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Clay County 4-H

2024 County Fair Book

Animal ID Deadline: May 15, 2024

FairEntry Dates: Registration opens June 1 and closes June 15, 2024

Clay County Fair: July 11 thru July 14, 2024

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4-H is the oldest and largest publicly funded youth development organization in the United States and is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten through one year past high school.

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Schedule of 4-H Events

May 15, Monday

Enrollment deadline for new and returning members
Animal ID deadline for the county fair in 4-H Online

June 1, Saturday

County Fair pre-registration opens in FairEntry
4-H Volunteer + Interview sign-up opens:
(z.umn.edu/clay4hvolunteer-interview)

June 15, Saturday

County Fair pre-registration closes in FairEntry
Late county fair registration begins consequences may be in place, contact the Extension Office
4-H Volunteer + Interview sign-up closes:
(z.umn.edu/clay4hvolunteer-interview)

June 20, Thursday

Fashion Revue, Public Presentations & Performing Arts Show
Set-up & Judges Assistants orientation, 4 p.m.
Judging, 5 to 8 p.m.
.....Show Order.....
Fashion Revue
Performing Arts
Public Presentations

July 1, Monday

LQA & YQCA deadline for state trip eligibility

July 2, Tuesday

4-H Fair clean up day, 5 to 8 p.m.
ALL CLUBS PARTICIPATE
.....Schedule.....
4-H Exhibit bldg set-up..... 5 p.m.
General project members
Foodstand bldg set-up and orientation, 6 p.m.
1 adult and 1 youth from each club
Animal Barn set-up..... 6 p.m.
Livestock & horse project members
4-H picnic..... 7:30 p.m.

July 11, Thursday

Late county fair registration closes consequences may be in place at registration
Fair gates open, 7 a.m.
Animal barns open, 7 a.m.
Horse & Livestock check-in, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Poultry must be completed by 1:30 p.m.
Rabbits must be completed by 4:30 p.m.
Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Horse must be completed by 7 p.m.
4-H Food Stand open, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Stablemates..... 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oakmound..... 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Creative Clovers..... 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
4-H Exhibit building open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
4-H General Exhibits Judging, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
.....Schedule.....
Exhibit registration & check-in.... 12 to 6 p.m.
Judges assistants..... 12:30 to 8 p.m.
General exhibit judging..... 1 to 7 p.m.
Supper break for all judges.....4:30 p.m.
Judging resumes..... 5 p.m.
Judging ends..... 7 p.m.
Champions & State Fair Line-up selections after 7 p.m.
Exhibit building closes..... 9 p.m.
Poultry Show, 2 p.m.
.....Show Order.....
Poultry & Poultry Showmanship
Livestock Demonstrations
Exploring Animals & Science of Animals Exhibits
Rabbit Show, 5 p.m.
.....Show Order.....
Rabbit & Rabbit Showmanship
Livestock Demonstrations
Exploring Animals & Science of Animals Exhibits
Livestock interview (beef, dairy, goat, sheep, swine), 5 to 8 p.m.
All livestock & horses in place, 7 p.m.
Livestock weigh-in, 7 p.m.
4-H Exhibit Building closes, 9 p.m.

July 12, Friday

Fair gates open, 7 a.m.
Swine Show, 7:30 a.m.
.....Show Order.....
Swine & Swine Showmanship
Livestock Demonstrations
Exploring Animals & Science of Animals Exhibits
4-H Food Stand open, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Morken Lucky Leaf..... 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Humboldt..... 11 to 3 p.m.
Silver Lake..... 2:30 to 6 p.m.
Blue Eagle Clovers..... 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Livestock Show, 10 a.m.
.....Species Order.....
Dairy & Dairy Showmanship
Dairy Goat & Dairy Goat Showmanship
Meat Goat & Meat Goat Showmanship
Sheep & Sheep Showmanship
--Lunch break--
Beef & Beef Showmanship
Livestock Demonstrations
Exploring Animals & Science of Animals Exhibits
Livestock interviews (rabbit, poultry), 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
4-H Exhibit building open, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Horse show, 11 a.m.
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State Fair General Encampment exhibits due at Extension Office, 3 p.m.

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- <https://z.umn.edu/clay4hvolunteer-interview>



Club responsibilities & assignments during the fair!

Whether you choose to be an exhibitor or not– **all club members are expected to participate in these group responsibilities.** For the county fair to happen for our youth–we need your help!

Reminder each club must have two screened adult volunteers present during club food stand shifts to serve as order takers/cashiers.

Barn Buddies

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 14, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Blue Eagle Clovers

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 12, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 14, 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clay County Coyotes

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 4-H Exhibit Building Supervision and lock up (provide 1-2 adults)... July 12, 5 to 9:15 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Creative Clovers

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 11, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Tear down of the 4-H building Sunday (provide 2-3 adults)... July 14, 5 to 7 p.m.

Glyndon Fearless 4-Hers

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 13, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Humboldt

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 13, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 13, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Morken Lucky Leaf

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 12, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Oakmound

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 11, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Tear down of 4-H building Sunday (provide 2-3 adults)... July 14, 5 to 7 p.m.

Silver Lake

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 12, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 4-H Exhibit Building Supervision and lock up (provide 1-2 adults)... July 13, 5 to 9:15 p.m.

Stablemates

4-H fair buildings set-up... July 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand set-up orientation (provide 1 adult, 1 youth)... July 2, 6 p.m.
 Judges Assistants (provide 2-3 adults or teens)... July 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Food Stand Shift... July 14, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Green Team

Join the Green Team for the fair—for members in grades 6+! The Green Team members are an elite group of leaders that dedicate themselves to friends, fun, and the fair. This is an opportunity to help run events at the fair and promote 4-H in a public setting. There will be a launch party before the fair begins. Please contact Mindy (grant552@umn.edu) if you are interested in joining the Green Team this year!

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4-H Fair set-up & Summer Picnic



**July
2
5 P.M.**

**4-H FAIR
SET-UP &
SUMMER
PICNIC**

**CLAY COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

620 Main Ave E
Barnesville, MN 56514



The excitement is building, and the to-do list is growing. So much work goes into getting the 4-H buildings and fairgrounds ready for the fair. From installation of equipment, to hanging signs, sweeping the buildings, and sanitizing the Food Stand, no corner is left untouched!

You're invited!

4-H Fair set-up & Summer Picnic

Many hands make light work—building deep clean and set-up is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 5 p.m.** The more help we have, the faster we will get everything cleaned and prepped for set-up! The buildings we will be focusing on deep cleaning are the 4-H Exhibit Building and the 4-H Food Stand. Building set-up is scheduled right after the deep clean concludes. Livestock and horse project members are asked to help with the animal barns. While general project members are asked to help with the 4-H exhibit building. All members are encouraged to help in the 4-H Food Stand. RSVP on the 4-H Volunteer + Interview sign-up: z.umn.edu/clay4hvolunteer-interview

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After county fair set-up and food stand orientation, stay to enjoy the 4-H Summer Picnic! All 4-Hers and their families are invited to share a meal, meet families from other clubs, and socialize! **The picnic is potluck style, so please bring something to share!**

The 4-H office will provide paper plates, napkins, cups, disposable silverware, and the main dish. If your food items require serving ware, please bring that with you. **RSVPs for the picnic will be collected from the above sign-ups to help us plan for the main dish portion.** Thank you for signing up—it is appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Schedule:

- 4-H Fair set-up, 5:00 p.m.
- 4-H Food Stand Orientation, 6 p.m.
- Summer Picnic, 7:30 p.m.

What to bring:

- Last names A-G: a dessert
- Last names H-M: a salad
- Last names N-S: a beverage
- Last names T-Z: a snack/side

4-H Food Stand orientation

Let's make your club's shift in the food stand a breeze! Either 1 adult OR 1 adult and 1 youth combo from each club should attend this orientation on **Tuesday, July 2 at 6 p.m.** at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Orientation will review where supplies are located, general cooking/serving procedures, and review the food stand manual. The person who attends orientation will be your point person for questions. It is important that your club attends this orientation so that they can have a positive experience at the food stand.

RSVP online at <https://z.umn.edu/ClayFoodStandSignUp>

Again in 2024, We are pre-selling ride bracelets!

Ride Bracelets can be pre-ordered in FairEntry when you register your fair exhibits. **Make checks payable to "Clay County 4-H." Checks are due in the Extension Office by June 30!** No late payments will be accepted. No exceptions and no refunds!

Eligibility requirements include:

- Offer valid for 4-H youth members only.
- Bracelet is non-transferable.
- Cash or check payable to Clay County 4-H is due June 30 in the Extension Office.

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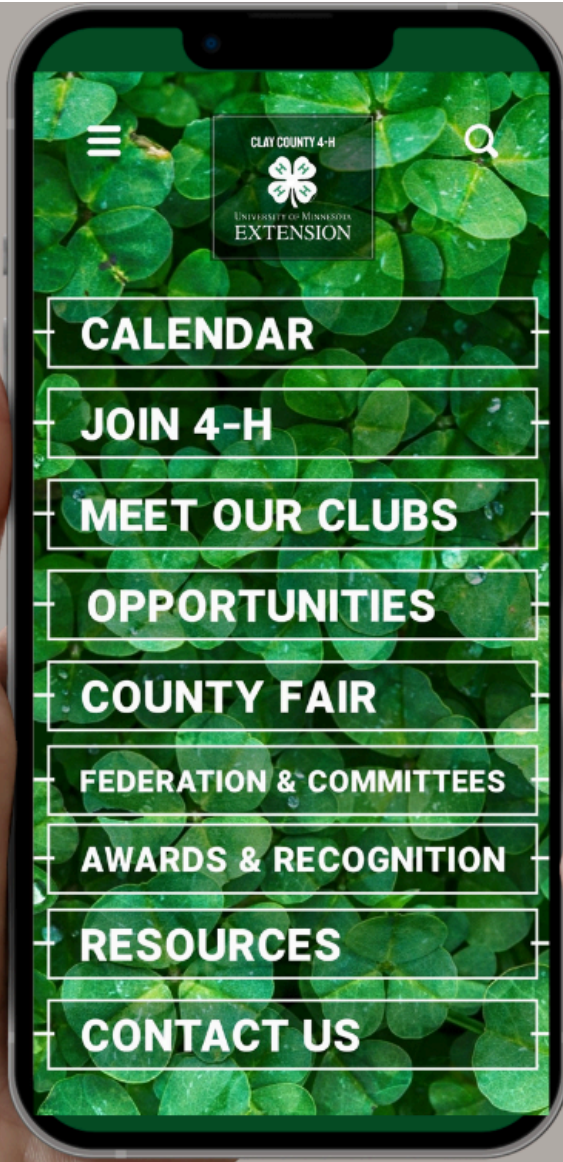
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Download Clay County's App!

