – Science Fun with Dairy Foods: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

492 – Cake Decorating Project & Record Book:

For Cake Decorating, participants are judged according to age groups and skill levels.

492B- Cake Decorating Beginner

492I- Cake Decorating Intermediate

492A- Cake Decorating Advanced

Description: Cake decorating is a personal enjoyment that is self-rewarding and enjoyed by others. You will learn the proper way to bake and frost, to create a design, develop decorating techniques and color techniques.

Judging is on decorating technique only. Therefore, you can use Styrofoam forms to decorate. All cakes will be on display in the Youth Exhibit Building.

Judging Requirements:

1. Album or photos of cakes of your learning experiences.
2. Judged on authentic colors, uniform size, spacing and shapes.
3. No smaller than 8" round size and no larger than 12" X 18" sheet cake size.
4. Cake must be on heavy cardboard with foil or some suitable tray. Cake must not be decorated in a pan.

Must complete level area in the "Skills and Techniques Record book" and bring to judging. (Project book #492B) **PLEASE NOTE: No real (edible) cakes!

493 – Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

496 – My Favorite Things: Follow general guidelines. Exhibit samples of your collection in addition to other project requirements.

497 – Scrapbooking, A 4-H Guide to Preserving Memories: Follow general guidelines. Exhibit item is to be a completed scrapbook.

498 – Quilting the Best Better: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

499 – You Can Quilt: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

500 – Science Fun with Physics: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

501 – Rockets Away

Complete planning section and activities in project interest area. Build and launch a 2 liter bottle-rocket. Rockets will be launched following interviews. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

502 – Fun with Flight

Build one (1) airplane with ability to fly. Kits are permitted. Complete project guidelines in member project guide in the front of the manual and bring completed airplane (launched after interviews). Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

503 – Rockets (Estes type Rockets)

Complete planning section and activities in project interest area. Build and launch an "Estes" type rocket. Rockets will be launched following interviews. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

503m – Solid Fuel Rocketry Master

This project is for members who have completed 503 Rockets Away! Members of any age may complete this project. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

509- Robotics Essentials: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

512m – Robotics Master: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

517 – Bicycling for Fun:

Follow general guidelines and bring your bicycle to judging. Judging day will include a bicycle inspection. All participants will be required to provide their own bicycle. **Bring one AND a poster.**

State Fair Age Categories: (Age as of January 1 of current year)
9 through 11 years & 12 through 14 years & 15 years and over

518 – Wheels in Motion:

Follow general guidelines and bring your bicycle to judging. Judging day will include a bicycle inspection. All participants will be required to provide their own bicycle.. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

State Fair Age Categories: (Age as of January 1 of current year)
9 through 11 years & 12 through 14 years & 15 years and over

527 – Magic of Electricity: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

528 – Investigating Electricity: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

529 – Wired for Power: Follow general guidelines- REMOVE

530 – Entering Electronics: Follow general guidelines- REMOVE

531 – Science Fun with Electricity

Members will have an interview based on their project. The judge may ask for a demonstration of the project. Complete the general project guidelines in the member project guide for electricity.

Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

540 – Not Just Knots: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

541 – Crank It Up: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

542 – Warm It Up: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

543 – Tune It Up: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

544- Ready, Set, Mow: Follow general guidelines - **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

550 – Youth Engineers in Solar Energy: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

551 – Tractor 1 – Starting Up: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

552 – Tractor 2 – Gearing Up for Safety: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

553 – Tractor 3 – Moving Out: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

554 – Tractor 4 – Learning More: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

555 – ATV Safety: Follow general guidelines- **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

556 – Measuring Up

Project Requirements

- A. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

- B. The “designated adult helper” may dimension lumber to correct width. They may also advise and assist so long as the member does at least 90% of the project work.
- C. Any non- power tools may be used.
- D. The following power tools may be used only with proper safety instruction and under direct supervision of the “designated helper:
*Power sanders, *Power drills, *Saber saws, *Scroll saws
- E. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

557 – Making the Cut

Project Requirements

- A. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

- B. The “designated adult helper” may advise & demonstrate so long as the member does 100% of the project work.
- C. All tools permitted in #556 & 557 may be used.
- D. The following additional power tools may be used only with proper safety instruction and under direct supervision of the “designated helper”
*Miter saw, *Table saw, *Drill press, *Band saw, *Thickness planer, *Cordless trim saw, *Power nailing devices.

