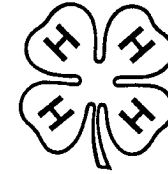


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**4-H Youth Department
2010 MANATEE COUNTY FAIR**



“Growing Again in 2010”

January 14 – 24, 2010

Manatee County Fairgrounds

Palmetto, Florida

4-H Department Member Projects & Club Exhibits

4-H Center, Harlee Building

4-H Exhibit Check-in (Including Foods)

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

9 a.m. – 8 p.m.



Schedule of 4-H Department Activities & Events

Jan. 5, 2010	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	4-H Exhibit Project Check-in & Club Table Registration
Jan. 6, 2010	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Food Exhibit Judging
Jan. 7, 2010	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Project Exhibit Judging
Jan. 7, 2010	6 p.m.	Fashion Revue
Jan. 12, 2010	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Club Table Decoration Set-up
Jan. 25, 2010	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Project Exhibit Release

Individual Member Project Entries

Member must have registered in a specific project area no later than **November 6, 2009** to be eligible to show under that project.

(Example: To show photography you must be registered in the Photography Project. If you have questions, please call the 4-H Office at 722-4524, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

ALL PROJECT EXHIBIT ITEMS MUST BE THE WORK OF THE 4-H MEMBER WITH REASONABLE ASSISTANCE BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OR LEADER.

Fair Ribbon Premiums

Best of Show (Outstanding)	\$10
Special Award of Merit (Nominated for Best of Show)	\$8
Blue Ribbon	\$5
Red Ribbon	\$4
White Ribbon	\$3
Green Participation Ribbon (Cloverbuds)	\$1



4-H Department Exhibits & Activities

The 4-H Department of the 2010 Manatee County Fair offers many opportunities for 4-H members to display the skills they have learned in their 4-H project involvement over the past year.

4-H Fair Individual Exhibit Categories

Animal Sciences	Gardening-Flowers (Plants)
Aquariums (Marine/Aquatic)	Gardening-Vegetables (Plants)
Aerospace (Sciences)	GPS/Geospatial (Sciences)
Apiary/Beekeeping (Entomology)	Growing Citrus (Plants)
Arts & Crafts (Leisure Arts)	Health & Safety
Astronomy (Sciences)	Horse (Animal)
ATV Safety (Health & Safety)	Human Development
Babysitting (Child Development)	Intergenerational (Citizenship)
Beef (Animal)	Leadership Development
Bicycle (Sciences)	Marine Science
Breads & Breading (Food Prep)	Meat Science (Animal Sciences)
Butterflies (Wildlife)	Money Management
Career Development (Workforce Prep)	Mowing for Money (Plant Sciences)
Character Education (Leadership Development)	Outdoor Education (Environmental Sciences)
Child Development	Performing-Theatre Arts (Communication Arts)
Citizenship	Personal Development
Clothing - Selection	Pets & Pet Care (Animal)
Clothing & Textiles	Photography (Communication Arts)
Cloverbuds	Physical Fitness & Health (Health & Safety)
Collectibles (Leisure Arts)	Pocket Pets (Animal)
Communication Arts	Poultry (Animal)
Computer Technology (Sciences)	Public Adventures (Citizenship)
Consumer Education	Public Speaking (Communication Arts)
Container Gardening (Plants-Gardening)	Rabbits (Animal)
Cooking (Food Prep)	Robotics (Sciences)
Cultural/Global Education (Citizenship)	Quilting (Clothing-Sewing)
Dairy Cattle (Animal)	Science Discovery (Science)
Dairy Foods (Food Prep)	Service Learning (Citizenship)
Dairy Goats (Animal)	Sewing (Clothing)
Dogs (Animal)	Shooting Sports
Earth Sciences (Environmental Sciences)	Small Engines (Sciences)
Electricity & Electronics (Sciences)	Soil Sciences (Environmental Sciences)
Emergency Preparedness (Health & Safety)	Sports Fishing (Marine/Aquatic)
Energy (Environmental Sciences)	Sports Nutrition (Food)
Entomology	Swine (Animal)
Entrepreneurship (Workforce Prep)	Veterinary Sciences (Animal Sciences)
Environmental Sciences	Visual Arts (Communication Arts)
Exploring-Discovery 4-H	Waste Management/Recycling (Environmental Sciences)
Filmmaking (Communication Arts)	Water Education (Environmental Sciences)
Financial Champions (Money Management)	Weather & Climate (Sciences)
Food & Nutrition	Wetlands (Marine/Aquatic)
Food Preservation (Food Science)	Wildlife & Habitats
Food Science	WINGS (Sciences)
Forestry	Woodworking (Leisure Arts)
Gardening (Plant Sciences)	Workforce-Career Preparation

3. Essays will be judged on composition (organization of material, grammar, spelling, and clarity of expression), appeal (creativity, storytelling impact), and 4-H value.