Dates and reminders at your fingertips!

You can also find all of these dates and reminders on the calendar in our 4-H app. Add them to your personal calendar to keep yourself organized and on track to a successful County Fair!



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New things to plan for in 2024!

The county fair can be an overwhelming experience, even for the most seasoned families. And changes or new information can add to that overwhelm. But we want your family to have the best possible county fair experience this year, so, below are several key items to note as you begin planning your summer!

- ❖ **A new look and feel to your fair book!** As part of our ongoing efforts to streamline our communication efforts in Clay County, we have combined the many county fair resources into a series of four new documents: 1) the Exhibit Planner, 2) the County Fair Book, 3) the Exhibitor Guide, and 4) the State Fair Exhibitor Guide.
 - **Watch for the [County Fair Exhibitor Guide](#) coming next!** This resource will lay out what is expected of you as a 4-H exhibitor while you participate in the county fair. (e.g.: herdsmanship rules, livestock interview schedules, checklists for a successful fair, what to know before you work in the food stand, and other great information!) This guide is mailed directly to your family after you complete pre-registration for the county fair.
 - **Project Information Sheets are linked out in the fair book!** The class list that you are familiar with has been built out into new Project Information Sheets. These sheets are hyperlinked out in the Exhibit List section of this book. In addition to the familiar class list, these sheets will also outline exhibit requirements, show details, and barn/building rules related to the project, and more. The Extension Office is happy to print these sheets for any family that requests them!
- ❖ **New faces around the office!** We've added new staff in the Clay County Office over the past year. If you see Monique (new 4-H Educator), Jen (new support staff), or Jill (new Agriculture Educator) out and about during the county fair, stop us and introduce yourself. We love meeting new people, and look forward to working with the many families in Clay County.
- ❖ **The Clay County Agricultural Society is hosting a youth livestock auction!** New in 2024, the Ag Society will be hosting a youth livestock auction open to both FFA and 4-H youth participants. We encourage families to consider participating in the Ag Society's youth auction. For questions and more details about participating in this event, please refer to the Clay County Fair Premium Book found on their website, mnclaycountyfair.com. Please note, there will not be a 4-H led 4-H Market Auction.

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- ❖ **Join us for a county potluck picnic on July 2nd!** County fair set-up day is scheduled for July 2nd, and all families are asked to lend a hand. Then, we invite you to join us for a county-wide potluck picnic!
- ❖ **Plan ahead to describe your general exhibits!** Families will be asked to provide a brief, yet specific, description of each general exhibit they pre-register for the county fair this year. This will be a required question during the Fair Entry registration. Some examples of a project description are: "black and white portrait of grandpa on his tractor", "sour cream banana bread with crumble topping," or "blue birdhouse with white picket fence."
- ❖ **General exhibit judging times have been extended!** The hours of general exhibit judging have been extended this year. Join us from 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday during the fair to have your general exhibits conference judged. Please note, that all judges will take a supper break from 4:30 to 5 p.m. during this judging period.
- ❖ **Entry limits have been removed or adjusted!** In many classes and exhibit types, entry limits have changed. Species affected this year include: Swine (no limit on number per class, but max of 4 entries in the species), and Rabbit (no max number of entries).
- ❖ **General exhibits in animal science project areas will be judged at their species shows.** Exhibits under Exploring Animals, Science of Animals, Horseless Horse, Horse Related, and Livestock Demonstrations will be judged during the species show that they relate to. For example, if your Exploring Animals exhibit is on poultry, it will be judged during the poultry show by the poultry judge. Exhibits under Pets, Veterinary Science and Pet Show will be judged at the Pet Show by the Pet Show judge.
- ❖ **State Fair registration and information meetings are scheduled!** The deadline to accept a state trip will be Sunday at 2 p.m. during the county fair. State trip line-ups will be posted in the 4-H Exhibit Building. State Fair registration packets will be available for pick-up starting at 2 p.m. that day and can be completed before you leave the fair. But, for families with questions, or wanting more information, the State Fair Informational Meetings will be held on Tuesday, after the fair starting at 6 p.m. in the Extension Office.



4-H Achievement Days

4-H Achievement Day showcase events are an important part of the county fair each year. From the 4-H food stand to the livestock show and the 4-H static exhibit building--4-H is an important part of the fair and the county fair is a wonderful celebratory experience for our youth exhibitors!

The purpose of 4-H Achievement Days

Many people associate 4-H with kids winning ribbons for their exhibits at the county and state fairs, but 4-H is about developing "blue ribbon kids." In 4-H, competition is simply a tool we use to create engaging and fun learning experiences for young people. The real purpose and lasting value in ALL 4-H events and activities is that we empower youth with skills to lead for a lifetime.

In 4-H, young people develop essential, transferrable skills that they will use throughout their lives, such as problem-solving, decision-making, leadership, communicating, and responding to the needs of others. Whether youth are building rockets, raising dairy cows, or writing musical plays, 4-H gives young people the life skills they need to be successful.

We encourage all 4-H members and families to keep this at the forefront of their minds while participating in our 4-H Achievement Days during the Clay County Fair!

Why exhibit at the fair?

The county fair is a big deal. Showcasing 4-H project work is an essential part of the 4-H program experience. Just like you wouldn't attend athletic practices and games all season long just to miss the BIG game, the same logic applies to 4-H! Take some time to go through the information in this county fair book and use the tips and tricks we shared earlier in the [Exhibit Planner](https://z.umn.edu/Clay4hexhibitplanner) (z.umn.edu/Clay4hexhibitplanner) to think about what kinds of things you want to exhibit!

For youth in grades K-5, the county fair is the final showcase of the 4-H year. This is their time to shine, and their time to share their accomplishments with friends and family. For youth in grades 6+, the county fair is a qualifying event, during which they could earn a trip to the Minnesota State Fair. But keep in mind, a state fair experience may not be for everyone, and that's okay too! Because for many youths in grades 6+, the county fair may offer all the celebration they are looking for!

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How we are making the best better

4-H is America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We can see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

Clay County 4-H staff and volunteers believe in

- Every young person's potential
- Developing young people who are empowered, confident, hard-working, determined, responsible, and compassionate—seeing a world beyond themselves so that they have the life-long skills to succeed in life
- Ensuring access and equity for all
- The power of America's leading public Universities
- The practice of positive youth development by creating positive learning experiences
- Caring and trusted adult mentors who cultivate positive relationships with youth
- Meeting young people wherever they are

When parents were asked what they liked best about 4-H they said...

“Watching the kids learn, work together, and build lifelong friendships.”

“Watching younger youth look up to older youth.”

“Seeing youth try something new they were nervous about.”

“I’m surprised by the things my kids find interesting when they are picking out what projects they want to bring to the fair.”



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Clay 4-H is investing in our youth!

Together, the Clay County 4-H Federation will **provide all youth exhibitors with a county fair t-shirt and special awards during the county fair.** In 2023, this averaged out to \$32.46 per exhibitor! With 235 exhibitors, this was a total investment of \$7,628 in our young people.

4-H members
who exhibited at
the county fair
last year received
\$32 in support
from the 4-H
Federation!

"My 4-H horse project
and family have taught me what
it means to have a
good work ethic."

-Madeline B., 4-H member



But the investment doesn't stop there. The Federation is also investing in our youth who participate in regional and state events. **Each 4-H exhibitor who earns and accepts a State Trip will have their State Fair and/or State Horse Show in w 50% of registration fee and gate passes provided by the Federation at no cost to the family.** Mileage reimbursement is also available for families who carpool. In 2023, this totaled \$2,028 for the 51 young people who represented Clay County 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair and State Horse Show.



Clay 4-H's state fair
exhibitors received
an extra \$51 last
year. This support
from the 4-H
Federation, totaled
\$83 for each
exhibitor!

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Why we recognize our young people

Youth want to be recognized and have their accomplishments seen—attending our public events, sharing photos with the Extension Office, and sharing ideas with the Project Development Committees are all ways to help us get our 4-H youth the recognition they deserve.

Ways we showcase our young people and their accomplishments

- Have exhibits on display during the fair, in the 4-H exhibit buildings
- Feature images of local youth on our marketing materials
- Present youth awards during the 4-H showcases at the fair
- Publish articles in our local newspapers
- Create social media posts throughout the year recognizing the accomplishments of clubs, members, and volunteers

New in 2024, Community Impact Recognition awards

Minnesota 4-H wants to recognize youth who are making a difference in their community and are sharing their story through their projects and exhibits during conference judging. Look for the stickers judges will place on each exhibit where the 4-H'er clearly articulates how their efforts made a positive community impact!



Parade of Champions

Sponsored by local donors throughout Clay County the 4-H, the Parade of Champions celebrates and recognizes the 4-H youth who have shown exemplary development in their project area with exceptional exhibits at the county fair. During the fair, you will see the wide array of 4-H exhibits and the youth who created them. These exhibits represent the life skills gained during their year-long project learning experience.

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Learning curve ahead!

We understand, pre-registering exhibits and preparing those exhibits for judging can be confusing and challenging. Hopefully, the [Exhibit Planner](#) inspired you to fill a box with exhibits you can bring to the fair! All of your prep work is about to pay off because you've already completed the first and most time-consuming step in going to the county fair, yay!

So, let's explore the next steps in getting ready for the county fair, pre-registering exhibits, and saving those dates! Please review the following information carefully to learn how to pre-register exhibits for the county fair, and what things you should think about as you do.

REMEMBER—You can find all of our county fair resources and information in the “County Fair” tab in our app. This tab is active year-round for your convenience.

Download the Minnesota 4-H App and get started planning for the county fair today!

Droid users: [Play Store](#), **Apple users:** [App Store](#)

Step by step we will get you there

Step 1– Planning and collecting exhibits! The [Exhibit Planner](#) is your go-to resource for this step. This guide is published in October and mailed directly to your home.

Step 2– Pre-register exhibits for the county fair and save the date! This [County Fair Book](#) is your go-to resource for this step. This book is published in April and mailed directly to your home.

Step 3– Going to the county fair! The County Fair Exhibitor Guide will lay out what is expected of you as a 4-H exhibitor while you participate in the county fair. This guide is mailed directly to your family after you complete pre-registration for the county fair.

