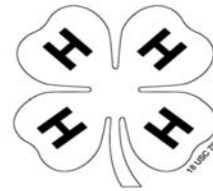


Clay County 4-H Guidelines

July/August 2017



A NOTE FROM LAUREN -

As we get ready for another County Fair, remember all of the learning opportunities that the fair presents! During the judging process of your project, whether it be livestock or static, be sure to keep an open mind and have your listening ears on. When interview judging, please make sure that you are taking the time to talk to those judges! Judges offer great advice that can help you with your State Fair experience and will help you to grow in your project. 4-H project judging is one of the visible learning experiences in 4-H by developing communication and life skills in youth. 4-Hers are known for their public presentation skills, ability to convey information and engage in a conversation, and it gives them a leg up when interviewing for scholarships or job interviews! Not only should you be an active listener during the fair, but also be a teacher! Fair visitors love to hear about 4-Hers projects and the work that went behind it. Remember that many fairgoers were not in 4-H and some may not understand the purpose of shearing a lamb, blowing out a heifer, or using a cane/pipe for showing a pig. A great way to share this information with others is to come up with an "elevator speech". This is a clear, brief message about your 4-H project. It is typically around 30 seconds, the time it takes people to ride from the top to the bottom of a building in an elevator. Be an AG-vocate for your projects!



MONDAY, AUGUST 7 IS FAIR SET UP BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM. Meckling Livestock - swine barn and covered arena; Clay County Cubs and Pride of Wakonda - beef barn; Young Producers - poultry and rabbit barns; Burbank Feeders, Dog and Lucky Trail-blazers - food stand and eating area.

COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK TIE-OUT RULES

At the June 4-H Leaders Association meeting, a motion was made and passed that **ALL livestock will be in their respective barns between the hours of 9 pm and 6 am. There will be NO overnight tie-outs. It was also mentioned that livestock exhibitors will need to start cleaning up after their animals when they are outside.**

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY from the State 4-H Office

Any exhibits going to State Fair must be registered accurately in Fair Entry by 11:59 pm on August 20. This is a State Office deadline and the program will close automatically at midnight. No changes or additions will be permitted and this year there is zero tolerance for missing information. Inaccurate information will disqualify the exhibit. There will be no state fair fees again this year.

NOTES FROM THE FAIR BOARD

- ◆ We are still looking for participants for the Princess Pageant. Please visit www.claycountyfair.net for registration information.
- ◆ Tractor Supply company has donated 2 pallets of wood chips for the fair. **Each livestock exhibitor will be able to pick up ONE bag of wood chips during livestock check-in.** We will also have a couple bags of wood chips for the rabbit and poultry exhibitors to share.
- ◆ 4-H Exhibitors can purchase 3-day inflatable wristbands for \$10 on Wednesday evening during exhibit check-in and again on Thursday morning in the covered arena during livestock check-in. These are the only opportunities you will have to purchase the 3-day wristbands. Single day wristbands will be \$5 per day this year. Special thank you to the 4-H Leaders for helping make this possible.
- ◆ Vermillion Ford has selected the Clay County Fair Board as the recipient of the Drive 4 UR Community Event. Please make plans to test drive a vehicle Thursday from 2-8 pm during the fair. For each vehicle driven, Ford will donate \$20 to the Fair Board to help with much needed facility upgrades.

Reminders

- ▶ Livestock families will provide their own wood chips again this year.
- ▶ Each exhibitor must make their own batch of cookies or bars - families cannot share a batch of cookies. The judges have remarked on this past years. Keep in mind the judges will measure the cookies and bars so follow the size guidelines.
- ▶ Selected Outfit static exhibits - keep your receipts for the entry form.
- ▶ Garment Recycling - you will need 'before' and 'after' pictures and must use the specific entry form.
- ▶ Hobbies & Collection exhibits need a Summary Report included with the exhibit.
- ▶ Home Environment Quilted exhibits have a specific entry form.
- ▶ Samples of your cookies or bars would be met with excitement by office staff.
- ▶ Exhibits entered in the Chalk, Carbon and Pigment project area under Visual Arts are not required to be framed. The canvas can be displayed on an easel if you like.
- ▶ All project areas are interview judged. You choose one exhibit from each project area you are exhibiting in to interview.
- ▶ Best of Show static exhibits will be chosen again this year. Judges will choose the Best of Show from all purple ribbon exhibits in each division. One winner per division regardless of age.
- ▶ Foam board for photography exhibits is available at the office. Cost is \$1/board. Please bring correct amount of money if you are going to pay with cash. 4-H members can use either white or black. Open Class Division can only use white boards.
- ▶ Only 4-H parents will be allowed in the food stand on Friday during the Demo Derby. All Junior Ambassador-aged members should be in the arena helping the younger members.
- ▶ **The county fair t-shirts and Fair Entry exhibit entry cards will be ready for pick up on Monday, August 7. The entry cards need to be attached to your exhibits so be sure to pick them up.**

