



POLK COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER-FAIR EDITION

Fair preparations are underway. We hope everyone plans to take part in the many activities that make the Polk County Fair a success.

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This packet of information will help you prepare for the County Fair. Please read it carefully, as it will answer many questions for you. **4-H Fair Project Entry Deadline is June 29.** Each project that a youth plans to enter in fair judging events (static and/or animal classes) must be registered online at <https://polk.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/2442>

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The **Polk County 4-H Fair Premium book** is the 4-H Fair Rule Book. and includes project registration information, project classes, rules, judging dates and other necessary information for the fair and judging events. Read it closely.

Please feel free to ask questions. You can reach us by email robe1205@umn.edu, bouch151@umn.edu, or phone at 218-281-8687 and 218-281-8664. We are part-time so please feel free to leave a message and we will return it.

Fair information will also be posted on the Polk County 4-H
Webpage at:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/county-fair/index.html>

PRE FAIR CLEAN UP

Sunday, July 1 from 1-4 p.m.

Clean up & set up of the food stand and exhibit building will be held on **Sunday, July 1 from 1-4 p.m.** All tables & chairs will need to be set up in the food stand and exhibit building. Exhibit building tables will need to be covered. Lot's of cleaning of winter grim.

Everyone is encouraged to help! (Adults are also needed for heavy lifting.)



SUPPLIES NEEDED

We need people to bring outdoor vacuums, brooms, & pails.

POST FAIR CLEAN UP

Sunday, July 15 at 6:00 pm.

AFTER THE FAIR



Everyone is encouraged to help! (Adults are also needed for heavy lifting.)

Post fair clean up involves putting away items in the dining hall, kitchen, exhibit building, etc. Cleaning, sweeping & putting up tables in dining hall, exhibit building, etc. We also pack "stuff" up to bring back to the Extension Office. This should only take up to 2 hours if everyone shows up & works hard!

FOOD STAND & MALT WAGON



The 4-H Food Stand and Malt Wagon are the once a year fundraiser for the Polk County 4-H program. Every year the 4-H Leaders Council

uses the funds received to defray expenses for camps, YELLO, Citizen Washington Focus, scholarships, state and regional leaders trainings, project bowls, State Fair and State Horse Show Fees, award for record judging, members awards,

leader pins, educational trainings & workshops and the list goes on...Another significant use for the funds is for making improvements or purchasing equipment for the 4-H Food Stand. Because it is such an important fundraiser, we ask our all our members, families and volunteers to participate. It is extremely important that everyone plays their part in making the operation of the 4-H Food Stand and Malt Wagon run smoothly. The fair going patrons also count on 4-H to offer top quality food choices and service as they have for more than 100 years. **Let us take pride and not disappoint them.**

To sign-up for a shift or two go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054ba5a b29a6fe3-food>. This is the SignupGenius website. All shifts and jobs needed are listed for both the Food Stand and Malt Wagon. Please recruit others including grandparents, alumni or adult friends to fill job positions. Full job descriptions will be posted at the food stand and discussed the evening of pre-fair clean-up (July 1)

Please cooperate with the food stand and Malt Wagon manager and adult volunteers in charge of the shift, even if you think there is a better way. Remember, you are only there for a few hours; they are there for the whole fair and before. Report your ideas and suggestions to the food stand committee. All suggestions are welcome. The food stand and Malt Wagon manager are responsible for overseeing all food preparation and service, according to state guidelines. Following their instructions will help your experience in the food stand be safe, productive, and satisfying. **Remember, you represent 4-H while you're working, so customer courtesy with a SMILE is IMPORTANT!**

ATTIRE

Food Stand & Malt Wagon workers are required to wear a hat of some kind. A baseball style hat will do, but otherwise you will be asked to wear a hair net. We encourage clubs to be creative in developing a theme or to color coordinate to add some fun to the Food Stand.



EXHIBIT BUILDING HELPERS

EXHIBIT BUILDING DESK WORKERS

NEW 2018: We need screened 4-H volunteers to work the 4-H Exhibit Building desk starting 12(noon)-10 pm Wednesday, July 11, and continuing Through Sunday, July 15. An email to all 4-H screened volunteers will be sent in June for the opportunity to volunteer for a shift. Volunteering will include answering questions, monitoring the exhibits, and other related tasks. We appreciate your help to work at the 4-H Exhibit Building desk!



GENERAL/STATIC PROJECT JUDGING

General projects judged on

Wednesday, JULY 11

2:00pm. - 6:00 p.m.

4-H Building Exhibit hall

WHAT TO DO:

1. Bring your completed projects to the 4-H Building Exhibit Hall on Wednesday, July 11 between 2:00pm - 6:00pm
2. Check in with the staff and volunteers at the 4-H Exhibit Hall Desk.
3. Pick up your exhibit tags at desk for your projects. These tags are placed with each of your exhibits.
4. Then, go to each judges' table with your projects for your interview with the judge.
5. You will talk with the judge about your project, answer questions they have. They will give you feedback and award you a ribbon- blue, red or white.