Step 4– Going to the state fair! The Minnesota State Fair is the pinnacle of showcasing in 4-H. Youth who have completed grade 6 or higher are eligible to earn a state fair trip. These state fair trips must be earned at the county fair. Our county's State Fair Exhibitor Guide will provide the key information your family will need to decide whether you will accept a state trip after you have earned one. State Fair packets will be distributed during the County Fair. **We encourage all families interested in the State Fair to attend the State Fair Exhibitor Meeting on Tuesday after the fair. Final paperwork and payments are due to the Clay County Extension Office on Thursday after the fair.**

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What type of exhibitor will you be?

You may remember learning in our [Exhibit Planner](#) that there are many types of exhibits youth can enter at the county fair. Youth can exhibit as an individual, as part of a team, or as a club. Now is the time to focus on which type of exhibitor you will be at the county fair!

Individual Exhibitor – all youth in grades K-13. **Our most common type of exhibitor.** Individual exhibitors can be either Cloverbud exhibitors (grades K-2) or 4-H exhibitors (grades 3+). Your grade level is determined by the grade you most recently completed. Individual exhibitors can bring either animal exhibits, general static exhibits, or do a public presentation. As an individual exhibitor, you must be present during judging or turn in the appropriate absentee judging paperwork (general exhibits only) if you cannot be present.

Team Exhibitors - are teams of two individual exhibitors who have prepared an exhibit together. Both team members must be present for judging. Team exhibits are allowed in Engineering Design Challenge and Public Presentations only.

Club Exhibitors - are groups of youth who belong to a local 4-H club or group. Clubs will prepare a club exhibit together, with each member helping in some way. Club exhibits are conference judged, so remember to send 2-3 young people from your club to talk with the judge about your club exhibit!



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Cloverbud exhibitors (grades K-2)

The definition of a Cloverbud is a 4-H member who is in kindergarten, first, or second grade. Minnesota 4-H outlines the full rules and participation requirements for Cloverbuds in the statewide [MN 4-H Cloverbuds Policy document](#). These policies are briefly laid out in the following sections here as well.

Participating in the county fair as a Cloverbud

To participate as a Cloverbud member at the county fair, the child must have completed Kindergarten, first, or second grade during the previous school year. Cloverbuds can bring any type of project, exhibit, or entry to the county fair. The Cloverbud program is non-competitive at the county fair. This means all exhibits will receive a Cloverbud participation ribbon for each exhibit, or entry, and will not compete against older 4-H members for ribbons or awards. For a full list of Cloverbud entry classes, check out the project info sheets linked in the [Exhibit List](#).



Cloverbud animal policies and information

- Cloverbuds may enter ONE animal per class. This animal could be their own animal OR they may share an animal with an older 4-H member.

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- All animals shown by Cloverbuds must meet MN Board of Animal Health requirements, this includes having an official, permanent form of ID on record with the Extension Office.
- Cloverbuds DO NOT need to ID animals in 4HOnline by May 15, but we encourage you to do so! This is because we use 4-H Online animal ID and project enrollments to send emails, mailings, and newsletters to families who are showing animals at the county fair.

Policies about handling and leading animals with Cloverbud members

When cloverbuds and animals (including beef, dairy, goats, horse, llama - alpaca, pets, poultry, rabbit, swine and sheep) are together at a 4-H program or participating at the county fair as a 4-H member, the following rules apply:

- A responsible person must be with the cloverbud to guide and monitor their involvement at all times, including but not limited to movement within and to and from the trailers, barns, wash racks, and show arena.
- Families may choose one of two acceptable ways to guide and monitor involvement in non-mounted activities:
 - The responsible person is in control of the animal with the cloverbud at their side.
 - The cloverbud is in control of the animal with the responsible person at their side to assist or take control of the animal when needed or as directed by staff, volunteers, or show managers.
- When a cloverbud is mounted on a horse, the horse must always have a lead line and be under the control of the responsible person. All 4-H members, including cloverbuds, must wear an ASTM/SEI-approved safety helmet when mounted.
- A parent, older 4-H member, adult, or another responsible person must be with the Cloverbud member at all times when they are in the presence of an animal. This includes chore time, during exercise, and outside of the show ring.

Project information sheets for Cloverbuds

The Project Information Sheets linked in the Exhibit List are the first resource you should look to when starting to plan what you will bring to the county fair. These sheets will outline general exhibit rules, size limits, and display requirements. They also offer suggestions for the kinds of things that can be exhibited in that project area. Because Cloverbud members are exploring and learning about what they are interested in, they will be given more flexibility with most exhibit rules.





4-H exhibitors (grades 3+)

The definition of a 4-H member is a member who is in grade three to one year past high school. Minnesota 4-H outlines the full rules and participation requirements for 4-H members on the [Understanding 4-H policies](#) website. These policies are briefly laid out in the following sections here as well.

Participating in the county fair as a 4-H member

To participate as a 4-H member at the county fair, the child must have completed grade three or higher during the previous school year. 4-H'ers can bring any type of project, exhibit, or entry to the county fair. The 4-H member program is competitive at the county fair. This means all exhibits will be eligible for a blue, red, white, lavender, or purple ribbon. Youth who have completed grade 6+ may also be selected for a State Fair trip. For a full list of 4-H entry classes, check out the project info sheets linked in the Exhibit List below.

4-H member general rules and regulations

- All 4-H members must read and be familiar with the full list of rules and regulations as outlined in the following sections of this fair book.

4-H member animal policies and information

- All 4-H members must read and be familiar with the full list of animal policies and rules and regulations as outlined in the following sections of this fair book.
- 4-H members may enter more than one animal per class, with the exception of the pet show, where 4-H members are limited to one animal, and the horse show where members can exhibit with one horse and could exhibit a second horse in the horse training class.
- 4-H members may bring and exhibit their own animal OR they may lease an animal.

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- All animals shown by 4-H members must meet MN Board of Animal Health requirements, this includes having an official, permanent form of ID on record with the Extension Office.
- 4-H members will need to let the Clay County Extension Office know their stall, coop, or cage needs during FairEntry registration. This allows staff to plan for stall space in the barns and meet MNBOAH policies.
- All Minnesota 4-H Animal ID deadlines must be met to be fully eligible for awards, ribbons, and state trips.



Policies about handling and leading animals with 4-H members

- 4-H members may show more than one animal at the same time in the following species: beef, dairy, goat, swine, sheep, rabbit, and poultry. Each animal must have a designated handler. Only another enrolled Minnesota 4-H member from the same county can be designated handlers.
- When riding horses, all 4-H members must wear an ASTM/SEI-approved safety helmet.

Project information for 4-H exhibitors

The Project Information sheets in the Exhibit List are the first resource you should look to when starting to plan what you will bring to the county fair. These sheets will outline general exhibit rules, size limits, and display requirements. They also offer suggestions for the kinds of things that can be exhibited in that project area. Classes denoted with a footnote have special information you should pay attention to (e.g., the pet show classes are not state fair eligible.)

If you are in grades 6+, pay special attention to the exhibit requirements. Failing to meet individual exhibit requirements results in an automatic ribbon level deduction at the state fair (e.g., a blue ribbon exhibit will be docked to a red ribbon), and may result in a ribbon deduction or ineligibility for a champion ribbon at the county fair. For example, all photos should be mounted on a neutral-colored matboard, no frames or glass are allowed.

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Club exhibitors

A club can complete as many club exhibits as they would like each year. Planning and creating club exhibits are a great way to get all of your members involved in an activity during a regular monthly meeting! Club exhibits are a contributed effort of all club members and are judged for club credit, not individual credit. There are three types of club exhibits that your club can make together:

- Club Banner
- Club Booth
- Community Pride



Registering your club exhibits

We ask that [club exhibit pre-registration](#) be entered by club leaders, not individuals. Club exhibits will be pre-registered through a Google form. Extension Staff will transfer the club exhibit pre-registrations to FairEntry before the county fair. Club Exhibits will be judged during General Exhibits Judging. They are not conference judged, except for Club Community Pride projects which require 1-2 club members to be present for conference judging. Clubs will receive a **\$25, \$20, or \$10 club premium for each club exhibit** they bring to the county fair.

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Exhibit list

All youth exhibitors in grades K-13 should use the Project Information Sheets linked in the Exhibit List below to learn about each entry area more deeply. Each Project Info Sheet has three major sections: 1) a FairEntry class list, 2) exhibit rules and display requirements for the corresponding Departments/Divisions/Classes, and 3) judging or show day instructions and information.

Getting started with the exhibit list

Browse through the exhibit list below. Project sheets are grouped by related project areas. Download or print at least one project sheet of interest to you. Read through the FairEntry class list. What is the Department name? What is the Division name? How many entry classes are available in that project area? These will be new terms that many families will need to learn. But learning them now will help you complete pre-registration in FairEntry more quickly later. Highlight the class or classes you think you might have an exhibit ready for, or that you hope to get an exhibit ready for!

Next, read through the exhibit rules and regulations. Are there size limits or display requirements? Do you have the supplies you need to meet those requirements?

Many project areas have added value exhibit ideas on the Project Information Sheet. Check out these ideas for ways you can expand your project learning. For example, use your back-to-school outfit as a Clothing exhibit and a Fashion Revue exhibit, or make a first-aid kit for your rabbit project and enter the kit as a Veterinary Science exhibit!