NEW EVENTS AT THE 2017 COUNTY FAIR

- *Jim Perry* will performing his magic show Thursday, August 10 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm on the main stage.
- *Youth Talent Contest* on Saturday, August 12 at 12 noon. Entries are due by 9 pm on Thursday, August 10. Entry forms can be dropped off at the Extension Office or emailed to sdclaycountyfair@gmail.com. For more information please visit www.claycountyfair.net.
- *Lawn Mower Races* on Thursday, August 10. Registration starts at 5:30 pm. Skill will be just as important as speed as you make your way through the obstacle course. Please visit www.claycountyfair.net for more information.
- *BINGO* presented by Vermillion Area Community Foundation on Saturday, August 12 from 2 to 4 pm in south end of the rabbit barn.
- *Fare at the Fair*. We are excited that the Vermillion Area Farmers Market and SD Specialty Crop Producers will be giving samples of product Friday, August 11 from 3 to 7 pm in the south end of the rabbit barn. Elaine Peacock will be performing Saturday night following the Auction.
- *Warning Shot* will be performing on Saturday, August 12 from 8 to 11 pm in the Open Arena. Beer Garden and gates will open at approximately 7:30 pm.
- *Power Wheels Derby* has moved to Thursday, August 10 at 7:30 pm in the open arena. Registration begins at 5:30 pm.

LIVESTOCK RELEASE TIMES - COUNTY FAIR

At the July 4-H Leaders meeting it was decided to wait until Saturday night of the fair to decide on livestock release times. There is a band playing until 11 pm so depending on the crowd size, livestock may be released later than usual. The decision will be made on Saturday night by Lauren and Missy O'Connor, Fair Board Manager.



WESTERN JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

We have received the show booklet so if interested, call or email the office and we'll get it out to you. The show is October 4 - 7, 2017 on the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Rapid City.

We are happy to announce that the Clay County 4-H Program is the \$2500 recipient of the Monsanto/America's Farmers Grow Communities award again this year. Scott and Jeanne Jepsen were chosen from Clay County and selected the 4-H Program as the organization to receive the award. Please take the time to send a thank you - either by club or individually. Their address is 31675 455 Avenue, Meckling SD 57069. Let's fill their mailbox!



4-H Dates

August 7-13: County Fair Week

August 20: State Fair Entry deadline

August 26: State 4-H Dog Show, Mitchell

August 31 - Sept 4: SD State Fair



July 1 – Jaxon Heine
July 4 – Sadie Dahlhoff
July 6 - Tyler Christensen
July 7 – Signe West
July 14 – Toria Andre
July 16 – Trey Law
July 17 – Max Knutson
July 19 – Tori Waage
July 26 – Kim Nelson
July 27 - Ross Dahlhoff
July 28 – Baily Sullivan
July 30 – Evy Abild

Aug 1 - Joel Dahlhoff
Aug 2 – Margaret Williams
Aug 4 – Liv West
Aug 7 – Gayden Johnson
Aug 8 - Remington Weiland
Aug 10 – Mariah Steffen
Aug 12 – Seth Huot
Aug 13 – Kate DeVelder
Aug 18 – Lydia Anderson
Aug 19 - Sadie Huot
Aug 20 - Olivia Warner
Aug 21 - Blake Nelson
Aug 22 – Craig DeVelder
Aug 23 – Brandon Danielson
Aug 26 – Sidney Robinson

TIME TO THINK ABOUT RECORD BOOKS AND JOURNALS

All books are due in the office by 5 pm on Monday, October 2. All award applications are also due that day. Check with your club leader as they may want them earlier in order to look over and still have them in the office by the deadline.

CONGRATULATIONS

KAYSEE CHRISTENSEN AND TYLER CHRISTENSEN!

Kaysee placed 1st in Ribbon Roping and Breakaway Roping and 4th in team roping at the Watertown Regional Rodeo and is on the road to winning the Sr. Girls All-Around. Kaysee and Tyler won the Team roping at the Huron Regional Rodeo.

Tyler placed 4th in team roping at the Watertown Regional Rodeo, 4th in Calf Roping and 1st in team roping and tied for 1st in the Sr. Boys All-Around at the Huron Regional Rodeo.

Both Tyler and Kaysee will be competing at the State 4-H Finals rodeo August 18-20, 2017.

SCHWAN'S CARES!