- E. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

558 – Nailing It Together

Project Requirements

- A. Complete and exhibit one constructed project. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

- B. The “designated adult helper” may advise & demonstrate so long as the member does 100% of the project work.
- C. All tools permitted in #556, #557 & #558 may be used.
- D. The following additional power tools may be used only with proper safety instruction and under direct supervision of the “designated helper”
*Radial arm saw, *Router, *Shaper, * Lathe, * Power circular saw
- E. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

559 – Finishing Up

- A. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

- B. The “designated adult helper” may advise & demonstrate so long as the member does 100% of the project work.
- C. A member may use all power tools if they have safety instructions and supervision by a knowledgeable adult.
- D. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

560m – Woodworking Master

Members who want to make a woodworking project in a category that is different from other 4-H woodworking project categories. Members must have completed the other 4 levels. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

573 – Arcs & Sparks: Follow general guidelines. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

584 – Photography Basics, Book 1

Each participant is required to bring one of the following three items for exhibit: 1) a single print of any size mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 2) a collection of prints illustrating a “Photo Story,” consisting of at least five and not more than 10 photographs mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor; or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the “activities” the participant completed for the project, consisting of at least five and not more than 10 photographs, mounted at the discretion of the participant. Each participant may also bring any other materials they feel might demonstrate their learning experiences of the current project year (although participants are not required to do so). Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the participant, but is not required. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

585 – Next Level Photography, Book 2

Each participant is required to bring one of the following four items for exhibit: 1) a single print of any size mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 2) a single print illustrating an “enlargement,” which shall consist of an enlargement print, accompanied by the original print, mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the “activities” the participant completed of the project, consisting of at least five and not more than 10 photographs mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor; or 4) a single original print illustrating a “News Story,” which shall be an original photo mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor and accompanied by the published article. Each participant may also bring any extra materials they feel might demonstrate their learning experiences of the current project year, but participants are

not required to do so. Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the participant, but is not required. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

586 – Mastering Photography, Book 3

Each participant is required to bring one of the following four items for exhibit: 1) one print of any size mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 2) a single print illustrating an “Enlargement,” which shall consist of an enlargement print mounted at the discretion of the participant and be accompanied by the original print; or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the “activities” the exhibitor completed for the project, consisting of at least five and not more than 10 pictures mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor; or 4) a single original print illustrating a “News Story,” which shall be an original photo mounted at the discretion of the participant and be accompanied by the published article. Each participant may also bring any extra materials they feel might demonstrate their learning experiences of the current project year, but participants are not required to do so. Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the participant, but is not required. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

***#365 Self Determined (Advanced Photography)**

Each participant is required to bring one of the following six items for exhibit: 1) one print mounted at the discretion of exhibitor; or 2) a collection of prints illustrating a “Picture Story” or a “Documentary,” which shall consist of at least five and not more than ten mounted prints; or 3) a single original print illustrating a “News Story,” which shall consist of an original photo mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor and be accompanied by the published article; or 4) a single print illustrating an “Enlargement,” which shall consist of the enlargement print mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor and be accompanied by the original print; or 5) a series of slides illustrating a “Slide Story,” which shall consist of at least five and not more than ten slides which shall be exhibited in a Kodak carousel tray, or 6) a collection of digital images illustrating a “Picture Story” or a “Documentary” which shall consist of at least five and not more than 10 digital images that can be viewed on a laptop computer brought by the participant and accompanied by a “hard copy” version of the photos. Each participant may also bring any extra materials they feel might be of interest to the judge (participants are not required to do so). Exhibitors in this class are encouraged to bring their Self-Determined project manual (4-H 365) showing involvement in and progress made toward completing their Self-Determined project. It is not necessary for exhibitor to have competed in classes #584, #585 & #586 prior to entering this class. Developing and printing should be done professionally or by the exhibitor. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

588 – The Writer in You

- A. Writing must be turned into the Extension on July 1st for preliminary review.
- B. Project Judging will be done on same day as other Special Interest Projects provided the writing was submitted to the Extension office by July 1.
- C. Project Subcategories:
 - J-1 RHYMED POETRY – Junior: An interpretation of a subject in rhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
 - J-2 RHYMED POETRY – Senior: An interpretation of a subject in rhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
 - J-3 FREE STYLE POETRY – Junior: An interpretation of a subject in unrhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
 - J-4 FREE STYLE POETRY – Senior: An interpretation of a subject in unrhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
 - J-5 SHORT STORY – Junior (formerly Fiction Writing): A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot and characters. Submit one story, maximum length – 2,000 words.
 - J-6 SHORT STORY – Senior (formerly Fiction Writing): A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot and characters. Submit one story, maximum length – 2,000 words.

- J-7 ESSAY – Junior: A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, maximum length – 500 words.
- J-8 ESSAY – Senior: A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, maximum length – 500 words.
 - Must be typed or printed on 8 ½ X 11 paper.
 - Stories must be double spaced – poems may be single spaced.
 - Entrants name, class, county and club must be on cover page. Class means: Ex: Jr. or Sr. & J-1
 - Entrant’s last name with page number must be on each page.
 - Paper clip or staple pages together.
 - Please submit 3 copies of your entry in a 9” X 12” envelope with your Name, Club, Class, Jr. or SR. to our office by July 1. Do not use any type of folder.
 - You must follow these guidelines or risk disqualification.

