



# 4-H Express

Grounded  
in the past  
Bound  
for the future

June/July 2021

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Wisconsin System [Change](#)

Location: Merrill, WI

**This is us!**



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If you have any questions, just call the office: 715-539-1072!

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Wear the Green!

It's time to show our 4-H spirit throughout the community. Purchase your Lincoln County 4-H t-shirt by June 30th!

# 4-H T-SHIRT *Sale*

Lincoln County 4-H

# \$12.25

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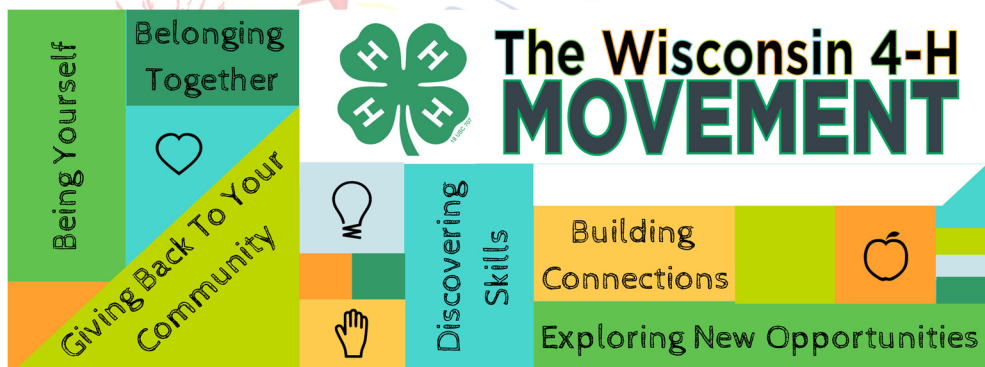
Great For Community Service, Food Stands, & Fair  
**ORDER TODAY: [HTTP://BIT.LY/LC4HTSHIRT21](http://bit.ly/LC4HTSHIRT21)**

Order by June 30th -- Invoices will be sent once order is received.

Questions? Contact the Lincoln County Extension Office at 715-539-1072.

Share the love!

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## The Wisconsin 4-H Movement *Giving Back to Your Community*

In your club or community there are many different opportunities for you to give back to your community! When you give back to your community, you **make meaningful contributions through community service and leadership**. What are some ways you or your club has **given back to your community** and lived out The Wisconsin 4-H Movement?

Did you organize or participate in a service project in your community? Did you serve on club, county, or community board? Have you partaken in different leadership opportunities in your community?

We'd like to hear about it! Share your story locally with us. Submit your short story with a picture or two to:

<http://bit.ly/4HGiveBackStory21>

Have fun while...  
**GIVING BACK TO  
YOUR COMMUNITY**





Lincoln County 4-H

Celebrate our Graduates!

EACH OF YOU LEFT A MARK IN THE 4-H PROGRAM. WHETHER YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY TO COLLEGE OR THE WORKFORCE MAY YOUR FUTURE BE FULL OF MANY BLESSINGS.

CONGRATS! - LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H

*Hunter Borchardt*

*Tanner Depies*

*Zoey Dreikosen*

*Kendra Petrowski*

*Colton Williams*

*Congratulations All!*

A BIG "WAY-TO-GO" TO OUR TWO LINCOLN COUNTY  
4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS !

*Zoey Dreikosen*

*Kendra Petrowski*



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# COMMUNICATION CONTEST RESULTS



L-R: Kekoa (Emcee), Ian & Siobhan Schuetze,  
Stephanie Loderbauer (judge); Leo Lazare,  
Alexis Lonsdorf and Amara Lazare.

Alexis Lonsdorf (Junior Division), Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Blue ribbon for Reading of Poetry: Selection of Shel Silverstein poems

Leo Lazare (Junior Division), Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Merit award for Demonstration: Making Pistachio Pudding

Amara Lazare (Intermediate Division), Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Blue Ribbon for Traditional Speech: Plastic Pollution

Siobhan Schuetze (Junior Division), Prairie River Eagles 4-H Club  
Best in Show for Traditional Speech: Artic Foxes

Ian Schuetze (Senior Division) Prairie River Eagles 4-H Club  
Merit award for Reading of Prose: Excerpt from "True  
Americanism", Theodore Roosevelt

Thank you, Stephanie Loderbauer, for judging our event and sharing  
your positive critiques with the youth.

Thank you also to Maxine and Peter Schuetze for  
coordinating the event





Several Lincoln County Extension educators and staff have new and innovative ways to continue to provide



## Holly Luerksen

Our own UW Madison Lincoln County 4-H Educator received State & Regional Awards from the Wisconsin Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals in recognition of Local 4-H programming.  
**Next Step Nationals!**

*2021 Excellence in Camping—Team*  
*"Lumberjacks: Building Your Future" Camp*  
*Team Award*

"Lumberjacks: Building Your Future" Camp was a hybrid summer camp program. It featured written curriculum, project materials, video instructions, and virtual campfires.

