

Exhibit Hall General Rules & Judging Times (2023)

FairEntry occurs during June 1 and July 11 with the purpose of declaring which projects enrolled in 4honline will actually be entered into the county fair. Use www.fairentry.com and log in with your 4honline user name/password.

It is the responsibility of each 4-H member to see that all exhibits are in place and picked up at the proper time. The Putnam County Fair and 4-H Club Association does not assume any liability for loss or damage to exhibits.

Exhibits not picked up after the fair by Saturday noon will be left at the fairgrounds unsupervised until they are moved to the Extension office during the week. Some items may be discarded at the fairgrounds if not picked up.

Late Arrivals: When possible, late projects will be judged. An Exhibit Hall project will be awarded the next lower ribbon if it arrives after the specific project judging day and time deadline. If there is an extenuating circumstance that prevents a 4-H'er from making the specific deadline, a phone call to the Extension 4-H Educator (765) 653-8411 is required. After receiving the call, the Educator will determine whether exhibiting the project will be allowed.

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Aerospace	Wednesday	July 19th, 4-7 pm
ATV Safety	Tuesday	July 18th, 4-7 pm
Beekeeping	Wednesday	July 19th, 4-7 pm
Bike Rodeo—Posters	Tuesday	July 18th, 4-7 pm
Competition	Sunday	July 16th, 7 pm
Cake Decorating	Wednesday	July 19th, 4-7 pm
Cat Poster	Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm	
Child Development	Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm	
Collections	Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm	
Computer	Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm	
Consumer Clothing	Monday July 17th	

Notebook due at Fashion Revue judging, See exhibit letter for fashion revue details.

Arts and Crafts

Fine Arts (painting/drawing) Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

All other craft projects Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Creative Writing due at Extension Office, Friday, July 7th

Cupcake Decorating Wednesday July 19th 4-7 pm

Dog Poster Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Electric Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Entomology Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Fashion Revue Activity

Private Judging Monday July 17th (Letter)

Public Revue Monday July 17th, 7 pm

Floriculture Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Food Preservation Thursday July 20th, 2-5pm

Foods Thursday July 20th, 2-5pm

Forestry Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Garden Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Genealogy Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Geology Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Health Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Home Environment Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Large Animal Poster Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Llama/Alpaca Poster Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Llama/Alpaca Craft Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Microwave Cooking Thursday July 20th, 2-5pm

Photography Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Poultry Poster Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Rabbit Poster Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Scrapbooking Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Sewing Wearable Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Sewing Non-wearable Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Shooting Sports Archery Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Shooting Sports Firearms Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Small Engines Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Soil & Water Science Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

Sportfishing Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Tractor Posters Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Vet Science Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Weather & Climate Science Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Wildlife Tuesday July 18th, 4-7 pm

Woodworking Wednesday July 19th, 4-7 pm

4-H Exhibit Hall Projects

Requirements for all Exhibit Hall Projects:

1. **“Grade”** refers to the grade the 4-H'er was in on January 1st of the current year.
2. **Exhibit/Project Labels:** **ALL** exhibits other than live animals **must** have the FairEntry Putnam County Official Project Label on them to be entered in the County Fair. Labels will be printed by Extension staff and will be available by July 13th at the office. This **2 3/4” by 5 1/2” label** is to be placed in the lower right hand corner of posters or attached to each exhibit item. Attach the label to non poster projects with twine/string/ribbon, etc.

Information printed on the label will be the info that is entered in FairEntry. 4-H'ers in Cake Decorating, Food Preservation, Foods, and Microwave Cooking are to bring the official county project label to the exhibit judging session so it can be attached to the exhibit after judging.