Exhibit Removal: All 4-H projects must be picked up on Sunday, July 15 between 6:00 - 7:00 pm

REMINDER: Premium checks will be mailed out in the weeks following the fair.

FASHION REVUE JUDGING

Registration for this event is due June 15.

Judging will take place Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 pm in Fertile at the Community Center.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE JUDGING

EXHIBIT RULES

Please carefully read through and follow all exhibit requirements and rules printed in the POLK COUNTY 4-H FAIR PREMIUM BOOK.

JUDGING TIPS (Pg. 3 in the Premium Book)

The judging is done in a conference style by talking with the judge. The judging of the project(s) is a learning experience for you, the 4-H'er. From it, you can learn what you did well and how you can improve. An exhibit doesn't measure all that you've learned; it is only a sample. Conference judging gives you an opportunity to explain what you've learned while working on your project. So, this is your time to shine! When your project is being judged, it is important to keep the following things in mind:

1. Talk to the judge. Answer any questions he/she has for you. Make them aware of what you know!
2. You will be asked questions about your exhibit, so you should be prepared to tell what you were trying to do in your project (your project goals) and be able to describe the steps you took to make the exhibit.
3. FOLLOW THE RULES! Make sure that your exhibit meets all the requirements as stated in the current Polk County 4-H Premium Book.
4. Practice good sportsmanship. Be the kind and courteous individual that we know you all are.
5. Listen carefully to the judge so that you can accept constructive criticism and learn from it.

UNDERSTAND WHAT'S IN A RIBBON COLOR?

4-H members earn a ribbon for every project in which they exhibit. Remember the color of the ribbon is only an indication of where each member is in the learning process with regard to the particular project area. All those who participate are winners!!



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Green: Cloverbud Award

Blue: I tried, I learned, I did well, I met most of my goals, there is always room to learn and do more.

Red: I tried, I learned, I did a good job, but I still have room for improvement and learning.

White: I tried, I learned, I have some room for improvement and more learning.

Purple: I tried, I learned, at this time I've done very well. Now I must continue to challenge myself to strive further.

ANIMAL SCIENCE EXHIBIT INFORMATION

*Please refer to the **POLK COUNTY 4-H FAIR PREMIUM BOOK** for all requirements regarding 4-H animal exhibits.

LIVESTOCK INTERVIEWS

Livestock Interviews will take place **Sunday, July 1** in the livestock barns from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Registration for this activity is due June 25.

ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT ARRIVAL



ALL livestock must arrive to the fair Thursday, July 12 by 9:00am.

Animals not at the fair by 9:00 am on Thursday, July 12 will only be eligible for blue, red or white ribbon and no state

fair trip.

ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT REMOVAL

NOTICE: Animals may be removed any time after 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 15 and before 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 16.

All animal stalls and pens must be cleaned before premium checks will be issued.

*The times are set by the Fair Board and supported by 4-H. If animals or exhibits are removed before the specified time, Exhibitors will not be eligible for their Premiums and/or Awards.

SHOWMANSHIP

All 4-H exhibitors showing animals at the fair are highly encouraged to participate in showmanship for each animal species.

NEW - HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

The purpose of 4-H Herdsmanship is to help 4-H members learn skills in making a favorable impression on the general public with their livestock exhibit as well as skills in courtesy, cooperation, and proper care of animals. HERDSMANSHIP is PRIDE in your 4-H livestock project, your 4-H club, your family, and in yourself.

Herdsmanship guidelines:

1. Exhibitors should be courteous and ready to explain their project to the general public.
2. Cleanliness of alleys, aisles, stalls, pens, cages, bedding dry, adequate, but not excessive, show boxes and equipment not in the way; manure hauled away frequently.
3. Animals should be clean, groomed, properly tied.
4. Decorations will not increase scores, but may reduce them if not maintained.
5. Stay with your animal during feeding. Feed pans should be removed immediately after animals are finished eating.

Dairy, Beef, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, and Goat projects will compete against each other. It is important that you meet as a project area to coordinate your Herdsmanship efforts.

ANIMAL RIGHTS AND YOU

Please read and be aware of the following statements.

Livestock producers and youth working with animals have traditionally felt that they are custodians of animals and provide for their well-being. Because of the animal rights/welfare movement, the possibility of being confronted by an individual or group associated with an animal rights organization exists. One of the livestock events conducted in every county is the livestock show, which may be a prime target for activists. Adults and youth involved in the show need to be aware of the animal rights/welfare issue and practice responsible behavior while caring for and showing their animals.

Each individual participating in the show, whether an exhibitor, adult leader, extension educator or fair official, should understand the animal rights/welfare issue, know one's own beliefs and be ready to defend those beliefs.

Checklist for care of animals at the fair:

1. Prepare the animal properly, including fitting, grooming, training, and use of show equipment.
2. Practice proper feeding and watering while your animal is housed at the fair.
3. Provide a clean and well bedded area for your animal at all times.



