

2024 SIOUX COUNTY FAIR BOOK



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SIoux COUNTY FAIR YOUTH DIVISION

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Revised: 2024

I. ELIGIBILITY: Youth Division

- a. ALL 4-H DIVISIONS except OPEN YOUTH LIVESTOCK CLASSES and FFA CLASSES.
- b. Must be enrolled in the Sioux County 4-H program
- c. Must be enrolled in the appropriate project.
- d. Non 4-H youth can enter in the Open Class division.

II. SIOUX COUNTY 4-H YOUTH HORSE SHOW

- a. Open to 4-H Exhibitors from any county.
- b. Show will adhere to Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Rules

III. OPEN YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

- a. Show is open to all youth ages 5-18 by January 1st of the current year. Those youth ages 5-7 will be allowed to participate in given that an adult assists them and stays with them in the ring and the animal weighs less than 350 pounds.
- b. Sioux County exhibitors will receive premiums based on their ribbon grouping.
- c. Out-of-county exhibitors will receive premiums based on their placing within a class. Premiums will be paid at the following rates:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Showmanship				
PeeWee & Junior	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Intermediate	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Senior	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
Other Classes	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$3.00

FAIR ENTRIES

I. LIVESTOCK

- a. All animals must be owned by the youth exhibitor or by the family or in the name of the ranch or farm.
- b. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for herdsmanship of their own exhibits, stall, or pen space and alley space.
- c. No professional groomers are permitted to help exhibitors.
- d. Animals should be shown by the exhibitor when possible. Substitute youth showmen must be approved by the show superintendent. Only animals entered by the exhibitor can be used for showmanship contests.

- e. Dress Code – Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dairy goat, sheep, and swine are required to wear western clothing and hard sole shoes or boots. Horse exhibitors: See Horse Show Section.

II. GENERAL

- a. Any exhibitor who is found to have tampered with, doctored, or entered an exhibit that is his not his/her work will forfeit any premium, ribbon, and cash prizes and exhibitor will be placed on probation. A second offense will cause disqualification from further competition or participation in the youth division of the Sioux County Fair.
- b. All entries must be entered and in place by the deadlines set by each division. This information is available at the County Extension Office and it will also be publicized BUT it is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain information.
- c. The judges will place all creditable exhibits in each class into four ribbon groups according to excellence. These ribbon groupings include:
 - i. Purple – Superior
 - ii. Blue – Excellent
 - iii. Red – Good
 - iv. White – Satisfactory
- d. In case of no competition, the judge will decide which ribbon placing the exhibit deserves. Trophy winners and/or exhibits designated for State Fair should be purple ribbon quality.
- e. Fair prizes will be awarded to 4-H members at the Annual Fun Feed. Prizes will be considered for the following categories: Family and Consumer (home environment, heritage, consumer management, human development), Healthy Living (cooking, safety, food preservation), Clothing (shopping in style, beyond the needle, sewing), Visual Arts (photography, sketchbook crossroads, portfolio pathway), SET (entomology, welding, wood science, conservation, computers, robotics, rockets, etc.), and Plant Science (horticulture and range). Final discretion is up to the 4-H Council.
- f. For livestock shows, 4-H prizes will be awarded to Sioux County 4-H members, where the Sioux County Fair is their only 4-H County Show, at the Annual Fun Feed. The ribbons received will be turned into a point value (Champion 5 points plus points for ribbon color, Reserve 3 points plus points for ribbon color, Purple =5, Blue =3, Red =2, and White=1) then added together for a total and divided by maximum points possible to create a percentage. The Champion and Reserve Champion points will be added if a youth member receives a Champion or Reserve Champion designation for the division. For example: Champion Stocker Feeder, Breeding Heifer, Breeding Bull, Market Beef, Bucket Calf, Breeding Lamb, Market Lamb, Top Bird, etc.). The member with the highest percentage will receive the prize. If there is a tie, the member that placed the best in Showmanship will be the recipient.
- g. The superintendent will determine eligibility/ineligibility of an exhibit in their division. All ineligible items will not be judged or displayed.
- h. A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year.
- i. State Fair Eligibility Requirements for Exhibitors: Only classes with an asterisk (*) in front of the number are eligible for State Fair entry. An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting in the county which he/she represents. In classes where presence of the 4-Her is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, a 4-H member must be age 10 by January 1st of the current year. For classes where the presence of the 4-Her is not required, the exhibitor must be age 8 by January 1st of the current year.
- j. Interview Judging will be conducted on all 4-H Static Exhibit Projects.