Label for all Exhibit Hall projects

#4850	
Division / Class: Exhibit Hall (State Projects): Cat Poster (CP) / 63011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (CP)	
Entry Description: Cat Care poster with blue background. Pictures of tiger and yellow short hair cats.	
4-H Age Division: Elementary	
Grade: 3	4-H Age: 9
	
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Exhibitor	#190
Sheep, Mya	
County: Putnam	
Club: Putnam Ants 4-H Club (4-H)	
	

This will be printed from FairEntry

2 3/4" x 5 1/2" - actual size

3. All **posters** - except photography salon prints - are to be an overall size of 22" x 28", exhibited horizontally, backed with material that provides a **stiff backing (not plywood)** covering the entire poster, have the FairEntry Putnam County official project label displayed correctly, and be covered with clear plastic or other transparent material.

Exhibits not meeting these criteria will receive a ribbon placing one less than judge's assessment. Poster materials are available at the Extension office (\$4 foam core board and \$1 sleeve. Salon Print mat and backing is \$8.)

4. Acceptable display sizes varies from project to project. For examples, review the requirements for "Child Development", "Foods", and "Shooting Sports" exhibits. They must be self-supporting to be viewed by the public.

Exhibits not meeting the specific criteria will receive a ribbon placing one less than judge's assessment.

5. All required **information cards** are to be 5" x 8" unless otherwise noted with project details.
6. **All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.**
7. The 4-H'er can opt to do an **Interactive Demonstration** during the county fair instead of entering an exhibit. However, you must schedule a time with the 4-H Extension educator.
8. Review other project specific requirements in each project's section and "Indiana and Putnam County 4-H Policy/Terms" in front section of this handbook for additional information.
9. The Putnam County 4-H Council reserves the right to not display any exhibit that may be deemed inappropriate for the fair-going audience.
10. The Putnam County 4-H Fair Board and Extension Office are not responsible for any damage to, loss of, or theft of fair exhibits.
11. Before entering exhibits in the Indiana State Fair, each qualifying 4-H'er must review the current year's state fair handbook and make any adjustments needed to meet the requirements. Any recommendations for change in the exhibit made by the county judge can be made prior to entering the exhibit at the state fair.
12. State Fair (ISF) labels will be placed on State Fair eligible projects prior to project pick-up. Members with exhibits awarded and eligible for ISF will be posted in the York Automotive 4-H Exhibit Hall. These members may pick-up their informational letter on Thursday or Friday and are also eligible to receive an ISF ticket if provided by ISF for each ISF awarded project.

13. Extension staff may not be able to transport exhibits to the Indiana State Fair. Please review the ISF informational letter available to members having ISF eligible exhibits at the county fair exhibit between Wednesday of fair week and checkout time. Generally, Extension staff are willing to transport any item that is not large, bulky, perishable, or fragile.
14. It is the responsibility of each 4-H member to see that all exhibits are in place and picked up at the proper time. See info on the [page 49](#) for exhibit judging times and other details.
15. 4-H exhibits must remain on exhibit at the Putnam County Fair until the established release time unless approved by the Exhibit Hall Superintendent and the 4-H Youth Educator. For any exhibit removed from display prior to the official release time, placing and prizes (ribbons, medals, trophies, etc.) will be forfeited. The current year Achievement Program recognition for that project will be forfeited.
16. Unworthy exhibits will not be awarded a blue ribbon or higher regardless of competition. Non-livestock exhibits will receive blue, red, or white placing based on each project's merit. Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons may be awarded. At the time that the project is judged in an open judging process at the county fair, 4-H'ers will be given their blue, red, or white ribbon. A sticker will be placed on the project indicating this award. Exhibitors receiving honor recognition, which indicates they were considered for champion, will have an honor sticker or ribbon placed on their project. ONLY Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons will be displayed with the project.
17. All Exhibit Hall exhibits will be released on Friday, [July 28th](#) from 9:30 pm - 10 pm and Saturday, [July 29th](#) from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Not all champion exhibits go to the Indiana State Fair. *Projects that are State Fair eligible must have applicable information, skill sheets etc. attached to the project prior to project release.*