Project Video/CD/DVD Entries

One entry per member



1. 4-H project involvement must be the subject of the video.
2. Videos/CDs/DVDs should be no longer than 12 minutes.
3. Leaders/advisors may help with filming the video entry, but the ideas, scripting, and performances must be done entirely by the 4-H member.
4. Judging will be based on the project message and theme, video composition (organization and clarity of thought), creativity, appeal, and quality of production.



Project Game Boards

One entry per member

1. Maximum size for game boards will be 15"x20." Boards may be cut into shapes, but no larger than 15"x20."
2. Game boards must be designed to run on no larger than a 6-volt lantern battery.
3. Boards may be painted, drawn with pencils, markers, or any other craft technique.
4. Each board must contain only one game and not be part of a series of boards.
5. Boards may be 3-dimensional; however, they must not have sharp objects sticking out or pieces attached that may be removed or fall off.
6. No computer or professional graphics and/or lettering are allowed.
7. If constructed of brown cardboard, the front of the game board must be covered with poster board, wall paper, or other similar materials.
8. All game boards must be made of lightweight plywood or foam board with simple or advanced wiring circuits.
9. Game boards will be judged on educational quality, promotional and artistic appeal, originality, and uniqueness.

Club Table Decoration

One entry per club

1. Clubs must pre-register their table during exhibit check-in on **January 5, 2010**.
2. Clubs will provide a standard size card table setting for four.
3. Table setting display will be for a special theme or event.
4. Entire setting should follow the theme for the special event.
5. Table display must include a complete table setting with centerpiece.
6. Table arrangement must be designed, constructed, and assembled for display by the club members with guidance only from club leaders.
7. Disposable or non breakable dishes and glassware are required.
8. Judging will be based on creativity, appeal, appearance, and arrangement.



Shooting Sports Exhibit



1. Shooting sports exhibits must be educational in content.
2. Exhibit can consist of pictures, scrapbooks, posters, or display box.
3. No firearms, bows, arrows, ammunition or gun powder can be part of the exhibit.

Official Rules & Regulations Individual Project Entries

Rules and regulations for the 4-H Department were compiled under the direction of the Fair Youth Exhibit Committee of the 4-H Leader Council.



1. The 4-H Department of the Manatee County Fair is only open to bonafide members of Manatee County 4-H Clubs who have submitted a 4-H membership form to the 4-H Office on or before **November 6, 2009**. This requirement is addressed in item #3 of the Manatee County 4-H Club Policies which states, "For a 4-H member to participate in County, District, and State Level Competitions, the 4-H'er must be enrolled in the Manatee County 4-H Program 60 days prior to the registration of the event, the interview for the trip, etc." Provisions will be made for 4-H clubs forming after November 6, 2009. For a member to be considered officially enrolled in a project area, the 4-H online data system must have a record of the member's enrollment with the project indicated.

2. Each 4-H member may enter up to six (6) entries in each of the project areas in which he/she is enrolled, with the exception of live animal exhibits. An entry can be an item that the 4-H member has made, constructed or designed. **Entries must reflect knowledge gained through 4-H involvement and must not have been part of a previous non 4-H competitive event.** Entries may include plants, paintings, photographs, scrapbooks, photo albums, essays, cassette recordings, videotapes, CDs/DVDs, project game boards, display boxes, craft creations, and food items (freshly made, preserved or frozen). **Items limited to one entry per member are: posters, display boards, display boxes, game boards, essays, cassettes, videotapes, and CDs/DVDs.** These entries should contain sound educational information designed to teach the observer some aspect of the member's studies.

3. 4-H Clubs can enter a display box depicting club activities or enter the club table decorating activity. **Both the club display box and the decorated table must be designed, constructed and assembled for display by club members with only guidance by club leaders.**

4. All entries must be the work of the 4-H member. Parents, leaders, and family members may give assistance to the member, but the exhibit should be the 4-H member's own work.

5. The name of the exhibitor **should not** appear **anywhere** on the entry.

6. **No live animal exhibits are allowed in the 4-H Exhibit Area except for aquariums which must be set-up and maintained by the exhibitor during the fair.** The Manatee County Fair Board and 4-H assumes no responsibility for safety and well-being of aquariums or their contents. (All live animal entries are governed by the rules and regulations of the Manatee County Fair Livestock Department and the Fair Youth Livestock Committee. Questions should be directed to the Fair Livestock Committee.)