III. NUMBER OF EXHIBITS PER CLASS

- a. Livestock and Horse – No limit on number of entries BUT an exhibitor cannot earn more than two premiums in each class.
- b. Home Economics – No limit at county level, but State fair entries are limited by the State Fair rules.

IV. EXHIBITOR RELEASE TIMES

- a. Art Hall – Released at 3:00 pm on the Sunday of Fair.
- b. Horses, livestock, and other animals released after respective shows.

V. PREMIUMS

- a. Premiums will be paid at the following rates to county youth.

Division	Purple	Blue	Red	White
Beef	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$3.00
Horse	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Dairy Cattle	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$3.00
Sheep & Goats	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Swine	\$8.50	\$6.50	\$3.50	\$2.00
Small Animals	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Static Exhibits	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

Clover Kid Exhibits will each receive a \$1.00 premium.

VI. Protest Committee

- a. For all shows except the Livestock Show, the respective division committee has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the Sioux County Fair book, and these will be adhered to by all.
- b. A committee shall be appointed to serve as a grievance committee. They will meet when needed, to act upon concerns. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
- c. Written protests must be submitted to the county fair division committees.
- d. The written protest must include:
 - i. Names of persons involved
 - ii. Nature of concerns
 - iii. Situation and documentation
 - iv. Recommendations for correction
 - v. Specific action, rule, etc. in question

- vi. Additional person committee may contact for further clarification
- vii. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission to the fair superintendent
- e. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials to include County Fair management, if appropriate, prior to making a final decision. The committee will recommend appropriate action to management in writing. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
- f. In cases of protest, the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process. This allows for smooth operation of the show and facilitates appropriate processing.
- g. The management reserves the right to withhold premiums and/or awards. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.
- h. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the Sioux County Fair.

VII. Disclaimer of Responsibility for Exhibits at the Sioux County Fair

- a. Exhibits at the Sioux County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Sioux County, in association with the Sioux County Agricultural Society, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension or the Sioux County Agricultural Society or the Sioux County 4-H Council cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the number of exhibits. People who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of fair.
- b. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the county fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

VIII. Drugs and Alcohol Policy

- a. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in the youth section of the Sioux County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.

CULINARY CHALLENGE

The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest will require youth to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety; utilizing a foods and nutrition curriculum. They will apply healthy living knowledge and skills by planning a nutritious menu, demonstrating their understanding of time management skills in the kitchen, and expressing their originality and creativity through an appropriate themed and properly set table. To showcase these skills, youth will create a menu, prepare a food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. In order to highlight knowledge and skills acquired during pre-contest preparation, youth will utilize technology as part of their interview.