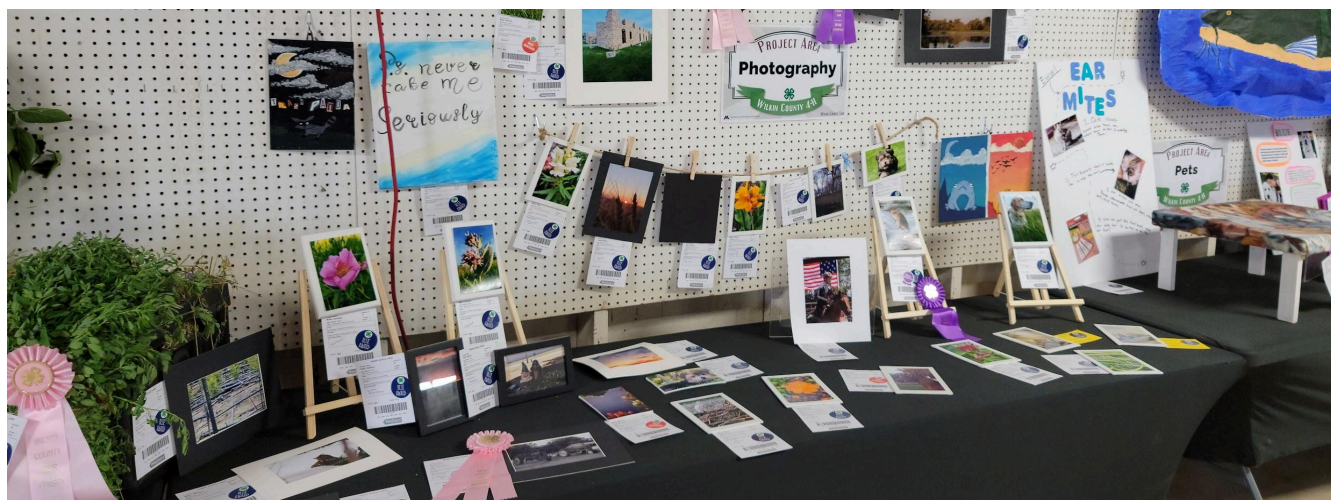
Lastly, check out the show day information! What day will the judging take place? And where? Is there special clothing, equipment, or supplies you need to wear or bring with you? Answers to all of these questions can be found in both the project information sheets and in the County Fair Exhibitor Guide that will be mailed to you after completing pre-registration in FairEntry.

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Important terminology to learn

4-H Online – our membership enrollment database. Youth must be enrolled members to participate in the county fair. Youth enrolled after May 15 will not be eligible for champion awards or state trips. (<https://mn.4honline.com>)

FairEntry – our county fair exhibit registration website. Use your 4-H Online email and password to log in and pre-register exhibits for the county fair from June 1 to June 15. (<https://z.umn.edu/Clay4hfairentry>)

Department – the top-most level of grouping for exhibits. Departments represent types of exhibits (e.g., a general exhibit or an animal species).

Division – the upper-level grouping of classes for exhibits. Used almost exclusively in animal departments, divisions can represent any of these things:

- animal types (e.g., market or breeding)
- breeds (e.g., Holstein, Crossbred, etc.)
- subspecies (e.g., turkeys, doves, chickens, etc.)
- sexes (e.g., barrow, gilt, steer, heifer, etc.)
- animal events that youth exhibitors can participate in (e.g., pet show)

Class – the lowest level of grouping for animal exhibits. Classes represent the animal ages or general project area (e.g., a Holstein spring calf, Plant Science, etc.).

Sub-Class – In general exhibits, some classes are broken further into sub-classes (e.g. Plant Science has 8 subclasses). In animals, subclasses could be grade levels or weight levels.

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Project information sheets

Remember to print the project information sheets and become familiar with the FairEntry Department/Division/Class/Sub-class and highlight the class or classes you may already have an exhibit ready for, or hope to get an exhibit ready for!

These project information sheets lay out the requirements & exhibit suggestions for each class. They also include links to the project evaluation sheets which will help exhibitors during judging. Referencing these sheets when registering exhibits in FairEntry and prior to bringing your exhibit to be judged, will better help you prepare!

CLOVERBUDS-see project sheets below

CLUB EXHIBITS

- Club Banner
- Club Booth
- Club Community Pride

ANIMAL SCIENCE

- [General Animal Science Exhibits \(animal-less\)](#)
 - Exploring Animals
 - [Horse](#)
 - Pets (cat, dog, and pets)
 - Public Presentations–Livestock Demonstrations
 - Science of Animals Educational Exhibits
 - Veterinary Science
- Live Animal Science Exhibits (animal required)
 - [Pet Show](#)
 - [Dog Show](#) (held in Becker County)
 - [Horse](#)
 - [Beef Cattle](#)
 - [Dairy Cattle](#)
 - [Dairy Goat](#)
 - [Meat Goat](#)
 - [Poultry](#)
 - [Rabbit](#)
 - [Sheep](#)
 - [Swine](#)

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

- **Citizenship**
- **Global Connections**
- **Self-determined exhibits**
- **Youth Leadership**

ARTS & COMMUNICATION

- **Crafts & Fine Arts**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Photography**
- **Public Presentations**
- **Plastic Sculpture Challenge**
- **Video/Filmmaking**

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

- **Child & Family Development**
- **Clothing & Textiles** (includes Fashion Revue)
- **Consumer Education & Money Management**
- **Foods & Nutrition**
- **Health & Wellness**
- **Home Environment**
- **Needle Arts**
- **Quilting**
- **Safety**

GARDENING & AGRICULTURE

- **Plant Science**
- **Horticulture**
- **Vegetable, Fruit & Herb Gardening**

NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOORS

- **Fishing Sports**
- **Natural Resources** (includes Entomology, Exploring the Environment, Forest Resources, Geology, and Water Resource)
- **Shooting Sports**
- **Wildlife Biology and Management**

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STEM

- Aerospace
- Bicycle
- Engineering Design
- Industrial Technology (includes Shop-Metal Work/Woodworking)
- Mechanical Science (includes Electric, Tractors, Small Engines & Automotive)
- Science Inquiry
- Technology (includes Robotics, Aquatic Robotics, and Computers & Coding)

Are you still looking for ideas of what kinds of things can be exhibited? [Check out these ideas](https://z.umn.edu/Clay4hexhibitideas) (z.umn.edu/Clay4hexhibitideas) before you come to the county fair.



Finding help and asking questions

The Extension office can print these project information sheets for you but you will need to ask. Just let us know which ones you would like, and we can get them printed–no problem!

We understand that project information can be overwhelming, but **please take some time to look through a few of the project areas you are interested in.** Then reach out to your club leader or staff at the Extension office to ask questions. The more you ask, the more you know! There are no questions that are not worth asking, and we are happy to help you!

Clay County Extension Office

Office hours: Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Door 22 on the North side of the Family Service Center

218-299-5020 or mnext-clay@umn.edu.

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Getting ready to pre-register exhibits

Take stock of what exhibits you have prepared and what exhibits you plan to finish up before the county fair. We recommend making a list for quick reference later! Then make a few quick notes next to each exhibit on that list. Write down which department/division/class you would like to exhibit each entry in. Remember, the Project Information Sheets hyperlinked in the Exhibit List will break down the Department, Division, Class titles for every project area.

Choosing the right department/division/class for animal exhibits

Selecting the department and division for your animal exhibit should be fairly straightforward. **Each animal species has its own department.** Because division and class titles are unique to each species, We recommend visiting the Project Information Sheets hyperlinked in the Exhibit List to review the division titles in your project area.

Divisions are slightly different for every species of animal. For example, if you plan to show livestock, you should know your animal's breed and whether it is a market or breeding type animal. If you are a horse show exhibitor you should know which riding discipline you want to participate in and your skill level (e.g., western pleasure, level 2 horse training, etc.). Still not sure what a breeding animal is, or what your skill level is? The Project Information Sheets help explain the rules and requirements for each division.

Classes, like divisions, are different for every species of animal too. If you are a livestock exhibitor, you will need to know your animal's age (e.g., spring calf, March breeding gilt, etc.).

When in doubt, look to the Project Information Sheet to learn more about department/division/class titles, and the rules and requirements for each.

Choosing the right department/division/class for general exhibits

General exhibits (a.k.a.: static exhibits) are unique because they do not have groupings within the department and division levels of the FairEntry hierarchy. Both the department and division titles will be "General Exhibits" This means you will see a very long class list when pre-registering for these exhibits. So let's review some special considerations when selecting a general exhibit class.

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Many general exhibits can fit into more than one class. The class you choose may impact your ribbon placing. **The central question to ask while deciding which class to select is—what do you want to be evaluated on?** Scrapbooks are a great example of a project that fits in many classes. In the case of a vacation scrapbook, maybe you want to be judged on the quality and arrangement of the photos you put in it—in this example, you would enter your scrapbook in photography! But if you want to be judged on your experience and knowledge about the place you visited, you should think about exhibiting your scrapbook in Global Connections.

To choose the best possible entry class you should know what you want to talk about with your exhibit. What do you love about your exhibit? What did you learn while working on it? What is most important to you about your exhibit? Use the answers to these questions to point you in the right direction when selecting the class for your exhibit.

Pre-registering individual exhibits

Are you ready to pre-register your exhibits? Excellent! Exhibit **pre-registration opens on June 1**. Log in to begin pre-registering after this date. And, if you forget to pre-register an exhibit in your first invoice, you can always log back in to add more at any time before June 15 without consequences.

Remember, **all exhibits must be pre-registered by June 15** to be eligible for champion awards and state trips. **Late registrations will be accepted** in the Extension Office from June 16 to July 11. Late registrations are not eligible for champion awards or state trips. Read our [deadline, consequences, and exemptions form](#) to fully understand eligibility and rules related to late animal ID and exhibit registration rules.

Use these hyperlinks to pre-register your exhibits

4-H Online (<https://mn.4honline.com>) all youth must be enrolled in 4-H to exhibit with us at the county fair. If you haven't enrolled yet, now is the time to do this! If you are already enrolled, skip ahead to FairEntry login.

FairEntry (<https://z.umn.edu/clay4hfairentry>) Use your 4-H Online family email and password credentials to log into our exhibit registration portal. This pre-registration website opens on June 1 and closes on June 15.

REMEMBER—You can find both of these hyperlinks in the “County Fair” tab in our app. This tab is active year-round for your convenience.

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Step-by-step instructions for pre-registering in FairEntry

Most exhibits will be individual exhibits prepared and shown by youth. These can be either animal exhibits or general static exhibits. Youth will enter individual exhibits based on the grade they most recently completed. Cloverbud exhibitors were in grades K to 2, and 4-H exhibitors were in grades 3 to one year past high school. You must be present during judging or turn in the appropriate absentee judging paperwork if you cannot be present.

