

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Your exhibit has been chosen for entry at the Nebraska State Fair.*

Exhibiting at the Nebraska State Fair is recognition of your accomplishments in a specific project area. We do want you to know, however, there are also some risks involved when exhibiting. The policy as stated in the State Fair Premium Books reads as follows:

“Disclaimer of Responsibility for Exhibits at Nebraska State Fair - 4-H exhibits at the Nebraska State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H member. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development, in cooperation with the Nebraska State Fair Board accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, 4-H and the Nebraska State Fair Board cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the State Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PREPARING EXHIBITS FOLLOWS:**

→**Extension staff will take your exhibits to Grand Island for you**, but you must have them to the Extension Office by **NOON (12:00 pm) on TUES., AUG. 23, 2016. No exhibits will be accepted after NOON (12:00 pm).**

→**Transportation of large exhibits** such as home environment, human development, furniture, welding, woodworking, etc. are the responsibility of the 4-H'er. Space for transporting exhibits is limited so do not assume that Extension Staff will have space.

→**Non-perishable exhibits** may be brought to the office **prior to August 23.**

→**Please follow directions** when preparing your exhibits. Any changes the County Fair Judge suggested, or any you feel need to be made, can be done before sending the exhibit to State Fair.

→**All Entries** - State Fair entry tags will be printed and attached at the office.

→**Labeling** - Attach a label with your name and county to each article in an inconspicuous place. Articles not labeled will not be accepted! Do this **before** you bring exhibit to the office. **Example: ALL items in a First Aid Kit or Babysitting Kit must be labeled.**

→**Packing** - Pack in a **protective, compact carton which can be discarded.** Pack for travel **but do not tape the carton shut** before the item is brought to the office. Entry tags will be attached at the office and items must still be accessible.

### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

→**Human Development** - Entries in classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8 must include **a supporting information sheet (a half sheet of 8 ½" x 11" paper) as stated on page 123-124 of the county fair book.** Multiple pieces should be connected or packed in one container. Label each piece **inconspicuously** with name and county.

→**Knitted & Crocheted Exhibits** - Item must be labeled according to the clothing instructions on the next page. Include information sheet and a copy of the directions. Exhibits not suitable for hanging should be entered in a self-sealing plastic bag hung on a hanger.

→**Clothing** - A label made from white fabric/paper **must** be attached by safety pins or basting to the neckline or back waistband of **each** garment piece. The label should include the **County, 4-Hers name and age, project name and class in which garment is entered, and number of years enrolled in the project exhibited.** (Sew-in interfacing is ideal for the label; print the information on it). Do not use straight pins to attach label. Entries without proper labels will not be accepted. Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the identification label. **Have entry on hanger with hanger toward the left as you look at the garment. Use only wire hangers or hangers with a swivel hook and safety pin clothes to it. Do not use clothespins to attach skirts & shorts to hanger. Wool garments and garments with narrow straps hang better on other hangers, i.e. wooden or notched plastic hangers. If more than one hanger is used, fasten hangers together with twist-ties or rubber bands.** Exhibits not suitable for hanging should be entered in a self-sealing plastic bag hung on a hanger.

→**Food and Nutrition** - A 4-Her may enter **THREE exhibits in food and nutrition.** Each exhibit must include the recipe which can be handwritten, photocopied, or typed. Place the food on an appropriate size plate labeled on bottom with exhibitor's name and county. Put the exhibit in a self-sealing bag. **Do not cover with plastic wrap.** Entry tags/recipes will be attached at the corner of the bag. Food exhibits do not need to be brought in a box. They will be transported in bread trays. All additional information (recipes, etc.) must be labeled with the exhibitor's name & county.

→**Food Preservation** - A 4-Her may enter **THREE exhibits in food preservation.** Each exhibit must include the **recipe** which can be handwritten, photocopied, or typed and source of recipe and **supporting information.** Labeling - label jars with name of 4-Her, county, name of product and date of processing. Write plainly on a label and paste or tape securely on jar bottom. Label **dried food** articles with recipe and recipe source, method of pretreatment, drying method and drying time. Write plainly on label and paste or tape securely to back of a self sealing bag. Use a twist-tie or rubber band to keep exhibit containing 3 bags together. Keep three jar exhibits together in a **small undecorated** box. All additional information (recipes, etc.) must be labeled with the exhibitor's name & county.

→**Home Environment** - A 4-Her may enter **TWO exhibits in Home Environment.** Each article, and separate piece of exhibit, must be labeled with your name and county in an inconspicuous place. Fasten all articles of an exhibit together. Check each class to see what supporting information may be required. Supporting information must be attached for the exhibit to be considered for the Celebration of Youth (a special exhibit selected for the Robert Hillestad Textile Gallery). See page 111 of fair book – be sure to include steps taken & elements or principles of design used.

→**Photography** - Exhibitor information as stated in the county fair book must be included on the back of each exhibit. Do not write on the back of the photos with a ball point pen!! Each entry must be mounted horizontally on white or black posterboard, (black preferred) 11" high and 14" wide. Exhibit prints are 8" x 10" prints mounted in 11" x 14" (outside size) cut matting (no frames) with a sandwich mat-board backing (not foam board); rectangular or oval inside matt opening.

→**Rockets:** Rockets should be removed from the display board and "launch rod". Remove the launch rod from the display base (if possible). Be sure the rocket, display base and launch rod are clearly labeled with the 4-Hers name and county. Wrap the rocket in paper to cushion it and place the rocket in a *compact* box, along with the launch rod. The display will be reassembled at the fair.

→**Woodworking:** Plans **must** be attached to the article and in a protected clear plastic cover.

→**Gardening:** Vegetables should be brought to the Extension Office in a paper bag with the name of 4-Her, type and cultivar of vegetable written on the bag. (Extension staff will not be responsible for lack of cultivar names). Do **not** bring the vegetables on paper plates. Put all your entries in a box to facilitate transport. NOTE: If a 4-Her had a vegetable chosen at county fair for State Fair, they do not have to exhibit that same vegetable at State. You may exhibit any four individual entries.

→**Floriculture:** Members may exhibit in a maximum of any four classes, regardless of the entry chosen for State Fair at the county fair. Please write **cultivar name** of the flower on a piece of paper or tape and attach to the container. Each plant must be identified for each entry. Please bring stem flowers in a disposable jar or bottle. Containers will not be returned.