RULES

- A. A team will consist of two members to be eligible to compete. 4-H members must be 8 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year.
- B. Judging interviews will be approximately 12 to 15 minutes. This time includes a short presentation by the teams, as well as questions from the judges.
- C. Team members must provide their own table for the display.
- D. During judging, 4-H members may choose to dress in appropriate clothing, costume, or accessories relevant to the theme.
- E. The challenge ingredient will be selected each year, highlighting a Nebraska commodity food product. The 2024 challenge ingredient is soy. Please keep food safety in mind when selecting the recipe used for the Challenge. Foods must be able to be kept chilled during transport to the contest, then be able to be re-heated in a microwave if needed. Each team must incorporate the challenge ingredient into their food item they will be presenting during the contest. This may require altering a recipe or creatively incorporating an item into their overall table theme. The challenge ingredient must also be included in the interview presentation, demonstrating youth knowledge of the ingredient, such as nutritional value, a farm-to-fork concept, or how to adapt a recipe to include the ingredient.
- F. The team should view themselves as the hosts, welcoming the judge, cooperatively presenting the table to the judge, incorporating multi-media resources, and answering any questions from the judge. Teams must be prepared to present to the judge utilizing technology, such as PowerPoint, picture story, or other multi-media resource. Presentations may include photos, clip art, animation, video or audio sound. The 4-H members should cooperatively present a verbal presentation to the judge that is highlighted by their multi-media presentation via computer or tablet. Participants must provide their own computer or other equipment needed for their 4-H Foods Event judging interview. Presentations will occur at participants' tables.
- G. Considerations should be given to creatively include the following items through the multi-media presentation: nutritional facts about their menu, food safety, time management, choice of menu, food preparation, cost of item/per serving, food handling techniques, recipe of the food item shared with the judge
- H. Challenge ingredient (nutritional value, farm-to-fork, recipe revision, etc.)
- I. This contest will take place on Fashion Revue Day.

***F500010 Junior**

***F500011 Intermediate**

***F500012 Senior**

FASHION SHOW

Those 4-H exhibitors modeling constructed garments will be judged for Construction/Fit, Selection/Creativity, and Individual Modeling/Accessories in front of a judge. Those 4-H exhibitors modeling Shopping in Style garments will be evaluated in front of a judge for modeling skill, fit, and appearance of the outfit and accessories, worth 60% of the score. Judging of the completed Shopping in Style Fashion Show Form (FS184, revised 2/2018) will be done prior to the Fashion Show. The Shopping in Style Fashion Show Form (SF184, revised 2/2018) is worth 40% of the total score and is judged on content, completeness, accurate information, and neatness. Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hfashionshow>.

BEGINNING SEWING

C410001 **Modeled “Beginning Sewing” Garment:** All Beginning Sewing garments. Not eligible for State Fair.

BEYOND THE NEEDLE

C410009 **Modeled “Beyond the Needle” Beginning Embellished Garment** - (SF117) - Any exhibit entered into the Beginning Embellished Garment class. Not eligible for State Fair.

***C410010** **Modeled “Beyond the Needle” Embellished Garment(s) with an Original Design** - (SF117) - Garment is created using intermediate or advanced techniques as defined in the project manual. Designs are the original idea of the 4-H member using the elements and principles of design to make an original statement.

***C410015** **Modeled “Beyond the Needle” Garment Constructed From Original Designed Fabric** - (SF117) - Fabric yardage is designed first, then a garment is constructed from that fabric. Other embellishments may be added.

***C410020** **Modeled “Beyond the Needle” Textile Arts Garment(s)** - (SF117) - Garment is constructed using new unconventional materials. Examples: rubber bands, plastic, duct tape.

***C410025** **Modeled “Beyond the Needle” Wearable Technology Garment** - (SF117) - Garment has integrated technology into its design.

C410026 **Modeled Other “Beyond the Needle”** - (SF117) - Any other Beyond the Needle garment or accessory. Not eligible for State Fair.

STEAM CLOTHING 1

C410023 **Modeled “STEAM I” Garment** - (SF117) - All STEAM I garments. Not eligible for State Fair.

STEAM CLOTHING 2

***C410030** **Modeled Constructed STEAM Clothing 2 Garment(s)** – (SF117) - 4-H members who have enrolled in or who have completed STEAM Clothing 3 projects are not eligible to enter STEAM Clothing 2. Possible types of STEAM Clothing 2 garments include:

- Dress; OR
- Romper or Jumpsuit; OR
- Two-Piece Outfit Combination (skirt with top, vest, or lined/unlined jacket; jumper and top; pants or shorts outfit (pants or shorts with top, vest, lined/unlined jacket). Or a purchased top can be worn to complete a vest or lined/unlined jacket outfit with a constructed bottom. OR
- Upcycled Outfit Combination – must contain a complete constructed outfit (examples: if the top is upcycled, must include a constructed bottom, upcycled dress).

