



GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

COUNTY QUOTAS

1. For static exhibits, the maximum number of entries per class is based on the total 4-H enrollment in the county.

Under 400 members-three exhibits per class
400 to 799 members-four exhibits per class
800 to 1199 members-five exhibits per class
1200 and over members-six exhibits per class

2. Dog, Livestock, and Small Animal quotas are listed under Animal Science Rules.
3. Horse qualification criteria is listed under Horse Rules.
4. Contest quotas are listed under each individual contest rules.

GENERAL ENTRY AND EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Eligibility

1. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member and completed as part of the current year's project. Work done after county fair, but prior to October 1 and not previously exhibited, may be included in the next project year.
2. 4-H members participating in the state fair (in person or through static entries) must be selected through their county selection process (typically the county fair). Their entries must be approved by their County Extension Agent.
3. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H during the current 4-H year. Age classifications (as of Sept. 1 of the current 4-H year):
 - Junior: 9-11 years old
 - Intermediate: 12-14 years old
 - Senior: 15-19
4. 4-H members who exhibit animals or enter contests which require attendance at the State Fair must be intermediates or seniors.
5. A 4-H member may enter only one exhibit per class number unless otherwise specified.
6. The same static exhibit may not be entered in more than one class.
7. The 4-H member must be enrolled in the project area in order to participate unless otherwise specified.
8. No exhibit may be entered in both 4-H and FFA (with exception of the horse project).
9. The 4-H project manuals shall be the guides for requirements not specified in this Fair Book.
10. **4-H exhibits at the Oregon State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor.** The 4-H Youth Development Program of Oregon State University in cooperation with the Oregon State Fair accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. 4-H and State Fair cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed, and the great number of exhibits. Every exhibitor shall indemnify the State Fair and 4-H from and against any claims for damage to persons or property caused by them or by their exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary



value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to possible hazards of the fair.

11. All exhibits should be age appropriate and in good taste. Show management reserves the right to not display items that might be considered disrespectful or controversial.

Entries, Exhibit Tags, Explanation Cards, and Stall Cards

1. A 4-H exhibit tag shall be securely attached to each static exhibit. There are special exhibit tags for clothing. Exhibit tags are available at County Extension offices. All tags and explanation cards must be filled out completely.
2. If required, an explanation card must be fully completed and securely attached to each exhibit. (See class requirements to know if a card is required.) These cards should be filled out by the member and must match the exhibit being entered.
3. Horse stall cards, livestock stall cards and small animal cards will be available at the fair or they may be filled out at home and brought to the fair.
4. "For Sale" signs are not permitted.
5. All State Fair entries need to be done through the county 4-H office; members cannot register on their own.
6. It is the responsibility of the member to assure that the current year's version of all required exhibit tags, project descriptions and/or labels are attached to the exhibit. **Exhibits with out-of-date documents will be disqualified from state competition.**
7. It is the responsibility of the member to assure that any specified size and/or weight restrictions are followed. Exhibits that do not meet the criteria will be disqualified from state competition.

Delivery and Removal of Static Exhibits

1. Static exhibits must be delivered and removed by a county representative (not individual parents, Leaders, or members) unless special arrangements have been made with State Fair staff ahead of time. Detailed delivery and pick up information is available in the State Fair Staff Guidebook.
2. Individuals should contact their county offices for county drop off and pick up deadlines.
3. Exhibits must remain on display through the close of the fair (Labor Day) unless a special exception is granted by the exhibit building staff.
4. All awards and score sheets are sent back to the county offices for distribution.

Exhibit Judging and Ribbons

1. A Modified Danish Merit Method of judging is used for all exhibits and contests. Entries will be placed in Blue, Red, and White award groups according to quality:
 - Blue – an exhibit that is excellent and meets the established standards for the class
 - Red – an exhibit that is good but has room for improvement
 - White – an exhibit that meets the requirements of the class but shows need for considerable improvement



2. Reserve Champion, Champion, and Medallions will be selected only when the judge deems there are entries that meet those standards. See the animal science rules for specific animal science championships. See the horse rules for medallion classes.

Reserve Champion – a superior exhibit that exceeds the top established standards

Champion – an outstanding exhibit that far exceeds the top established standards

Medallion – an exceptional exhibit that demonstrates excellence in all facets

3. If an exhibit does not meet the requirements of the class, it will receive a display only ribbon.
4. An exhibit can be awarded only one blue, red, or white ribbon.
5. All 4-H judges are approved by the State 4-H Department, and the judges' decisions are final.

PARTICIPATION POLICIES

Chaperones/Volunteers

1. Each county is responsible for the supervision of its 4-H members at the State Fair. Minimum chaperone to member ratio is one chaperone for every ten members. In addition, each county is required to send an adult chaperone with groups of contestants.
2. Each county must have a designated adult 21 years of age or older in charge of livestock and/or horse exhibitors. Overnight chaperones must be at least 25 years of age. Chaperones responsible for more than their own child(ren) must have a background check on file with their county office.

Forms: 4-H Code of Conduct, Health Form

All members involved in participatory activities during the 4-H portion of the State Fair must bring with them current, completed and signed copies of the 4-H health form and the 4-H code of conduct. Members should bring a code of conduct (COC) and health form for each area they participate in (horse, livestock, exhibit building).

