

June 2018

To: **Polk County 4-H Members**

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2018 4-H Fair information

Greetings 4-H families! We are gearing up for another great fair season! Enclosed you will find the 2018 4-H Fair Packet including: Polk County 4-H 2018 Fair Premium Book, Fair Registration Worksheet (for your records), Fair Newsletter, and Judging Tips Information. The 4-H Fair Packet information will also be posted on the Polk County 4-H webpage.

REMINDERS:

FAIR PROJECT ENTRY:

All 4-H projects will be entered online in the FAIRENTRY online registration system:

<https://polk.fairentry.com>

Fair Entry will be open to enter projects from June 1-29th! The online system will close at midnight on June 29th!

POLICY:

Any entries not entered by the deadline of June 29th will only be eligible for a blue, red, or white ribbon and its premium. These projects will not be eligible for state fair trips. Only youth who contact the Extension/4-H office with the late entry information by July 6th will be eligible to use their one time exemption for late entry, if they choose.

***Fair Premium Book:**

***This is the most IMPORTANT piece of information!** Please keep and thoroughly read through the Polk County 4-H Fair Premium Book which includes project registration information, rules, policy, judging dates and other necessary information for the fair and judging events!

Fair Newsletter:

Please be sure to keep and read through the fair newsletter carefully. This includes information about the fair-including times for Malt Wagon/Food Stand Club Shifts, Judges Assistant shifts, & important meeting dates/check in times. Keep this in a safe place!

Fair Registration Reminders

1. All 2018 4-H Fair information will also be posted on the Polk County 4-H webpage at: <http://www3.extension.umn.edu/local/polk/4-h>
2. Use the **Polk County 4-H 2018 Fair Premium Book** to decide on each project you plan to bring to the fair, use the **Fair Registration Worksheet** provided to keep record of what you plan to enter. This worksheet does not need to be turned into the UMN Extension/4-H Office.

3. **Every project you plan to bring to the fair and be judged including general exhibits- now called "Static" exhibits and/or ANIMALS projects must be entered in FairEntry <https://polk.fairentry.com> !
 - a. Select the current grade you've completed in 2018
 - b. **IMPORTANT: DON'T hit SUBMIT until you have entered projects for your ENTIRE FAMILY.**
 - c. **Register for Special Events** (*Fashion Revue, Performing Arts, Demonstration, & Food Review*) **in FairEntry.** *No paper form needed.*
 - d. **All Livestock animal projects (excluding Cloverbuds) are encouraged to enter in animal showmanship classes.****
4. **Club projects can't be entered online.** Leaders will return the club project registration form to the Extension office and staff will enter the projects.
5. If you do not have access to the internet, we suggest using a computer at the library, at a family or friends home or contact us to set up an appointment to use a computer at the UMN Polk County Extension/4-H Office!
6. **BE SAFE, PLAN AHEAD-**It is better to register for too many than not enough! All projects **MUST** be entered before the event or fair!
7. Refer to the online '**FairEntry -help guide**' for specific directions on registering your projects.
8. **Cloverbud Projects (K-2 grade)-**
 - a. Cloverbud Projects that will be shown in the 4-H Exhibit Hall will be entered in the [Cloverbud Static General Project tab] This includes any type of Static project made by a Cloverbud age youth (K-2)
 - b. Cloverbud Animal exhibits will be entered in the Animal tabs (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Horse); then select Cloverbud Animal class.
 - c. Cloverbud Special judging events- Fashion Revue, Food Review & Performing Arts will be entered in the [Static-General Projects tab]; then select the Cloverbud class. Cloverbud Demonstrations will be entered under [Public Demonstrations]; then select the Cloverbud class.
 - d. Remember to enter each project you plan to bring/show. If you will be bringing multiple projects, you can select quantity of projects in the class tab.

NEED REGISTRATION HELP?

- **Contact us at the UMN Extension/4-H Office between hours 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Monday- Friday by calling 218-281-8687 or 218-281-8664 or email robe1205@umn.edu or bouch151@umn.edu**
- ***Please keep in mind, we do a lot of summer programming and are in and out of the office. Please call ahead, leave a message if necessary to ensure we will be in to help you. We will reply to messages as soon as possible. You are welcome to email as well. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to helping you.***

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, at the UMN Extension/4-H Office: 218-280-8027 or at 1-888-241-0781 or email robe1205@umn.edu or bouch151@umn.edu. We are here to help and support your family!