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4. Tie your animal at the proper length to prevent your animal from getting tangled up or fighting with the animal standing next to it.
 5. Use approved blocking or grooming chutes which will not injure the animal for the exhibitor.
 6. While showing - don't hit, slap or use unnecessary force to control your animal.
 7. If your animal becomes sick, be sure to contact the veterinarian for the proper treatment.
- * Remember: A well conducted educational show that provides a fun learning experience should fulfill guidelines for the humane care of any animal placed on exhibit in a public setting.

2018 POLK COUNTY 4-H BLUE RIBBON MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION – SATURDAY, JULY 14

*All policies and rules of eligibility can be found in the **POLK COUNTY 4-H FAIR PREMIUM BOOK**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **4-H Auction Participants MUST REGISTER at the 4-H Exhibit Desk by 4:00 pm on Friday, July 13**

HORSE CLINICS CONTINUE ON TUESDAYS

Horse clinics are continuing on the fairgrounds on Tuesdays. Announcements have been put on our facebook page via email to those that have enrolled in a horse project in 4HOnline.

THE POLK COUNTY 4-H PICTURE

A huge THANK YOU to Mark Peterson for shepherding the 4-H program these last few months! And another huge THANK YOU to those individuals who have also stepped up to keep things moving forward, especially those serving on committees. For those of you that love the 4-H program but haven't yet served on a committee, we urge you to consider doing so. These committees are essential to Polk County 4-H – nearly everything 4-H thing that happens at the Fair happens because of committees. Please consider supporting Polk County 4-H by supporting these committees with your participation. No experience is necessary and these are fun, caring and creative people to work with!

We are pleased to announce our new interim 4-H Program Coordinator, Katelynn Robertson and Callie Boucher our new temporary Support Staff. Both are part time positions which means

they may not always be available, but send an email or leave a message and they will be happy to get back to you.

Katelynn Robertson

4H Program Coordinator

Katelynn grew up in Roseau County, where her family raised sheep, cattle, and horses. As a member of 4-H, she has experience showing nearly every kind of animal. Katelynn is a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota Crookston, where she earned a degree in Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine and was a member of the UMC



Equestrian Team. She intends on pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine, but we are thrilled to have her for now. Katelynn will be housed in the Crookston Regional Office this summer as she transitions into this position. She can be reached at 218-281-8687 or robe1205@umn.edu.

Callie Boucher

Summer Support Staff

Callie grew up in Crookston and lives on her family farm. She has just completed her Freshman year at Augsburg University, going for a Film major and Marketing minor. She also *plays* a part in Theatre, so you may have seen her in CHS plays, such as Fester in, *The Addams Family*. We're pleased to have her here in the Crookston Regional Office. She can be reached at 218-281-8664 or bouch151@umn.edu.



2018 STATE FAIR

WIN A STATE FAIR TRIP



Did you know that 4-H fair exhibitors in grades 6 and above who receive a blue ribbon or higher are eligible for a possible trip with their project to the State Fair?

Youth are eligible to participate in 1 livestock trip and 1 general encampment trip.

- **Animal Exhibits** will know after each show if they've been awarded a trip. HOW? The judge will place all the blue ribbon animals in a STATE FAIR LINEUP. This gives 4-H staff direction in awarding the trips to state fair. Please let staff know right away if you plan to accept your trip.
- **General Exhibitors** who earned a blue ribbon will be placed in a lineup from top blue to last blue. Exhibitors will be notified throughout the fair week with a state fair card on their exhibit telling them they have been awarded a trip. Each project will be awarded so many trips to fill our project quotas. **Please see an Exhibit hall desk worker no later than Sunday, July 15 to sign up for your State Fair trip.**

STATE FAIR PACKET PICK UP

Livestock, Horse & General Encampment State Fair packets should be picked up:

Sunday, July 15

At the 4-H Exhibit Building desk after exhibits are released and cleanup is happening.

STATE FAIR REGISTRATION DEADLINE

July 27

***NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

State Fair codes and information can be found online at:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/state-fair/>

STATE FAIR DATES

July 15- Pick up State Fair Packets at the 4-H Exhibit Hall at 6:00 p.m.

July 27 or sooner- State Fair registration forms, payment, records and projects due to the Extension/4-H Office

August 8- Deadline to bring state fair project to the office.

August 6- Engineering Design Challenge Showcase (Rube Goldberg) in St. Cloud

August 22-26- State Fair Livestock Encampment

August 30- Sept 1 -State Fair General Encampment

September 7-9 State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational

September 14-17 State Horse Event

State Fair Chaperones Needed

All 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. 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. For a full list of responsibilities go to: <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/4-h-at-fairs/home/chaperones>

If you are interested in chaperoning during State Fair, contact Katelynn. We must have one chaperone for every 10 youth staying on the state fairgrounds during State Fair.