589M – Photography Master

For members who want to make a photography project in a category that is different from other 4-H’ers photography projects. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. **Bring one exhibit AND a poster.**

592 – Get Started in Art

Complete all eleven activities under project guidelines and the “More Challenges” activities are optional. **Bring an exhibit AND a poster.**

Description

- A. Emphasize experimentation with a variety of creative projects.
- B. School projects or other youth projects are not permissible.
- C. Age groups as of January 1 of the current year.
 Junior Division – Age 9 through 13 Senior Division – Age 14 through 19
- D. Evaluation criteria include knowledge of elements, principles and techniques used in creative arts; skills and abilities as evidenced in the exhibit; and understanding and knowledge developed through project work.

593 – Seeing Through Graphic Design: Follow general guidelines -display one exhibit item and a poster

611 – Explore the Outdoors: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

612 - Geology: Can you did it?: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

613- Exploring Polar Science: Follow general guidelines -display one exhibit item and a poster

617 – Exploring Ponds: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

620 – Why Trees Matter: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

621 – Ohio Birds: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

622 – Trapping Muskrats in Ohio

Level I (Intermediate)

- This is for a participant who may NOT want to set an actual trap line.
- A participant will display a poster, complete “year one” in project book and complete at least one activity in project book.
- Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

Level II (Advanced)

- A participant will actually set a trap line in an ethical and humane way.
- Display poster, complete project book and do 2 activities found in project book.
- Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

623 – Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

624 – Outdoor Adventurer (Intermediate): Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

630 – Safe Use of Guns

This project is designed for younger members who have little or no experience with guns. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

631 – Basic Archery: Follow general guidelines

641 – Beekeeping Project & Record Book: Follow general guidelines

644 – Insect Adventures 1: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

645 – Insect Adventures 2: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

646 – Insect Adventures 3: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

670 – Canning & Freezing: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

671 – How Does Your Garden Grow?: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

673 Edible Landscapes: Follow general guidelines -display one exhibit item and a poster

691 – Grow Your Own Vegetables: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

692 – Growing with the Seasons

Take a progression of pictures (beginning the project, midway and ending; display on poster) of your garden project. On a poster, chart some of the different seeds used and display some vegetables from the garden. Complete project guidelines in member project guide. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

750 – Shooting Sports-Rifle Member Record Book

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

751 – Shooting Sports-Archery Record Book

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

752 – Shooting Sports-Shotgun

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

753 – Pistol Member Record Book

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

754 – Shooting Sports-Hunting Wildlife

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

755 – Shooting Sports-Muzzle Loading

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

756 – Living History: This is considered a Shooting Sports Project.

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

757 – Crossbow

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

758 – Western Heritage Project: This is considered a Shooting Sports Project.

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training

program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited. Available from Montana State University.

Fair Booth Contest Guidelines

1. Booth set-up and decorating schedule in the Youth Exhibit Building will be:
 - a. Friday, July 19, 2024 9:00am-4:00pm, building will close at 4:00pm
 - b. Saturday, July 20, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm. Booths must be in place by 4:00pm.
2. Booth dividers cannot be moved.
3. Junior Fair booths will focus on informative or promotional information about your organization.
4. Fair booths must list names of members and advisors, identify club officers, and name of club.
5. A fair booth is a club project. Every member should participate in the creation of the booth.
6. Booth fronts may not be covered with any type of material. This severely hampers entrance/exit to booths.
7. Booths will be the same size; approximately 8' by 5'.
8. Non-flammable items should be used.
9. Do not put perishable food items in the booth.
10. Commercial trademarks or logos are not allowed.
11. Staples may be used on wood dividers **but must be removed at take down.**
12. Keep security in mind when setting up a booth. Arrange projects so they will not be too close to the aisles. Check the booth closely and carefully when completed for articles that may tempt a passerby.
13. Ribbons will be given to the top 5 booths. One Premier Booth Award will be presented at the 4-H Special Interest awards ceremony on Sunday beginning of fair week.
14. Each club will be responsible for a three-hour building watch. Details will be provided to advisors.
15. Booth tear down and removal will be on Saturday, July 27, 2024 from 4:30pm-7:00pm.