STEAM CLOTHING 3

- *C410040 Modeled Constructed STEAM Clothing 3 Garment(s)** - (SF117) - Possible types of STEAM Clothing 3 garments include:
- Dress or formal; OR
 - Skirted Outfit Combination (skirt with top, vest, lined/unlined jacket OR jumper and shirt) A purchased top can be worn to complete a vest or jacket outfit with a skirt, pants, or shorts.; OR
 - Pants or Shorts Outfit Combination (pants or shorts with top, vest, lined/unlined jacket) A purchased top can be worn to complete a vest or jacket outfit with a skirt, pants, or shorts.; OR
 - Romper or Jumpsuit; OR
 - Specialty Wear (swim wear, costumes, western wear chaps, chinks, riding attire or hunting gear); OR
 - Non-tailored Lined or Unlined Jacket or Coat, additional pieces with jacket or coat may either be constructed or purchased; OR
 - Tailored Coat, Blazer, Suit Jacket, or Outerwear. Additional pieces with coat, blazer, jacket or outerwear may either be constructed or purchased; OR
 - Upcycled Outfit Combination – must contain a complete constructed outfit (examples: if the top is upcycled, must include a constructed bottom, upcycled dress).

KNITTING OR CROCHET – LEVEL 1

- C410049 Modeled Knitted or Crocheted Clothing (Level I)** - (SF117) - Any exhibit entered in a Level I Knitting or Crochet Class. Can be paired with another purchased or sewn garment to create a complete wearable outfit. Not eligible for State Fair.

KNITTING OR CROCHET – LEVEL 2 OR 3

- *C410050 Modeled Knitted or Crocheted Clothing (Level 2 or 3)** - (SF117) - Knitted garment using pattern stitches such as diamond, block, twist or seed/moss stitches or advanced knitting stitches such as pass slip stitch over, double-pointed needle knitting, cable, Turkish, tamerna, plait, germaine, feather and fan or knitting with one or more patterns such as Aran or Fair Isle. Crocheted garment using pattern stitches such as texture, shell, cluster or mesh stitches or advance crochet stitches such as afghan, broomstick, hairpin lace, design motifs or pattern stitches. Garment needs to can be a complete outfit as in a sweater, cardigan, dress, coat, a top and bottom, or a two-piece ensemble. (bottom and top).
- C410051 Modeled Knit One/Buy One or Crochet One/Buy One (Level II or III)** - (SF117) - Any Level II or III Knitted or Crocheted garment paired with another sewn or purchased garment to make a complete wearable outfit. Not eligible for State Fair.

SHOPPING IN STYLE

- *C410060 Modeled Shopping In Style Purchased Outfit and Written Report** - (SF184) - Participants must be enrolled in the Shopping In Style 4-H Project to enter. The curriculum is developed and designed for youth ages 10 and older to help them strengthen their consumer skills when purchasing clothing. Participants must model a complete outfit. All pieces of the garment must be purchased.

MODELING FOR FUN!

- C410061 Modeling for Fun:** Any outfit, garment, or accessory that does not fit into another class. Not eligible for State Fair.

ROBOTICS SHOWCASE

The 4-H Robotics Showcase is an opportunity for youth to showcase their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) talents by presenting their robot's design and programming skills to judges and members of the public. All youth participants have the ability to interact with the judges and run the programs on the robot exhibit.

RULES

A. Participants may enter as an individual or as a team. A team consists of 2-4 individuals.

***F500037** **Robotics Video** – This class should be displayed in a notebook. The notebook should include a video clip on a CD/DVD that demonstrates the robot performing the programmed function. Include your pseudo code and screenshots of the actual code with a written description of the icon/command functions. Videos can be uploaded to a video streaming application and exhibitors **MUST** provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. Exhibitors are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions.

***F500038** **Build a Robot (may use kit)** – Include a robot and notebook including the pseudocodes for at least one program you have written for the robot, the robots purpose, and any challenges or changes you would make in the robot design or programming.