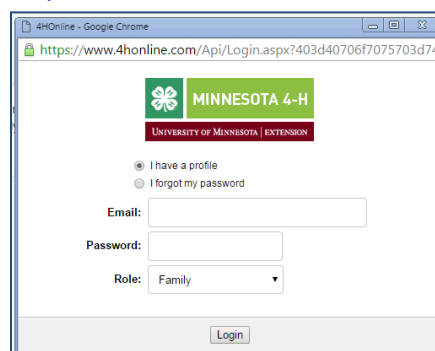
Getting started

- To register for 4-H at your county fair, each youth must be enrolled as an active 4-H member and you must know (or obtain) your 4HOnline family login (email address and password). For more information about enrolling and/or obtaining login information, go to <https://z.umn.edu/mn4honline-enroll>

Logging in

When you're ready to register for the fair, start at the [FairEntry URL](#) supplied by your county. (<https://z.umn.edu/Clay4hfairentry>)

- Click on "Sign in with 4HOnline" This will bring up a pop-up window (watch for pop-up blocker notices and/or a hidden window).
- This is where you'll enter your 4HOnline login email and password. If you've forgotten your password, you'll need to go to mn.4honline.com and first reset your password there. For more information go to <https://z.umn.edu/mn4honline-enroll>



Creating exhibitors

If this is your FIRST TIME logging in, you will see a welcome screen. (See below for subsequent logins)

- Click "Begin Registration"
- Click on "Individual"

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- Click on the 4-H member you are registering and click on "Continue"
- As you proceed, you may or may not see a question(s) to answer, depending on your county.
- Click "Continue"

We noticed you haven't yet registered for the fair. Begin Registration ➔	Do you want to register an Individual? 👤 Individual
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Congratulations! You have now created an Exhibitor profile, which can be reviewed if desired.

Creating (pre-registering) entries

The next step is to create entries

- Click "Continue to Entries", then "Add an Entry".
- Select the desired Department.
- Select the desired Division.
- Click on "Choose"

Choose Division

Department	Goat - Dairy	Change
Division	Dairy Breed	Change

[Cancel](#)
[Choose](#)

At this point, the registration option you see will depend on the Class being entered:

Option 1 - Selecting from a list of Classes.

Option 2 - Select to enter multiple entries (exhibits) in one more Class at one time.

Option 3 - Select a single animal Class and then (in some cases) choose a specific animal.

Option 4 - Selecting a specific animal, and then entering that animal into one or more Classes.

In all options, you will at some point see the member's 4-H Club displayed.

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In some cases, you must "Select" (or change) the club. Options for doing that may vary, but generally, the suggested club can most easily be selected with a blue "Select this Club" button. In other cases, the club will already be selected.

Suggested Club: Amboy Area Adventurers 4-H
(Last Club Selected)

Select this Club

Selecting a Class

OPTION 1 - Selecting from a list of Classes

- Click on "Select" to register one entry in that Class

Starting an Entry

Department Public Presentations Change

Division Illustrated Presentation Change

Select a Class to continue

0003001: Illustrated Presentation - Grade 9+ Individual Select

OPTION 2 - Selecting to enter multiple entries in one more Class at one time (IF allowed in the Class)

- Check the box to the left of the desired Class
- Change the Quantity as desired
- Click "Continue"
- Review Entries and then click on "Create Entries"

Class or Classes

☒ R130001: Electric - Grades 9+ Quantity: 3

☐ R130002: Electric - Grades 6-8

☐ R130003: Electric - Grades 3-5

OPTION 3 - Selecting a single animal Class and then (in some cases) choosing a specific animal.

- Click on "Select" to register one entry in the desired Class.
- Click "Continue"
- Select your Club (see above note about selecting a Club)
- If an animal is required, click on "Add an animal" to choose from previously ID'd and available animals
- Click "Continue"

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OPTION 4 - Selecting a specific animal, and then entering that animal into one or more Classes.

- The first step in this option is to select the animal to be entered. (Only one animal at a time can be entered with this option.)
- If this is the first time entering this particular animal, it must be “added” to the screen, by clicking on “Add Animal”.
- Once the animal is listed, click on the radio button to select it.
- Then, choose the Class(es) that this animal will be entered into
- Click on [Continue] to review entries
- Click on [Create Entries] to complete the process.

Other questions and incomplete entries

In the process of registering entries, some entries will have additional questions you must answer. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the questions and proceed with registration. In some cases, you may run into errors or situations where you cannot proceed. If you see a “blue” button or information, follow the instructions to complete the tasks indicated. There may be situations where you cannot proceed with your fair entries for some reason or another. For example, you may need to enter an animal that is not showing up as being available for entry, or you may be unsure about the correct Class to enter. In these cases, contact your County Extension Staff at 218-299-5020 or mnext-clay@umn.edu.

Continuing on

After successfully completing an entry, you can:

- Click “Add another Entry” to continue adding entries.
- Click “Register another Exhibitor” to change to another 4-H member in the family.

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- Click "Continue to Payment". (There are no fees or payments needed, but this step is required to complete your registration). Click "Continue to Payment" to finish, following the steps as prompted to submit the "invoice".
- You can log back in at any time to review entries previously created or to add additional exhibitors and/or entries

What do you want to do next?

For Daisy Siever:

[+ Add another Entry](#)

[+ Register another Exhibitor](#)

Everything looks good!

[➔ Continue to Payment](#)

Logging back in another time

When logging back in, you will find your family profile in one of three "invoice statuses."

Invoice un-submitted

You can continue adding or completing entries on that invoice.

Entries cannot be changed, but they can be deleted from an un-submitted invoice

Exhibitor: Newbie Seiver \$0.00

Total: \$0.00

[Continue work on this](#)



Invoice submitted and/or invoice approved

You can add new entries by starting a new invoice.

Previously submitted entries cannot be deleted or changed.

Start Invoice

View a current invoice.

[Begin work on a new invoice](#)



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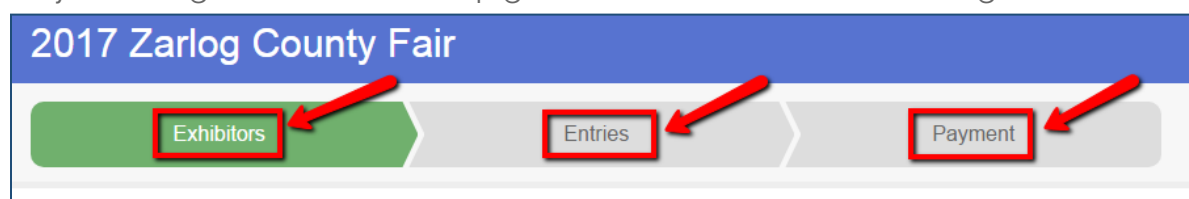
Navigation hints

Click on the fair “Title” to return to your family Dashboard at any time.

- This is where you'll be able to find completed/ approved invoices and printable lists of entries.



When working on an invoice, you can often click on any of the navigation buttons even if they are not green. This can help go “back and forth” while working on entries.



FairEntry user guides & video tutorials

Minnesota 4-H has developed two guides and videos to help walk you through the steps of the FairEntry registration process. Visit the [website](https://extension.umn.edu/minnesota-4-h-county-fairs/register-4-h-entries-your-county-fair) to view the full guides and videos. (<https://extension.umn.edu/minnesota-4-h-county-fairs/register-4-h-entries-your-county-fair>)

FairEntry video tutorials

[Logging in](#) (1:55 minutes)

[Logging back in, after you have logged out](#) (2:57 minutes)

[Exhibitors and Entries](#) (6:23 minutes)

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Pre-registering team exhibits

Team exhibits are only allowed in [Public Presentations](#). Exhibits can be prepared and shown by a team of youths. Teams **may not have** more than 2 members. Both team members must be present for judging. Both team members must also pre-register their team exhibit in FairEntry following the individual exhibit method of pre-registration. When pre-registering for a public presentation team exhibit, you will be asked to provide the names of your team members. This ensures both team members will receive the cash premium payout after the fair.

Pre-registering club exhibits

Club exhibits must be pre-registered by club leaders no later than June 15. Use the [Club Exhibit Registration](https://z.umn.edu/clayclubexhibits) (<https://z.umn.edu/clayclubexhibits>) online form to complete pre-registration. If exhibiting a Community Pride project, please indicate 1-2 club youth members who will be present for judging.

After pre-registering your exhibits

Congratulations! You've finished pre-registering your exhibits, yay! We can't wait to see you at the Clay County Fair in July. Now that you have submitted your exhibit entries, you should watch for the [County Fair Exhibitor Guide](https://z.umn.edu/clay4hexhibitorguide) (z.umn.edu/clay4hexhibitorguide). This will be mailed directly to your home mailbox. The newsletter will answer any questions you may have about what to do once you arrive at the fair.

Save important county fair dates

Now is also the time to save the date for your exhibit judging days, your club food stand shift & exhibit building shifts! The county fair [4-H Schedule of Events](#) lays out the dates and times for all 4-H activities and events that are part of the Clay County Fair. It also includes exhibit pre-registration deadlines, animal ID deadlines, 4-H showtimes, and livestock & static exhibit release times.

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4-H Premium Schedule

All 4-H and Cloverbud members earn cash awards, called premiums, for each exhibit they bring to the county fair. Exhibits are awarded ribbons by judges during the fair. Each of those ribbons will have a premium amount that will be paid out to the exhibitor. The premium amount per ribbon changes depending on the project area. The Clay County Agricultural Society pays out premiums for the blue/red/white ribbons, green cloverbud ribbons, and for 4-H club exhibits at the county fair.

The Clay County 4-H Federation provides special awards such as plaques and banners for grand champion winners. These awards are sponsored by local individuals and business owners. Awards vary from year to year based on donor contributions.

The 4-H Premium Schedule outlines how much money exhibitors can earn in each project category and for each type of entry.

Project Area	Blue	Red	White	Clvbd.	Partic.
General Exhibits	\$3	\$2	\$1		
Public Presentations	\$3	\$2	\$1		
Beef, Dairy	\$15	\$12	\$10		
Goat (dairy/meat), Sheep, Swine	\$10	\$9	\$8		
Horse	\$4	\$3	\$2		
Rabbit, Poultry	\$3	\$2	\$1		
Pet Show	\$3	\$2	\$1		
Science of Animals	\$3	\$2	\$1		
Showmanship (all)					\$3
Cloverbud (all)				\$3	
Club Exhibits	\$25	\$20	\$10		

Livestock Interviews (all species areas) are not eligible for premiums

How do I receive my premium?

After the county fair, you will be contacted via email when your 4-H'ers premium check is available for pick-up at the Extension Office. The check amount should correspond with the number and color of each of the ribbons earned at the county fair. Please let us know if these values do not match, we would be happy to correct any mistakes!

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Preparing for judging

Judging is an important part of the county fair. In 4-H you will experience different kinds of exhibit judging. Livestock judges, horse judges, and general exhibit judges each use a unique process and set of standards for evaluating 4-H exhibits and exhibitors.

What is 4-H conference judging?