7. All exhibits must be officially checked in and recorded by the 4-H Office on **Tuesday, January 5, 2010.**

8. All non-food exhibits must remain in the 4-H Exhibit Area (4-H Office) until release on **Monday, January 25, 2010,** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Any remaining portions of food entries may be picked up following the completion of exhibit judging on **Thursday, January 7, 2010.** The 4-H Office **will not be responsible** for exhibits left after **January 29, 2010.**

9. Food entries (except for the Dairy Foods project) needing refrigeration for food safety will not be accepted for judging. **Exhibits requiring refrigeration may only be entered in the Dairy Foods sub-category. Cream Cheese may be used as an ingredient in the Dairy Foods category ONLY.**

10. Exhibitors may attach a 3"x5" index card to their exhibit containing information about themselves and/or their item. This should be information which the exhibitor feels would be helpful to the judges during evaluation.

11. Exhibitors of all Horticulture-Production Plants, Ornamentals (one year or annuals) **MUST** attach a 3"x5" index card to their exhibit(s), indicating the following information: (a) an identification of their item, (b) when the item was acquired (purchased or gift), (c) how long the member has cared for the item, and (d) when the item was potted in the present container.

12. All judging is based on the Danish System. Each exhibit is judged on its own merit, taking into consideration the age of the exhibitor, the number of years in 4-H, and the number of years in the project. **The decision of the judges is final.**



13. **Premium money earned from entries will be available after Tuesday, January 19, 2010** in the Fair Financial Office. Only the exhibitor or his/her parent or guardian can collect premium money.

14. If blue ribbon winners have their pictures taken by the Bradenton Herald during the fair, remember to indicate that you won your ribbon(s) in the 4-H Department and to name the projects (i.e. Clothing & Textiles, Food Preservation, Arts & Crafts, Woodworking, etc.) in which you won your ribbon(s).

EXHIBITS WITH ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY



Sewing and Clothing & Textiles

1. Six (6) garments or outfits may be entered. Indicate on the entry tag which garment (if any) is for the Fashion Revue.
2. All entries must be cleaned, pressed, and on a hanger.
3. All entries must be constructed by the exhibitor.
4. Pattern instruction sheets must be attached to the garment.
5. "Quickie" sewing projects (made without a pattern) should be designated "without pattern" at the time of entry.



Fashion Revue & Clothing Selection

Garments for the Fashion Revue competition will be judged for fit on **Thursday, January 7, 2010** at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Office. All entries will be judged for construction following the completion of the fit component.



Clothing Selection exhibits can be informational exhibits or a garment purchased by exhibitor along with a display of clothing selection principles used in the garment. The Clothing Selection fit competition will take place at County Events in April 2009.

Foods & Nutrition and Food Preparation



1. A recipe, which includes cooking directions, must be included on a 3"x5" index card and attached to the exhibit.
2. Judging is based on **appearance, presentation, texture, and flavor.**

3. Entry must be displayed on/in a disposable container covered with clear plastic wrap.
4. Entries requiring refrigeration may be judged on appearance only.
5. Entry will consist of a whole cake, pie, or coffee cake or a minimum of three (3) cookies, brownies, or candies.
6. Cake decorating effects will be judged for decoration only.
7. Bread entries will consist of one large or one small complete (uncut) loaf or three (3) biscuits or muffins. Quick breads, yeast breads, and specialty breads may be entered.

Food Preservation ~ Canning & Freezing



1. Entries can be pickles, preserves, jams, jellies, vegetables, etc.
2. Standard clear canning jars with a new lid must be used.
3. The entry must be labeled with the name of item and date preserved.
4. One entry = 1 jar or freezer container.
5. Attach a 3"x5" index card with the recipe and canning procedure to the entry.

Project or Club Display Boxes

One entry per member ~ One entry per club

1. Display box cannot be larger than 12 inches tall, 18 inches wide and 10 inches deep.
2. Display box should have a full back, bottom, slanted sides, and no top.
3. Display box must be educational in content and tell your project or club story.
4. Judging is based on informative value, appeal, appearance, originality, quality, and arrangement.
5. Display box must be designed, constructed, and displayed by the 4-H member(s) entering the exhibit.

Project Essay Entries

1. Essay entries shall be limited to one per member.
2. Each essay shall be hand-written, printed, or typed (double-spaced on plain paper) and be an original work of the member.