Another fundraiser has been started to help raise funds for the Clay County 4-H Program. From July 22 through September 5, we earn 20% on food purchases and 40% on eGift Cards. After September 5, we receive 5% of any orders. Orders can be made online, through our fundraising page or by phone using our group's campaign ID # shown below:

Clay County 4-H

ID: 33715

Link: <https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/33715>

Starts: July 22, 2017


Ends: September 5th 2017

FYI - their frozen strawberry chocolate chunk yogurt is the best!



The 2017 4-H Recognition Event will be on Sunday, November 19 at 2 pm. Make plans to attend!

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Clay Co Flyers 5:30 pm Sportsmen Club	7 Fair set up 6:30p Meckling Live- stock 5:30 pm 4-H Center	8 Open Class Entry 4 - 7 pm	9 4-H Entry 5 - 7 pm	10 Livestock Entry 8 am - 12 Noon	11	12
		Clay County Fair & Achievement Days				
13 Fair Clean up 8a	14	15	16 I-W Schools Begins	17	18 Static exhibits due back by 5 pm if taken home for minor repairs	19
						
20 Clay Co Flyers 5:30 pm Sportsmen Club	21		23 Beresford Schools Begin Vermillion Schools Begin	24	25	26 State 4-H Dog Show, Mitchell
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				SD State Fair August 31 - September 4		

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Showing your pet at the fair can be a fun and rewarding experience! This year our county achievement days is offering you the opportunity to show your pet from fish to hamsters to birds. There are just a few things you want to think about prior to showing to make the experience enjoyable.

In general, you will be judged on a combination of your pet's overall appearance, its housing, the quality of care you provide, and your knowledge of the animal. Check with iGrow.org for the scoring rubric.

Preparing for the show depends on the pet you have, but here are a few tips:

1. Get a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required for all companion animals. A rabies vaccination is required for ferrets and cats
2. Check for external and internal parasites. Animals can't be shown if they have any parasite present
3. Learn more about your pet: Where is it from originally? What does it eat naturally? What is the best way to care for it?
4. Prepare your presentation
 - Start on this a few weeks before the fair
 - Take necessary pictures
5. Have your parents or friends ask you questions about your pet to prepare for answering the judge's questions
6. Handle your pet at least 2-3 times per week
7. Clean your pet's enclosure regularly, but make sure to tidy it up before you attend the show
8. Trim toenails or wings if needed

What to bring to the show:

1. Your pet
2. Travel cage or its normal enclosure. If you need to bring a travel cage, bring along some pictures of its normal habitat to share with the judge. ***Facilities, including electricity, will not be provided by the show***
3. Food and water to show judge how you care for pet
4. Toys or other enrichment
5. Piece of carpet or towel to set on the show table.
6. Make sure your animal is comfortable and bring anything that might help keep it's stress down.

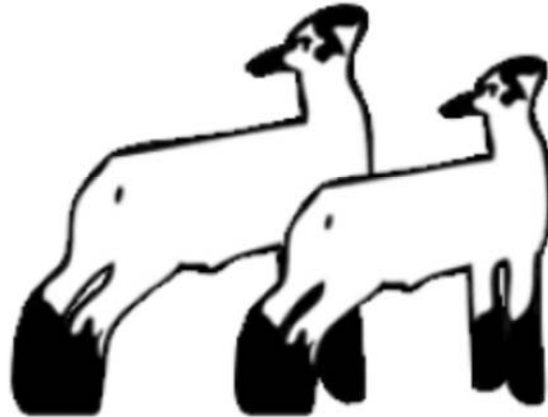
As part of the show, you will give a short presentation about your pet. Here are some ideas about what to include:

1. Your name and age
2. Pet's name, species, age, and coloring
3. Where does your pet come from? What are some characteristics of its natural environment?
4. Discuss your pet's overall appearance and health
5. How you care for your pet
6. How often and how you clean its enclosure
7. What health treatments your pet receives
8. What and how much your pet eats
9. How often you groom it
10. How did you prepare for show
11. Something special about your pet

You are also judged on the appearance of your pet's enclosure and your own personal appearance. Make sure you are neat and tidy!

Companion Animal Help Sheet - County Draft adapted with permission from University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.

Hutchinson County Open Class Market Lamb Show



Friday, August 4th

Hutchinson County Fairgrounds

Tripp, SD

Weigh-ins: 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Show starts approximately: 7:00 p.m.

Health Papers are required

Conditions: Entry fee is \$10 per head. All participants will be required to show out of trailer. Class winnings will be handed out. Grand Champion Overall will receive a cash prize of \$250 and Reserve Grand Champion Overall will receive a cash prize of \$150.

For More Information Please Contact

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