Conference judging is exciting and fun for both the 4-H'er and the judge. Youths participate in a safe, friendly environment and can establish a relationship with a caring adult.

Producing a blue ribbon 4-H'er is the goal; enhancing self-esteem is a result. The 4-H'er can have fun with a caring adult who is willing to listen, evaluate, and instruct. Valuing the youth over the exhibit itself is most important in a conference judging experience.

This style of judging differs from open-class judging. In 4-H conference judging, the interview is just as important as the exhibit itself. The judge, who is knowledgeable in the project area, determines a ribbon placing based on both the exhibit and the project learning that the 4-H'er shares during the interview. At this time the judge can observe, question, listen, and challenge the 4-H'er. Equal importance is placed on the exhibit and the interview; both components are worth 50% toward the ribbon placing. The judge offers encouraging and constructive feedback as well as overall suggestions on how to further explore the project area.

Why do we use this style of judging?

This judging process is a potentially powerful interaction between an adult and a youth that provides a sense of safety and structure; fosters a sense of pride and accountability that come with mastery of skill; encourages taking those mastered skills and turning them into meaningful contributions—in turn, furthering the youth's sense of self-worth; deepening the youth's sense of belonging; advancing the capacity to enjoy life and know that success is possible, and assisting the youth to further embrace basic values about the use of their skills and their role in the community.

When we consider the underlying meaning and dynamic of judging in 4-H, it becomes clear that open class judging—while perhaps valuable in its own right—is not what judging in 4-H is about. A young person's knowledge, skill, and integrated personal development are central to the process. After all, 4-H has always been about the development of the child—the whole child—hence the four “H”s, HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEALTH.

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Special needs and accommodation plans for judging

We want judging to be a positive and safe experience for every young person. Please let us know if you would like to request special accommodations to ensure success in judging, volunteering or general participation. Information will be shared with volunteers, staff and judges as appropriate. Please know that we will do our best to accommodate all requests. If you, or your 4-H participant, need disability-related or other accommodations to participate in this program or have questions about the physical accessibility of the event location, please contact (list name and contact information - phone number/email - of the Extension program contact) at least 2 weeks prior to the fair. Late notice may limit our ability to provide requested accommodations.

Our individual accommodation plans are based on every person's unique needs, to create the best possible experience for that person. Please contact the Clay County Extension Office and let us know which sections you want printed.

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Absentee judging

Youth are asked to be present in person for all of their judging events. However, we understand that sometimes life gets in the way of this. [Absentee judging](#) is allowed for general exhibits but requires some pre-planning and preparation ahead of time with forms. And keep in mind someone still needs to bring your exhibit for judging on general exhibit judging day. Contact the Extension Office if you need to look into absentee judging.

Exhibit supplies required for judging general exhibits

Some project areas need special supplies for exhibiting. For example, all photographs should be mounted on a mat board for displaying-no frames or glass is allowed. All art objects are supposed to be ready to hang or display on a table. You can find all of these details in the Exhibit List section of the fair book.

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What the ribbons mean



Blue Ribbon - Indicates that in the judge's opinion, the 4-H'er shows above-average workmanship, knowledge, and effort in the project based on the conference judging criteria.

Red Ribbon - Indicates that in the judge's opinion, the 4-H'er shows expected or average workmanship, knowledge, and effort in the project based on the conference judging criteria.

White Ribbon - Indicates that in the judge's opinion, the 4-H'er shows below-average workmanship, knowledge, and effort in the project based on the conference judging criteria.

Grand Champion Ribbon - Indicates that the judge feels the exhibit is the very best within a specific project area grouping. Generally, only blue ribbon exhibits are eligible.

Reserve Champion Ribbon - Indicates that the judge feels the exhibit is the second-best within a specific project area grouping. Generally, only blue ribbon exhibits are eligible.

Cloverbud Ribbon - Cloverbud exhibits are not judged on a competitive basis. Exhibits are not ranked in any order. All Cloverbuds receive the same green ribbon. Emphasis is placed on encouraging the child to share what they liked or learned about their exhibit/work/activity and developing their self-esteem and confidence.

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General rules & regulations

We strongly encourage families to read and understand the general rules and regulations before creating and registering exhibits for the county fair. These rules and regulations apply to all 4-H members and Cloverbud exhibitors at the county fair.

Minnesota 4-H has a series of policies to provide continuity in programming from county to county and address risk management of our events and activities at county and state fairs. These statewide policies are accessible [here](#) and include but are not limited to:

- [Absentee judging of projects](#)
- [Judging experiences for youth with disabilities or injuries](#)
- [Cloverbud Policies and other info regarding age, judging procedures, showing animals, etc.](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Grievance Policy](#)
- [IAFE Show Ethics](#)

Clay County 4-H exhibit rules

1. Requirements specific to a project area can be found in the [project information sheets](#) section of the Clay County 4-H Fair Book.
2. Pre-registration will be done online by each family. You will need to log in to [FairEntry](#) using your family's [4HOnline](#) username and password to register your projects for the county fair. It is the member's responsibility to register what they will be bringing to the fair by **June 15**. **Failure to pre-register by the registration deadline results in ineligibility for grand/reserve champion ribbons, and State Fair trips.**
3. General project areas have a maximum of 4 exhibits per class unless otherwise noted. There is a maximum of 16 general project exhibits per exhibitor.
4. Club activities have a maximum of 1 entry per club per class. Club exhibits will be pre-registered through a [Google form](#). Extension Staff will transfer the club exhibit pre-registrations to FairEntry before the county fair.
5. All exhibits and animals must arrive during specified entry times and remain on display at the county fair until the scheduled release time on Sunday. **Premiums, awards, and participation in a state event will be withheld from any 4-H'er who does not comply.**
6. The Clay County 4-H Federation and Extension Office **will not** assume responsibility for objects lost, stolen, or broken.
7. [Age Divisions](#)
4-H'ers must have completed the grade level they will be exhibiting in and are grouped in the following way:
 - **Cloverbuds** -Grades K-2
 - **Junior** -Grades 3-5
 - **Intermediate** -Grades 6-8
 - **Senior** -Grades 9-13
8. General exhibits can only be exhibited once in their lifetime.

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9. 4-H youth members are asked to wear 4-H show attire or species-specific show attire.
 - a. 4-H attire can be a 4-H branded shirt (e.g.: your county fair t-shirt, club t-shirt, branded 4-H long sleeve, etc.), long pants, close-toed shoes, and an overall neat and tidy appearance. Exceptions may be made for fashion revue.
 - b. Species-specific show attire is encouraged e.g. english riding attire, western show attire, dairy whites, etc.
 - c. Barn clothes are not acceptable show attire. All animal exhibitors must wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, and have an overall neat and tidy appearance.
10. **Process for 4-H Grievances:** A grievance may be filed and a local volunteer grievance committee convened to address rule violations and alleged wrongdoing. A grievance committee will not be convened for decisions made by judges, missed deadlines, or code of conduct violations which will be addressed by staff according to an established process. To file a grievance you must contact the local Extension Educator within 24 hours of the incident.
11. Every Minnesota 4-H member is eligible for a "one-time" member exemption. This exemption provides the ability for the 4-H member to acknowledge they missed a 4-H deadline related to enrollment or competitive event participation and waive the consequences for the named deadline.

Exhibit rules

1. Youth will be eligible for all show-related premiums, awards, and participation in the state event when exhibition requirements are met (and appropriate permissions are granted by 4-H Program Staff). Approved early release is an exception to the rule and becomes a 4-H staff in partnership with the county fair board decision based on each situation.
2. All youth must be enrolled in 4-H to exhibit, demonstrate, or take part in projects. All work on projects entered must be done by the 4-H member and completed during the current 4-H year unless otherwise noted.
3. Note–Cloverbud exhibits, including livestock posters, will not be judged blue, red, or white. Instead, all will receive participation recognition.
4. **Display Requirements:** To improve the quality of displays, members are encouraged to design a visual display that provides for a trifold exhibit. Displays aren't required in all classes.
 - **Education/science tri-fold displays** for all project areas may not be larger than 12" deep x 24" wide x 36" high (Center back 24" wide x 36" high, right and left wings each 12" wide x 36" high).
 - **Poster displays** may not exceed 22" wide x 28" high. They may be smaller.
5. Conference judging results for all non-animal exhibits are based on:
 - 25% — exhibit quality
 - 25% — educational value
 - 50% — 4-H'ers knowledge and ability to explain

Note: The decision of the judge is final and may not be appealed.



- 6. Floor space for any exhibit may not exceed 20 square feet. If your exhibit exceeds this space limitation, contact the Extension Office, prior to exhibiting.**
7. All exhibits and their pieces must be labeled with the member's name, club, and county. Other appropriate information for the project (e.g., vegetable varieties) should be included. If the exhibit has multiple pieces, each part must be numbered and labeled to indicate pieces 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.
 8. Opinions expressed through exhibits and presentations are those of the 4-H member and not necessarily those of MN 4-H, U of MN or the county fair/agricultural society.
 9. Copyright Law and Infringement:
 - Copyright is a form of protection given to authors and creators of original work. Original work includes a person's ideas captured in writing or as an image, photograph, song, audio recording, or visual recording.
 - All original work- including information found on the web - is subject to copyright protection. The author/creator has exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, display, perform, or make derivative works.
 - Before using another person's work as part of your 4-H exhibit, be sure that the work is subject to fair use, has a creative commons license, or that you have requested and received permission (in writing) to use the original work. If an exhibit infringes on copyright law, a decision may need to be made to remove the exhibit from display at the county or state fair.

10. NEW in 2024–Community Impact Recognition

- Minnesota 4-H wants to recognize youth who are making a difference in their community and are sharing their story through their project(s) and exhibit(s).
- Judges at local and state showcases will place a recognition sticker on each exhibit where the 4-H'er clearly articulates how their efforts made a positive community impact.
- Exhibits and presentations may demonstrate the youth's community impact efforts through:
 - i. Direct Service: Involves face-to-face interactions with the people, animals, or environment being served-such as distributing meals or clearing up a park.
 - ii. Indirect Service: Involves benefiting a cause or group, but there isn't direct contact with those that benefit-such as fundraising or knitting blankets.
 - iii. Advocacy: Involves researching issues of public interest and then encouraging action or promoting awareness-such as promoting mindfulness practices to a school curriculum committee, or collecting water quality data for a community organization.



- Note: to qualify as “community impact”, the project should primarily benefit someone or something more than you individually, or your family.

