

4-H'ers reminded to submit Lincoln County Fair entry forms by June 15

4-H members are busy working on their 4-H projects and preparing their exhibits for this year's Lincoln County Fair, July 22-26. Since 1920, when the first 4-H club was organized in Lincoln County, 4-H'ers in Lincoln County have been exhibiting their 4-H project work at the Lincoln County Fair.

Exhibiting at the Lincoln County Fair is one of many learning experiences that contribute to the positive development of a young person in 4-H and Extension youth programs. Through the fair judging experience youth learn, recognize their accomplishments (effort and successes), evaluate their efforts, and are guided through a process to consider what they might learn next. Participation in the fair helps youth build important life skills they can use the rest of their lives. Some of these skills include: getting along with others, communication skills, decision-making, feeling valued by the community and taking an active role in their community.

In addition to 4-H'ers, youth from other recognized youth groups in Lincoln County are also invited to exhibit in the Junior Division and all residents of Lincoln County are encouraged to exhibit in the

Open Division. So, if you enjoy baking, sewing, gardening, woodworking, collecting antiques or any other hobby, show off your work at this year's Lincoln County Fair by entering an exhibit before June 15.

Individuals interested in exhibiting at the 2015 Lincoln County Fair must submit their fair entry form by June 15 (no exceptions to this deadline). The following is the 2015 Lincoln County Fair Entry Process per the Lincoln County Fair Association:

■ **1. The 2015 Fair Exhibitor's Handbook is available online at the Lincoln County Fair website (www.lincolncofair.com). The handbook is in PDF format and can be printed off entirely or just the sections you are interested in. It is suggested you only print what you need. Copies of the handbook are also available to view at the UW-Extension Office, T.B. Scott Public Library, and each Fair Department Chair and 4-H Club Leader will receive a copy. The UW-Extension office can make copies of sections of the handbook for individuals who do not have access to the online version for a minimal copy charge.**

■ **2. The entry form is a single page (not the 3 page carbonless form). Entry forms are available at the UW-Extension Office and online at the Lincoln County Fair website. For more information and directions on entering online, please visit the Lincoln County Fair website, www.lincolncofair.com and click on the Exhibitors tab. There is no extra cost associated with entering online and you won't need to fill out an entry form by hand! The UW-Extension office will also assist individuals in entering in this manner by stopping by the office located in the lower level of the Lincoln County Service Center at 801 N. Sales St. in Merrill.**

■ **3. Entry forms (and online entries) will need to be postmarked, dropped off, or submitted by Monday, June 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. There are no exceptions to this rule for 2015. If you are planning on exhibiting, please make sure to get your entries into the Fair Office by this date. The following are the different places to submit your forms:**

- **A. Online (visit our website for details and a link that will take you to the online entry site);**
- **B. By mail. Mail to: Lincoln County Fair, P.O. Box 921, Merrill, WI 54452.**
- **C. Drop off at the UW-Extension Office between May 1st and June 15th.**
- **D. June 13 & 14 – Drop off at the Fair Office on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds**

Each year, as with every handbook, there are always changes to the departments, general information, judging times, etc. Please be sure to review these sections to keep current on what's happening at the fair this year.

If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or want to get involved in Lincoln County 4-H, please feel free to contact Debbie or Amanda at the UW-Extension office at (715) 539-1072 or visit our website at <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/>. Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development is a program of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension in partnership with local, state and federal government in each Wisconsin county.