Livestock & Horse – Exhibitors need to turn in a copy of their health form/COC at registration.

Day Shows and Contests – Exhibitors/contestants need to turn in a copy of their health form/COC when they check in.

The State Fair and 4-H staff cannot assume responsibility for acquiring medical treatment of a youth who does not have this health form on file. Forms may be picked up at county Extension offices or found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/info/forms>

The 4-H member code of conduct will be enforced the entire time the youth member is on the fair grounds.

Appropriate Attire

When participating in 4-H activities, you are representing yourself, your club, your county and the state 4-H program. Clothing is to be neat, clean, and appropriate for the activity. At no time are low cut tops, t-shirts with offensive language, or short shorts appropriate.



ADMISSION AND PARKING

Admission

Courtesy day admission passes are distributed through the County/OSU Extension Service office for all exhibitors and their chaperones participating in day shows (dog, cavy, poultry, rabbit, and companion) and exhibit building contests (presentations, fashion revue, foods contests). These should be picked up from the County Extension Service office before coming to the fair.

Horse and Livestock (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat and pygmy goat, fiber goat, llama) exhibitors will receive their courtesy passes after they have turned in their completed health and code of conduct forms at the 4-H registration table in the livestock barn area. Each exhibitor will receive one parking (6-day) pass and two (6-day) courtesy gate passes (one for exhibitor and one for chaperone/parent). Any additional 6-day gate passes and daily parking passes are available for purchase at the State Fair office.

Exhibit building static exhibitors (i.e. photography, horticulture, sewing, etc.) do not receive courtesy gate passes.

4-H members and chaperones may enter any State Fair gate that is open. Gate F (the blue livestock gate) will open at 7:00 a.m. All other gates will open at 10:00 a.m.

Parking and Auto Unloading

Livestock area parking passes for each livestock exhibitor will be provided for one vehicle only during the 4-H livestock show.

Horse show exhibitors will be provided a pass for one vehicle during the 4-H Horse Show.

Contest participants that have coolers, large displays, or other items they may not want to haul across the fairgrounds should consider dropping off their supplies prior to parking their car. Drop off is located at the Gate C (yellow) parking lot off of Silverton Road. Participants should inform the gate attendant they are dropping off for 4-H. They will be directed to the area where they can unload behind the 4-H building. After unloading, they can then park their cars in general parking.

Parking rules—Animal Science

1. All parking permits must be displayed in the vehicle windshield.
2. Persons must park in the area designated on their permit.
3. Permit holders must follow all directions of parking lot attendants. Any complaints regarding parking attendants should be reported to the lot supervisor or the Parking Office.
4. Permit holders will not park in a manner which creates traffic problems.
5. Stock trailers, horse trailers, utility trailers, etc., must be parked in accordance with directions from the parking lot attendants. If you have a problem, see the lot supervisor for assistance and directions.
6. Vehicles loading and/or unloading inside the fenced area of the fairgrounds must not be left unattended for more than 15 minutes.
7. No animal waste or combustibles will be dumped in the parking lots, except in designated areas.
8. Any exceptions to the above rules must be cleared through the Parking Office.



Penalties for violation of rules

1. Harassment of parking attendants or violation of rules may result in revocation of parking permit and/or overnight parking.
2. Violations could result in a recommendation that the violator not be issued permits the next year.
3. Violations of the rules could result in the violator's vehicle being towed from the fairgrounds.

CAMPING

4-H does not coordinate camping at the fairgrounds. For full information and the most current policies and procedures, see the Oregon State Fair website at www.oregonstatefair.org.

Access to the camping area is through the Lana Avenue gate. Both dry camping and camping with hookups are available.

Reservations must be made for camping with hookups. These spots reserve very quickly, so be sure to make your reservations ahead of time.

All reservations are done online. Go to www.oregonstatefair.org Look under "About" and go down to "Fair Camping." **DO NOT click on the top link to camping.** Scroll down to the bottom and click on "Fair Exhibitor Camping."

Reservations will be taken in stages.

- a. 12 night minimum camping will open on June 25 at 10:00 am
- b. 4 night minimum camping will open on July 9 at 10:00 am
- c. Single day (1-3 days) camping will open on July 23 at 10:00 am

Remember: you can make reservations for RV camping with hookups and for dry camping online. Dry camping with an RV or tent can be done when you arrive at the fairgrounds, but it will cost you \$10 more per night (\$30 per night). Save money and make your dry camping reservation online for \$20 per night. While the State Fair is adding spaces with electrical hook up, there is still a limit on these. There is plenty of room for dry camping.

Other information:

The electrical only and full hookup spaces are not large enough to accommodate two slide outs or awnings. Only one slide out is allowed per RV and no awnings are allowed.

Horse trailers must be parked in accordance to instructions from the lot attendants. Horse trailers with living quarters that stay attached to a truck will be charged a double fee if on blacktop parking. Any horse/utility trailers in dry camping areas will be charged the same fee as overnights.

All 4-H members staying in a camping area must have an adult chaperone (25 years of age or older).