Department 30 4-H Hall Exhibits

4-H Exhibition Hall
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General Rules & Regulations

GENERAL RULES:

Please use the Intent to Exhibit Entry Form included in this book to list your entries and mail with **proof of insurance, W-9 form, approval form, camping application** and any **fees** to the address listed on each form.

****Rules subject to change without notice****

Entries are open to youth (5-18 as of December 31 of the prior year) in the State of Maine who are enrolled in 4-H and are carrying on approved 4-H projects.

Enrolled youth ages 5-8 (Cloverbuds) are encouraged to exhibit but will not be judged competitively. Cloverbud members will receive a ribbon and gratuity for displaying their work.

What's the difference between a project and an exhibit?

A 4-H project is the general category (see the list of Project Categories/Exhibit Classes) under which a 4-H member's efforts fall. 4-H'ers are expected to keep an annual Project Record for each of their projects to guide and track their progress. 4-H Project Records are based on goals each youth sets for themselves. Exhibiting in the Fair may be a goal or a step to a goal.

Fair exhibits are a way to share with the public what a club or individual has been doing in 4-H.

Each exhibit must be plainly marked with the state-printed version of the 4-H (or Cloverbud, as appropriate) Exhibit & Judging Card AND a Life Skills Wheel card. Be sure to include the age and number of years in the project on the top portion of the Exhibit & Judging Card. Life Skills Wheel cards should be carefully completed on both sides to give judges an accurate idea of the project's scope and the work involved in creating the exhibit.

Exhibits must showcase the work of the member exhibiting, not an assemblage of a kit. "Kits" include the prefabrication, assembly, or collection of component parts which materially diminishes the exercise of those skills the 4-H project is designed to teach. Kits may only be included as part of a display or exhibit but cannot be the primary component of the exhibit. An example would be in a hobby or collection category: a model train with a landscape or scenery created by the member; a collection of model cars assembled by the 4-H'er. Explanations should be included by the member on the judging card to clarify any use of prefabricated components in the exhibit.

Exhibits are limited to a maximum of ten (10) exhibits per member ages 9 and up. Cloverbud exhibits are limited to the ages of the youth, i.e. a 5-year-old can have 5 exhibits. Please contact 4-H county staff if you need assistance categorizing exhibits. Exhibits may be recategorized by 4-H Staff if categorized incorrectly.

Posters may be no larger than 14"x 22" for exhibits. No baled hay or straw is permitted in the hall as part of the display or exhibit. 4-H exhibits must be completed before they enter the Hall.

Entries should be brought in Monday August 10th from 4:00 pm to 8 pm or Tuesday August 11th from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please note that all exhibit spaces need to be reserved using the intent to exhibit form provided by July 17th. All unreserved spaces will be available on a first come first serve basis. Independent exhibitors may display projects together in one space.

Hall Exhibits cannot be removed from the hall before 6:00 pm Saturday, August 22nd. Exhibits may be picked up between 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm or by prearranged appointment on Monday, August 24th. Contact the

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4-H Staff at the Somerset Extension Office to make arrangements. 207.474.9622.

Complaints by exhibitors of any nature must be submitted in writing to Danielle Savoy within 2 weeks after the close of the fair.

Competent security will be on the grounds 24 hours per day during the fair dates. Every possible care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits in Exhibition Halls, but in no case will the Skowhegan State Fair assume responsibility for any loss or damage that might occur.

Due to insurance regulations, there will be no vehicle traffic or parking allowed in the agricultural area or midway area from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm from August 13th – 22nd. All violators will be towed at owner's expense. This rule will be strictly enforced. There will be a special parking area for agricultural exhibitors.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

4-H Exhibits

Visitors to the 4-H building from **THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH** will receive a ballot at the door and are urged to cast a vote for the exhibit that is the **BEST OVERALL.**

The Exhibit categories that are eligible to win include;
The 4-H Club Exhibits, The 4-H Educational Exhibits & The Homemaker Exhibits.

People's Choice Premiums

An $80.00 premium and a Ribbon will be awarded
(this is in addition to premiums for the 4-H Educational Exhibits)

2025 People's Choice Award Winner
~ Franklin County - D. Nelson ~

Thank you everyone who participated & voted in 2025