



Lancaster County

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How to Enter 4-H Static Exhibits at Lancaster County Fair

All non-animal exhibits are called static exhibits. At the County Fair, static exhibits are showcased in the Lincoln Room (which is air conditioned).

To exhibit in the 4-H project areas, members **MUST** be enrolled in the respective project unless other stated in the Fair Book. Updated club enrollment forms are due to extension office by June 15 — must list project area(s) each member plans to enter at the county fair.

The Lancaster County Fair Book lists all static exhibit classes and gives detailed information on what each exhibit needs to make it complete.

A specific project can only be entered in one category or class. Each individual is limited to only one entry per class number unless indicated otherwise in the Fair Book.

Static Exhibit Check-In Monday, Aug. 3, 4–8 p.m.

Static exhibits do not preregister, but **MUST** be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 3 between 4 to 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln (Lincoln Room). An adult — such as a club leader or parent(s) — should assist 4-H members in entering exhibits.

In the Lincoln Room, exhibits are grouped into the following areas designated by signage:

- Clover Kids
- General Areas (includes Special County Exhibits, “Discover Me...Discover You” Intergenerational Exhibits, Posters, Banners, Veterinary Science, Chess, Entomology, Theatre Arts, Leather Craftsmanship, Consumer Management, ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation, Citizenship, Health, Quilt Quest and all Animal Static Exhibits)
- Photography
- Home Environment (includes Heritage, Child Development)
- Clothing
- Food & Nutrition
- Engineering (includes Safety, Aerospace, Shooting Sports)



- Horticulture (includes Agronomy, Conservation & Wildlife, Forestry)

A registration table is set up for each of the above areas — please take project(s) to the appropriate area(s).

All entry tags, additional information, recipe cards, data tags, etc. **MUST** be attached at this time.

Entry Tags

EACH exhibit must have a Static Exhibit Entry Tag attached and exhibitor’s name on the item. All entry tags must have complete information. It is highly encouraged to pick up entry tags from the extension office and fill them out beforehand, however, entry tags will be available during check-in.

EACH exhibit must have an entry tag attached and exhibitor’s name on the item. Mark on the entry tag if it is to be interview judged and/or in the Style Revue.

Additional Information Needed for Specific Classes

Below is an overview of additional entry requirements for some specific static exhibit areas. *See Fair Book for detailed entry requirements for each class.*

Food & Nutrition — Place all food entries on appropriate-sized disposable plates (for larger items, a shoebox lid or cardboard covered with foil is acceptable), in ziplock bags. Label so entry can be read without unwrapping. Put exhibitor's name on bottom of plate. Display cakes top side up.

Entry tag may be stapled on outside of exhibit. **All food items need to have the recipe and what you learned as a result of taking the project attached on the outside corner of the bag with the entry tag.**

See Fair Book page 49 for Food Preservation labeling requirements.

Clothing — All clothing exhibits should be marked inside with exhibitor's name — can be done with a piece of paper or fabric, safety pinned or ironed on the back of neckline, hem or waistline of clothing item. All clothing items must be on wire hangers for easy display (*see Fair Book pages 44–45 for exceptions*).

Most clothing exhibits requires an information sheet — *see Fair Book page 47.*

Be sure to mark on the entry tag if the garment is to be interview judged or worn in the Style Revue.

Home Environment — All Home Environment items should be ready for display in the home (pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.). Home Environment exhibits require an information sheet. *See Fair Book page 42.*

Heritage exhibits must have documentation included. Heritage pictures and other hanging items must have a wire hanger for display purposes. Heritage exhibits must include name, county and past experience (years in Explore Your Heritage, Family Folklore or Foodways projects) on back of exhibit.

Several Child Development classes require an information sheet. *See Fair Book page 41.*

Horticulture — The valid cultivar or variety name **MUST** be included on all entry tags. Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Note: Display containers will **NOT** be provided for cut flowers. Place flowers in a container of appropriate size that will not tip over. Paper plates will **NOT** be provided for vegetables and fruits. Put produce on sturdy white paper plates. Enter leafy vegetables (Swiss chard, etc.) in a small jar of water. Refer to publication 4H226 "Selecting and Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits for Exhibit" for information on preparing entries.

Interview Judging, Tuesday, Aug. 4

Interview Judging is an opportunity for 4-H members to talk to judges about their static exhibits and share their trials and lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve skills. Interview judging is Tuesday, Aug. 4 starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room (parents/guardians must stay out of judging area).

4-H'ers may interview judge ONE exhibit from each of the following project areas (for example: one item from

Celebrate Art, one item from Design Decisions and one item from Citizen Safety):

- General Areas—Entomology, Photography, Posters, Quilt Quest, ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation and all other general classes
- Child Development—The Sitter, The Infant, Toddler, Pre-Schooler, Middle Childhood, Kids on the Grow
- Clothing—Sewing for Fun, Clothing Level 1, Clothing Level 2, Sewing For You, Tailoring, Knitting & Crocheting, Decorate Your Duds, Attention Shoppers, Shopping In Style
- Home Environment—Home Building Blocks I, II or III; Celebrate Art & Art in Your Future; Sketchbook Crossroads; Portfolio Pathways; Furnishings on a Shoestring; Family Keepsakes; Design Decisions
- Foods—Road to Good Cooking, Six Easy Bites, Tasty Tidbits, You're the Chef, Fast Foods, Foodworks, Food Preservation, Youth in Motion
- Horticulture
- Citizen Safety
- Engineering—Woodworking, Small Engines, Aerospace, Computers, Electricity and Welding, Model Vehicles

Members, parents or leaders can **call the extension office to sign up members for a five-minute time slot—preregister between July 6 and July 31.** If slots are still available, may sign up during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 3, 4–8 p.m. (For horticulture, 4-H members are asked to preregister at Static Exhibit check-in time and will be assigned a specific time.)

Please mark on the Static Exhibit Entry Tag if it is to be interview judged.

Static Exhibits Open to the Public Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m.

Static exhibits are judged on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. until finished — and are not open to the public during judging. Static exhibits open to the public and exhibitors on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m.

State Fair Static Exhibits

At the county fair, 4-H static exhibits will be selected for the Nebraska State Fair by the judges in the respective areas. A state fair sticker will be placed on all exhibits selected for state fair. Alternates will be chosen and notified if they become eligible to participate.

Note: in many cases, level 1 projects do not advance to the state fair. In the Fair Book, any class which says "No State Fair Entry" or "County Only" does not have a State Fair equivalent.

4-H members with qualifying exhibits will receive information in the mail after County Fair about entering at the State Fair. State fair day passes may be purchased and picked up at the extension office **AFTER** County Fair. These passes are for 4-H members and their immediate family only.

Static Exhibit Release Time Sunday, Aug. 9, Noon–2 p.m.

All county fair static exhibits will be released on Sunday, Aug. 9 from 12 noon–2 p.m. Please pick up project(s) at each of the area(s) you have exhibits. Premium payouts for static exhibits will be paid in cash on Sunday, Aug. 9, 12 noon–4 p.m. at the Fair Board Office (enter from Lincoln Room).