

GENERAL RULES OF 4-H EXHIBITS

1. Entries in this department are exclusively for boys and girls between the ages of 6 -19 who are generally enrolled members with records and project work in good standing with 4-H clubs in Valley County.
2. All entries are to be made on 4-H entry blanks which can be obtained by calling or writing the Valley County Extension Office, 501 Court Square, Box 12, Glasgow. These entry blanks should be sent to the Valley County Extension Office no later than **JULY 24, 2009**. **You must also sign up for an interview judging time at the Extension Office.**
3. When filling out your entry blanks on the 4-H entry forms, please use a separate blank for livestock and a separate blank for the 4-H Quonset exhibits.
4. Bring exhibits for interview judging to the Commercial Area under the grandstand. Interview Judging will be held at the 4-H Commercial Area under the grandstand beginning at **4:00 pm SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009**. Following interview judging you will take your exhibits to the 4-H building to be kept there until **5:00 pm WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009**. Exhibits may be removed starting at 5:00 pm Wednesday, August 12 (except where specified). This does not include livestock sold at the sale. There will be no other early withdrawal of fair entries, except for veterinarian reasons, or prize money will not be paid.
5. All 4-H exhibits will be judged by the group award system of placing according to the quality of the exhibit. Qualifying exhibits will be judged in three groups. First - Blue Ribbon, Second - Red Ribbon, Third - White Ribbon group. If no exhibit in a lot merits a blue ribbon, none will be given.
6. **4-H members may exhibit only in the project in which they are currently enrolled.** If members wish to exhibit in classes other than those which they are enrolled, they may compete in open class. Those competing in open class must fill out open class blanks.
7. All out of county 4-H members who wish to enter exhibits at the Valley County 4-H & FFA must do so under open class. See open class rules.
8. Premiums will be paid according to the official award entered in the Judge's Record and **NOT** on premium tags or ribbons. The Judge's record shall be final. **Be sure to turn in your judging sheet following interview judging.**
9. No premium will be awarded for an exhibit not listed on the official entry blank.
10. **No 4-H entry blanks will be accepted after 4:00 pm SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009**

INTERVIEW JUDGING

All 4-H Livestock Project Books should be entered in 4-H Department PD, Class 200. Please refer to index.

Interview judging will be done in all project areas, **except live animals**. All items that you are planning on exhibiting in these areas must have a 4-H entry blank submitted to the Extension Office by JULY 24, 2009. You must also sign up on the interview judging time schedule which is at the office.

** In regards to all livestock (beef, sheep, goats, swine, horses, rabbits & poultry), if seven (7) activities are not completed in the 4-H Project Manuals, the 4-H'er will be asked to meet with a designated committee and if no corrective action is taken by the member, they will not be allowed to sell their market livestock animal (beef, sheep, swine) at the Valley County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale.

What Is Interview Judging?

Interview Judging is one method of helping you evaluate your work. It involves the 4-H member (you) having a consultation with the judge during the judging of the exhibit.

Together you evaluate the project or part of a project, basing the evaluation both on a pre-determined standard or criteria, and on goals of the member in doing the project.

Interview judging of projects in 4-H merely means that the 4-H member and the adult or judge have the opportunity to go over the article to be evaluated. Together they decide how much progress has been made or in what ribbon classification it should be placed.

With interview judging, each individual has the opportunity to determine his/her own starting point, take note of the progress he/she feels he/she has made, and set the direction of his/her future growth.

Parents are not allowed in building during judging.

Please make sure you have entry tags attached to all your exhibits before you come to the fair.

If you do not know your 4-H Exhibitor Number call the Extension Office at 228-6241.

If you have never been interview judged, ask a leader, older 4-H member how it works, or call the Extension Office.

STEPS IN INTERVIEW JUDGING:

1. 4-H member takes his/her own exhibit to the judge.
2. Member and judge sit down together to discuss article.
3. Discuss and evaluate article.
4. Judge and member decide on placing.
5. Discussion on ways to improve project for next year.
6. Receive ribbon
7. Be sure and return judging sheet to check-in desk.