Junior Fair Shop, Crop & Arts Class Exhibits

Shop & Crop exhibits accepted on July 19 and July 20

1. All entries must be brought in between 9:00am-4:00pm on Friday, July 19, 2024 or 9:00am-4:00pm on Saturday, July 20, 2024.
2. Junior Fair participation is open to any Junior Fair member, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, FFA member, 4-H member, or FCCLA member.
3. There will be a maximum of two entries per class per exhibitor.
4. Awards of 1-8 ribbons will be given.
5. Judge's decisions are final.
6. All crops exhibited must have been grown in the current year unless otherwise designated.
7. All grain will be exhibited in quart jars.
8. All small grains exhibited must be on the Ohio Recommended Seed List.
9. Hay will be exhibited by slices securely tied.
10. All garden products must be displayed on **heavy paper plates**.
11. Judging criteria for garden produce, crops, houseplants, and flowers: Uniformity, freedom from defects, maturity, size, true to variety name, and cleanliness.
12. Judging criteria for arts and crafts: Originality, creativeness, workmanship, attractive appearance, and durable construction.
13. **All photos, paintings, drawings, and scrapbook pages should have a protective plastic covering.**

Garden Produce Classes:

- Class 1100 – Tomatoes
- Class 1101 – Potatoes, 5 uniform
- Class 1102 – Corn, 5 uniform
- Class 1103 – Green Beans, 5 uniform
- Class 1104 – Cabbage, 1 head
- Class 1105 – Squash, 2 uniform
- Class 1106 – Pumpkin, best 1
- Class 1107 – Cucumbers, 3 uniform
- Class 1108 – Onion, 5 uniform
- Class 1109 – Red Onion, 5 uniform
- Class 1110 – Carrots, 5 uniform
- Class 1111 – Beets, 5 uniform
- Class 1112 – Banana Peppers, 5 uniform
- Class 1113 – Sweet Peppers, 5 uniform
- Class 1114 – Any other vegetable

Field Crop Classes:

- Class 1115 – Old Corn, 2022, 5 uniform ears
- Class 1116 – New Corn, 5 uniform ears
- Class 1117 – Best Stalk of Corn
- Class 1118 – Shelled Corn, 2023, quart
- Class 1119 – Soybean Stalks, 2023
- Class 1120 – Old Soybeans, 2022, quart
- Class 1121 – Wheat, 2023, quart
- Class 1122 – Oats, 2023, quart
- Class 1123 – Best Hay, any variety
- Class 1124 – Best Sunflower

Shop Classes:

- Class 1125 – Wood: Small Projects
- Class 1126 – Wood: Large Projects
- Class 1127 – Small Wall Shelf
- Class 1128 – Book Shelves
- Class 1129 – Nail Boxes
- Class 1130 – Tool boxes
- Class 1131 – Wood Bench
- Class 1133 – Metal: Small Projects; feed scoop, hay hook, pins, small welded projects, etc.
- Class 1134 – Welding Panels Brazing

Class 1135 – Welding Panels Arc
Class 1136 – Welding Panel, MIG
Class 1137 – Metal: Medium Projects; frame sign and bracket, jack stand, wheel garden, tractor trailer, etc.
Class 1138 – Metal: Large Projects; wagon running gear, large trailers, farm machinery repaired and reconditioned, etc.
Class 1139A – Electrical Skills Panel
Class 1140A – Plumbing Skills Panel
Class 1141A – Shaker Style Wood Stool

Flower Classes: please put flowers in a small vase or jar with water

Class 1140 – Zinnia
Class 1141 – Marigold
Class 1143 – Any other flower, 1 stem
Class 1144 – Rose, 1 bloom, any variety, any color
Class 1145 – Min-Rose, any variety, any color
Class 1146 – Gladioli
Class 1147 – Silk Flower Arrangements
Class 1148 – Snapdragons
Class 1149 – Live Flower Arrangements

Arts & Crafts Classes: - Please cover all photos and artwork with plastic or place in frame

Class 1150-- Handmade Tie-Dye Shirts
Class 1151—Drawing, any medium 12 and under
Class 1152 – Drawing, pencil or ink, age 12 and under
Class 1153 – Drawing, pencil or ink, age 13 and older
Class 1154 – Painting, age 12 and under
Class 1155 – Painting, age 13 and older
Class 1156 – Lego build or scene small
Class 1157-- Lego build or scene large
Class 1159 – Ceramics or Clay
Class 1160 – Photography, 5 x 7 or smaller
Class 1161 – Photography, Butler County scene
Class 1162 – Photography, 8 x 10 or larger
Class 1163 – Scrapbook, one page in plastic
Class 1164 – Natural Art (any all-natural material)
Class 1165 – Miscellaneous Crafts
Class 1166 – Jewelry
Class 1167 – Model Farm Scene; Display has to fit on a 32X32 inch base. Be creative; can be made from anything such as paper, clay, or bought pieces. Suggested items include small barns, silos, animals, tractors, fields, etc. Displays will be placed in the Special Interest Bard during fair week.
Class 1168 – FFA Project Photo Displays

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