Minnesota 4-H grievance policy

The [4-H grievance process](#) allows members to raise their concerns. The 4-H member may file a grievance. A local volunteer grievance committee will address rule violations and alleged wrongdoing. This committee will not be convened for:

- Decisions made by judges, which are final.
- Missed deadlines that are covered through the “one-time member exemption process.”
- [Code of Conduct](#)-related violations. These are addressed by 4-H staff according to an established process.

The [grievance committee process](#) outlines what may and may not be grieved, who may file a grievance, and the process for filing and hearing a grievance. The Minnesota 4-H member and their family may complete a grievance form if they wish to grieve a situation or decision related to an alleged wrongdoing or rule violation.

Animal science rules

Pre-Fair Reminder! Animal IDs that are not received by **May 15** (except Market Beef and Dairy Steers which are due **Feb. 15**) are eligible for blue, red, and white ribbons only. You are ineligible for grand & reserve champion, and State trips.

The Clay County 4-H horse and livestock programs and 4-H exhibitors of livestock will abide by the [IAFE \(International Association of Fairs and Expositions\) Code of Show Ring Ethics](#). To obtain a hard copy of the Code of Show Ring Ethics contact the Extension Office.

1. All beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, horse, llama-alpaca, poultry (doves/pigeons only), rabbit, sheep, and swine shown in 4-H livestock shows must have the required State 4-H ID system, ear tag, and/or tattoo. Animal ID data must be submitted online, arrive in the Extension office, or be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024 (with the exception of Market Beef due February 15, 2024).
2. All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family, or leased by agreement. The family includes the 4-H'ers parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents with the 4-Her's parents

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actively involved with and working on the farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease information.

3. Registered animals, not leased, must be registered in the exhibitor's name and/or the exhibitor's family name, or the family's farm name.
4. 4-H'ers exhibiting horses and livestock at the county fair are responsible for the care and feeding of the animals they exhibit.
5. **Note - Cloverbud exhibits, including livestock posters, will not be judged blue, red, or white. Instead, all will receive participation recognition.**
6. All animal exhibits, including showmanship, must be pre-registered. Members may exhibit multiple animals per class unless stated otherwise—exception horse, and pets.
7. 4-H'ers must show their own animal in the class. If the 4-H'er has multiple animals in one class, another 4-H member(s) from the same county can show the other animals.
8. All 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the county fair are eligible to participate in showmanship and must show their own animal.
9. No animals may be advertised for sale and no farm, ranch, or sale signs may be displayed or worn in the show ring. The only signs other than 4-H stall cards and champion/reserve champion signs that may be displayed are educationally-based signs with performance or pedigree information and signs with the animal's name. Only decorations that support the 4-H Youth Development Program are allowed.
10. **State Grooming & Fitting Rules:** All grooming of livestock, including clipping, trimming and manipulation of the hair/wool (such as blocking on sheep, pulling up hair on beef, and working up top lines on dairy) must be done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family (parents, step-parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers or sisters), or any other enrolled Minnesota 4-H member.
11. Registered market animals must have registration papers solely in the exhibitor's name, the exhibitor's family name, or the family's farm name; registered breeding animals must have registration papers solely in the exhibitor's name, the exhibitor's family name, or the family's farm name or be under lease from any other owners (including partnerships).
12. To show registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed and registration papers must be available. Animals without proper registration papers (crossbreed and grades) must be shown as commercial.
13. All animal health regulations will be in effect as stipulated by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and the County Agricultural Society.



14. All required animal testing results must be ID'd with the animal in 4HOnline by the species-specific deadline. **All premiums, champion awards, and participation in a state event will be withheld from any 4-H'er who does not comply.**
15. All horses, livestock, and small animals must be checked-in on Thursday. Final check-in must be completed by the following times:
 - Poultry, 1:30 p.m.
 - Rabbit, 4:30 p.m.
 - All other species, 7 p.m.
16. Horses and livestock must stay on the grounds until 5 p.m. on Sunday. All stalls must be cleaned by the end of the post-fair clean-up on Monday evening following the fair. **All premiums, and participation in a state event will be withheld from any 4-H'er who does not comply.**

Animal science interviews

All livestock and horse exhibitors are encouraged to participate in interviews. This is an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge within your project area. Interviews are open to youth in grades 3+ for each animal species: beef, dairy, meat goat, dairy goat, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, and horse. Refer to the schedule of events for dates and times.

Each time slot is 5 minutes and are organized in 30 minute sections. You may do your interview anytime within that 30 minute window. Please sign-up for an interview time slot at: <http://z.umn.edu/clay4hvolunteer-interview>

Round robin eligibility

The grand and reserve champion beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, swine, and sheep showmanship winners in both junior and senior age divisions are invited to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship competition. If a showman declines the invitation or earns more than one spot with two species, an alternate will be selected.

Herdsmanship and livestock ethics

In 4-H, young people represent the public face of animal agriculture, and nowhere is this more visible than at the county fair! This is why Herdsmanship and Livestock Quality Assurance are such an important part of every family's animal plan for the county fair.



Herdsmanship

Herdsmanship is important to the public image of agriculture, the 4-H program, your club, and your family! Herdsmanship helps 4-H youth learn skills in making a presentable exhibit for the public as well as learn skills in courtesy, cooperation, neatness and proper care of animals. All youth exhibitors in grades 3+ will be included in herdsmanhip judging during the county fair. Judging criteria and process details can be found in the County Fair Exhibitor Guide--which will be sent to families after they register for the county fair.

Livestock ethics

Livestock Quality Assurance training helps youth provide excellent care for their food animals and ensure a high level of food safety to consumers. That's why this training is designed to enhance the educational experience of 4-H animal science projects.

Youth in grades 6+ are required to participate in a **Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training by July 1**, to be eligible to participate in the Minnesota State Fair with a livestock project. More details about LQA & YQCA trainings can be found online at z.umn.edu/lqa.

Horse and livestock health requirements

All livestock and horses will be inspected by the official veterinarian on the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock or horse with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring. This includes livestock with warts and ringworm. Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable.

Poultry

All poultry, except waterfowl and pigeons, must be identified by leg or wing band and have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days, or have a record of origin from a flock that tested negative within the last 12 months. All poultry should arrive at the fair banded. If leg bands are needed contact the Extension Office. **Test results or records of origin should be uploaded with the animal in 4HOnline or sent to the 4-H Office by May 15th.** Turkeys need to be tested negative for or originated directly from parent stock that is tested

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negative for *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae*.

Swine

All swine must be officially, individually identified. The 4-H tag plus ear notches will serve as an official form of ID.

Cattle

All cattle must be officially identified according to the [Minnesota Board of Animal Health](#).

Sheep and Goats

All sheep and goats, including wethers, must be identified with official identification approved for use in the scrapie eradication program. Sheep and goat producers should call the MN Board of Animal Health to order scrapie tags.

Horses

A negative Coggins test result within the past 12 months will be required for all horses attending a Clay County 4-H activity of any kind. A test is not required for suckling foals accompanying a negative dam.

Rabbits

A permanent tattoo in the rabbit's left ear will serve as an official form of ID.

Household pet rules

1. All household pet exhibits should be pre-registered in FairEntry. Members in animal projects may exhibit one animal in the Pet Show class.
2. 4-H'ers must show their own animals.
3. 4-H pet show exhibitors are responsible for the following:
 - a. grooming and showing — all grooming of pets, including bathing, brushing, and trimming must be done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family (parents, step-parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers, or sisters), or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member.
 - b. Bring care, feeding, and cleaning equipment as needed.
4. Cloverbud exhibits will not be judged blue, red, or white. Instead, all will receive participation recognition.
5. All animal health regulations will be in effect as stipulated by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and the County Agricultural Society.



6. The Clay County 4-H pet program and 4-H exhibitors of pets will abide by the [IAFE \(International Association of Fairs and Expositions\) Code of Show Ring Ethics](#). To obtain a hard copy of the Code of Show Ring Ethics contact the Extension Office.
7. All household pets should be restrained (e.g. collar and leash, cage, etc.) and in place Saturday before the Pet Show. Final check-in must be completed 30 minutes before the Pet Show begins.

Household pet health requirements

The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any household pet with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not be placed on a show table. This includes pets with fleas, ear mites, fungus, and other communicable diseases. Therefore, pets affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable.



State Fair or State Show eligibility

1. Trips for State Fair, and State Horse Show will be selected from blue ribbon exhibits only.
2. Members selected to represent the county at the State Fair and State Horse Show must have completed sixth grade.
3. To be eligible for a livestock trip to the State Fair, 4-H'ers must have completed Livestock Quality Assurance Training by the county deadline.

State Policy: All youth participating as a State Fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must have completed a livestock quality assurance training. There are two training options 1) a 3-hour in-person workshop (LQA&E), or 2) a 1-hour on-line training (YQCA). Youth completing either quality assurance training option will receive a certificate of completion.

4. Along with their qualifying state fair exhibit trip(s), 4-H members may participate in activities such as Share-the-Fun, demonstrations, Arts-In, cooking events, animal science educational exhibits, or judging teams.
5. [Competitive events, deadlines, consequences, and exemption options](#). Every Minnesota 4-H member is eligible for a "one-time" member exemption. This exemption provides the ability (one-time in a 4-H member's career) for the 4-H member to acknowledge they missed a 4-H deadline related to enrollment or competitive event participation and waive the consequences for the named deadlines. Exemptions may be used for county fair pre-entry registration requirements, but may not be used for State Fair trip sign-up deadlines.
6. 4-H youth who have been awarded a 4-H State Fair livestock trip through the local 4-H qualifying show must keep their designated trip animal on the county fairgrounds until the official release time to remain eligible for the 4-H State Fair trip. In the event that a youth/family requests an early release to travel/attend a national junior livestock show and education event, prior arrangements for early release must be made with and approved by the local 4-H staff, in partnership with the county fair board. Proof of national junior show participation (program with youth's name, printed class placing information) must be presented to local 4-H staff upon return to the county to maintain eligibility for the Minnesota State Fair 4-H livestock shows.
7. 4-H youth that have been awarded a 4-H State Fair general project trip through the local 4-H qualifying show must keep their designated trip project on the county fairgrounds until the official release time to remain eligible for the 4-H State Fair trip.

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Accepting and declining state trips

State Fair and State Horse Show trips will be posted in the 4-H Building shortly after judging is completed. It is the 4-Hers responsibility to check State Trip postings and indicate their desire to accept the trip by the county deadline. Trips may be accepted in the 4-H Building. Youth who have not accepted a trip by the deadline will be moved to the bottom of the lineup. This is Minnesota 4-H policy, and the one-time exemption cannot be used.

