

2023 4-H Booth Contest Rules

Set up times: Clubs will be able to set up their booth during business hours and select evening hours the week prior to the fair. Check your 4-H Calendar for more details.

Tear Down: Clubs will be able to tear down their booth on Sunday of the fair starting at 7:00 p.m. No items/projects should be removed from booths prior to that time.

Rules:

1. Clubs must submit their intent to have a booth to the OSU Extension office via online registration (will be sent via email) by August 1. Only clubs that have met this deadline will be assigned a booth space.
2. Clubs will be assigned a booth space based on the number of members *and* number of non-livestock projects. Clubs with more projects will be assigned larger booths. Clubs may NOT request a specific booth space.
3. Clubs will select their own theme. Themes should be creative, original, and appropriate for 4-H. The theme should attract attention and draw people to your booth.
4. The club display roster (located in fair booth packet provided during set up) must be turned directly into the 4-H Educator by an advisor. Rosters must be turned in no later than 5:00 p.m. on Labor Day. **Clubs that fail to meet this deadline are ineligible for the contest and members may not receive premium money.**
5. Tear down is Sunday of the fair from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Any projects still in the booth area on Monday after the fair will become the property of the Fair Board and may be discarded.**
6. Awards will include Champion, Reserve Champion, and Honorable Mention.
7. Youth in a club that does not request a booth can display their projects in the county-wide booth to be eligible for fair entry and premium, but the county-wide booth is not eligible for the booth contest.
8. Booths will be judged by a non-disclosed judge who is from outside of Hardin County based on the following guidelines:



Guidelines

- A. Non-livestock displays should be original work created during the course of the project. This could be a poster or something made as part of the project.
- B. Project books are NOT acceptable displays
- C. Each member should have their own work represented. Do not use a single display to showcase all members of a specific project area. Example: for food projects, each member should display their portfolio. A single place setting with everyone's name on it is NOT acceptable.
- D. Names and project title should be clearly labeled on each project.
- E. Ribbons should be displayed neatly with each project.
- F. No real food may be used for displays or decorations
- G. No firearms, bows, arrows, or ammunition should be used as displays for shooting projects or decorations. Photographs are acceptable.
- H. No live animals may be used for displays or decorations.
- I. Fair booths are not under constant surveillance, so be cautious of putting valuable items in your booth.
- J. The club name, theme, and 4-H clover should be used and easily recognized.
- K. Staples are permitted but must be removed on Sunday during tear down.
- L. No permanent changes to booth structure may be made.
- M. No spray painting is to be done on fairgrounds.
- N. No additional lighting may be used. Each booth is provided overhead lighting and permanent spotlights.
- O. Avoid using high flammable decorations (bedding, shavings, excessive crepe paper, etc.)
- P. The 4-H Educator has the authority to have items removed from your booth if they are deemed inappropriate or hazardous.