State Fair registration packets will be available for pick-up at 2 p.m. on Sunday during the county fair in the 4-H General Exhibits Building.

State Fair informational meetings will be held on Tuesday July 16, in the Clay County Extension Office.

- General Encampment, 6 p.m.
- Livestock Encampment, 7 p.m.
- 4-H State Horse Show, 8 p.m.

State Fair registration paperwork must be received in the Extension Office no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday following the county fair.

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Clay County 4-H Competitive Events: Deadline, Consequences, and Exemptions Table

Clay County 4-H Competitive Events: Deadlines, Consequences and Exemptions for 2024					
<i>This document is designed to assist 4-H members, families and 4-H staff in understanding state and county 4-H individual competitive event deadlines, consequences applied to each situation/deadline, and the use of the one-time exemption to remove all consequences for a single situation/deadline.</i>					
	4-H event participation	County fair ribbon and premium	County fair champion or reserve champion ribbon eligibility	State fair or state trip advancement	County fair herdsmanship, showmanship and interview awards
Membership enrollment or re-enrollment received after May 15, 2024.	Youth must be enrolled as 4-H members prior to participating in any 4-H event.1,2	Eligible to exhibit for blue, red or white placing and related ribbon premium.	Not eligible3,4	Not eligible3,4	Eligible
Animal Science ID received after deadline (Feb 15, 2024 for market beef; May 15, 2024 for all others)	Youth must be enrolled as 4-H members to identify a 4-H animal.1,2	Eligible to exhibit for blue, red or white placing and related ribbon premium.	Not eligible3,5,6	Not eligible3,5,6	Eligible
Fair registration received after county's pre-entry deadline	Youth must be enrolled as 4-H members and accepted in 4HOnline to register for fair.1	Eligible to exhibit for blue, red or white placing and related ribbon premium.	Not eligible3,4	Not eligible3,4	Eligible
State Fair trip acceptance received after State Fair Trip acceptance deadline	Youth must be enrolled as 4-H members and accepted in 4HOnline to register for fair.1	Eligible to exhibit for blue, red or white placing and related ribbon premium.	Not applicable	Not eligible until full trip lineup has been depleted.8	Eligible
Other county individual competitive event registration received after deadline	Youth must be enrolled as 4-H members prior to participating in any 4-H event.1,2	Eligible to exhibit for blue, red or white placing and related ribbon premium.	Not eligible3,4	Not eligible3,4	Not applicable

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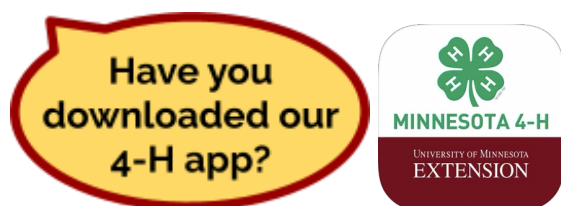
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Deadlines, Consequences and Exemptions for 2024 Footnotes

1. Youth may enroll in project areas at any time. However, to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair with full privileges the information in the Competitive Event Table must be met.
 2. For youth enrolling in 4-H for the first time and/or joining clubs or programs organized after the May 15, 2024 deadline, enrollment will be received for a period of one calendar week after the group is organized. Because of the animal science ID deadlines, youth enrolling after May 15, 2024 will not be able to exhibit in animal science projects with full privileges.
 3. 4-H member may choose to utilize their one-time exemption recognizing that they have missed a 4-H deadline and waive all consequences for that deadline. The one-time exemption applies for the career of the 4-H member and transfers among Minnesota counties.
 4. The one-time exemption form must be submitted with the late enrollment or late registration form.
 5. For Animal Science ID deadline, the 4-H member has one calendar week after set deadline to turn in, to the Extension Office, the animal ID form and the one-time exemption form. (The animal must be owned by deadline.)
 6. When a 4-H member uses their exemption for a late ID, then the animal(s) being ID'ed may only be shown by that same 4-H member at a 4-H county and/or state 4-H event. The late ID'ed animal(s) cannot be exhibited by another sibling at a 4-H event during the current 4-H year.
 7. If the county determines the 4-H member is "not eligible," this consequence is removed, if the youth chooses to use the one-time exemption.
 8. Grievance procedures and one-time exemptions are not allowed when possible outcome could affect another youth (e.g. State Fair trip acceptance deadline.)
 9. Central County ID options: 1) Attend designated county ID with animal(s); 2) Make arrangements with someone else to ID animal(s) at designated date/place; 3) Make arrangements with 4-H Program Staff to attend another county's central ID date (not eligible for rate of gain); 4) Use one-time exemption and identify own animal(s). (Arrangements must be made with 4-H Program Staff prior to identifying own animals; not eligible for rate of gain.)
- Exemption process originally implemented 10/1/13; updated 10/1/14, 1/27/17, 1/28/21, 5/23/2022, 1/9/2023, 1/22/2024

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Clay County Fair Information

Clay County Fair gate hours

July 11 to 14, 2024

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grandstand Events Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

Follow the fair on the web

Like the Clay County Fair [Facebook page](#) to stay up to date on the latest announcements and activities. You can also visit their [website](#) for up-to-date information.

General admission

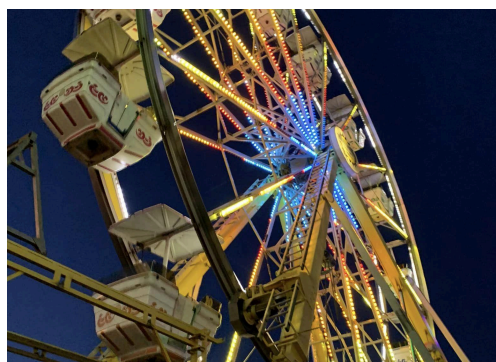
FREE GATE ADMISSION is available to every visitor & 4-H Youth member for the county fair. If interested in parking on the grounds, please plan ahead for these fees:

- \$3 daily parking fee
- 4-Day parking pass: \$10

Midway wristbands

Discounted wristbands can be purchased in advance in Barnesville, Dilworth, Hawley, Moorhead and Sabin locations or will be available for purchase at the fairgrounds for regular price.

- **Barnesville:** Midwest Bank, Barnesville Grocery, Cenex General Store, Barnesville C-Store & Motel, Ratzo's Pool Hall
- **Dilworth:** Bell Bank
- **Hawley:** Tony's SuperValu, Kirk's Super Stop, Express Lane, Valley Premier Bank, Bell Bank
- **Moorhead:** Clay County Extension Office, Hornbacher's, Bell Bank
- **Sabin:** C-Store



Campsite reservations

Camping arrangements should be made with fair board member Jay Rehder at 701-799-9434.

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Minnesota State Fair Information

Earning a 4-H trip to the Minnesota State Fair is an honor! Judges select the most exemplary project exhibits at the county fair to represent Clay County 4-H at the state fair. And we are proud of the young people who will represent our county in St Paul!

Visit the [Minnesota 4-H State Fair exhibitors](#) resource website for more information, or **load the Minnesota 4-H State Fair container in the 4-H app** to find more information!

Dates to know

July 14	State Fair registration packets available, 2 p.m.
July 16	State Fair Informational Meetings, 6 to 8 p.m.
July 18	State Fair registration paperwork deadline, 3 p.m.
Aug 2	State Fair general exhibits needing transport must be packed and turned in to the Extension Office, 3 p.m.
Aug 22 to Sept 2	Minnesota State Fair
Aug 21	Livestock arrival & check-in
Aug 22 to 25	Livestock encampment
Aug 25 to 27	General static encampment

Financial support for trip expenses

The Clay County 4-H Federation will cover the following expenses for youth who represent Clay County at state events:

- 50% of the Registration/Program fee.
- Transportation stipend for those who transport a non-relative, Clay County youth's livestock animal to and from State Fair Livestock Encampment.
- One (1) gate admission to the State Fair. Additional daily gate admission tickets are available to 4-H youth livestock exhibitors who stay off the grounds.

The Clay County 4-H Federation will cover the following expenses for overnight, adult chaperones who represent Clay County at state events:

- Chaperones who stay in the dorms: 100% of dorm lodging, meals, registration fee, overnight parking pass and gate pass plus a small stipend.

Families must purchase meal tickets at their own expense, or make arrangements for meals on their own.

Transportation options

All exhibitors are responsible for their own transportation. Families are encouraged to explore carpool options for general exhibits day trips and/or livestock trips.

Note: Static exhibits larger than a "laundry washing machine" must be transported by 4-H families.

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Go to State Fair as a chaperone

Minnesota State Fair Chaperones

The Minnesota State Fair is often a highlight of the 4-H year for youth who attend. But this experience wouldn't be possible without State Fair Chaperones! Local 4-H programs designate Minnesota 4-H volunteers as chaperones who are responsible for the conduct of their assigned delegations during the Minnesota State Fair.

Expectations for adult chaperones

Chaperones have additional responsibilities when staying overnight with youth in dormitories. Both a male and female adult 4-H volunteer must be designated for mixed delegations. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age at the time of service and have successfully completed volunteer screening, and be accepted and enrolled as a Minnesota 4-H Volunteer.

Resources to support adult chaperones

Visit the [Chaperones website](#) to learn more about this role, and to download the Chaperone Guide. All chaperones must watch the [Chaperone Training](#) video before attending the state fair as a chaperone. *Once you have watched this video, you must continue to the end of the survey to receive credit for completion.*

Financial support for adult chaperones

The Clay County 4-H Federation is grateful to our adult chaperones for helping our state trip winners have a great state experience! All costs associated with the state trip for which chaperones are required will be covered by the Council. Chaperones must travel to and from the state fair with the youth they are chaperoning.

State Fair schedules, judging livestreams, and more

Load the Minnesota State Fair container in the 4-H app to find the State Fair event schedules, judging locations, and many more details regarding the State Fair!



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Helpful links

- <https://mn.4HOnline.com>
- z.umn.edu/ClayFairEntry
- [Schedule of Events](#)
- [Minnesota 4-H at the State Fair](#)

Let us know what you think

When you have finished registering for the fair, please complete [this evaluation](#) of the interactive/online county fair book and let us know what you think of it. Your input will help us make the county fair book more user-friendly every year!

Contact information

If you have any questions or would like a paper copy of this information, please contact the Clay County Extension Office and let us know which sections you want printed.

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