*2021 Excellence in Teamwork*  
*"Virtual Learning Community"*  
*Team Award*

The Virtual Learning Community (VLC) began during summer 2020 and filled the immediate needs of local families searching for education and connection.

*2021 Teaching Series*  
*"Clover Cookie Creations Zoom Series"*  
*Team Award*

Clover Cookie Creations was a four week zoom teaching series for youth and adults where participants learned how to make four different types of cookie to increase foods project knowledge.

*2020 Communicator Award*

Due to COVID—the 2020 awards were held over and awarded in May 2021.

*Promotional Piece—Individual*  
*"My Voice Matters" T-Shirt Design*



## Becky Kludy

Our own Lincoln County Program Assistant received a State Award from the Wisconsin Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, an organization of Extension Professionals.

*Meritorious Support Service*



# Awards & Recognition

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been recognized for their dedication for coming up with educational opportunities and serve the community.



## Dan Marzu

Our own UW Madison Lincoln County Agriculture Educator received a State & Regional Award from the Wisconsin Association of County Agriculture Agents; Search for Excellence in Crop Production.

### **Next Step Nationals!**

#### **2021 Excellence in Crop Production—Team**

#### **“Badger Crop Connect”**

#### **Team Award**

This award is to recognize an NACAA member who has developed and carried out an outstanding extension educational program in crop production.

The overwhelming response and success of the Badger Crop Connect resulted in the BCC becoming an integral part of the Crops and Soils programming.



## Debbie Moellendorf

Our own UW Madison Lincoln County Positive Youth Development/ Health & Well Being Educator received a State & Regional Award from the Wisconsin Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals.

#### **2021 Colleague of the Year**

#### **Outstanding Achievement in the Profession**

#### **Meritorious Colleague**

Debbie also received an award from the Wisconsin Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science (WEAFCS)

#### **WEAFCS Team Effort Award**

#### **Team Award:**

For efforts by the Life-Span C-19 Rapid Response Team to address social isolation during COVID.





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## Statewide Animal Events

# AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS IS BACK!

Check out the 4-H Website for more information about these contests.

[4h.extension.wisc.edu//area-animal-science-days/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu//area-animal-science-days/).

- \*Participants MUST register individually through 4-H Online. Log on to your account and click "Events" on the left-hand menu.
- \*Dairy participants should select "2021 Dairy Judging Regionals".
- \*Livestock participants should select "2021 State Livestock Judging Contest"

Reach out to Laura Pine at the Wisconsin 4-H Office with any questions. [lpine@wisc.edu](mailto:lpine@wisc.edu) or 608-262-1222.



## Dog Agility State Show!



AUGUST 14, 2021

Hosted by La Crosse County 4-H Dog Project

Registration is now open for the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Dog Agility Show! The show will be hosted by LaCrosse County at Canine Sports Zone in Middleton, WI on August 14. You can find the forms and more information here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-dog-agility-show/>. **Registration is due July 10.**

Registration for the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show will be coming soon!

The Dog Project website has been updated: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/small-animals/dogs-project/>.



# National Opportunities!

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## Virtual Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Youth Members 9-12 grades Online Registration is open till June 11 for CWF. National 4-H Council will be providing a Virtual CWF experience for 2021. Wisconsin Delegation Will be providing Connections following each program.

The cost for the Virtual CWF experience is \$250. There are funds available from the WI Foundation and will provide support for young people who register, participate, and engage in the WI Delegation Connections.

If you have any questions and/or need any additional information contact:  
Amber Rehberg

WI 4-H Educational Program Specialist

UW Madison Division of Extension

Amber.rehberg@wisc.edu or 608.262.1557 or 608.294.8131 (cell)

### Don't Forget!

**Sign up for Current  
Conversations  
Mental Health Series  
by June 14**



Join us for in-depth and meaningful conversations on topics related to youth mental health.

#### Past Participant Testimonials:

"I felt like I could share my questions and statements without judgement."

"It's great that these conversations are being held for youth, so often youth cannot talk about what's going on because they think no one will take them seriously because they are kids...you are creating a safe space for youth to have these conversations."

**Every other week:  
Thursdays at 7:30PM  
June 24-Aug 5**

**Registration is open on  
the Virtual Learning  
Community website!**



## SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

You are invited to join Holly Luerssen, 4-H Educator, as she presents during the Tails & Tales Summer Reading series this summer at the Antigo Public Library. Participants will receive a Take & Learn kit that goes with the theme.

June 16th— Butterflies Around Us

June 28th — Animal Musicians Rule

See you there!



From TB Scott Free Library:

Summer Reading Challenges commence June 7. Why not join us on a reading safari this summer! The Library is offering a free reading challenge for every age this summer along with special prize drawings. Individuals, ages baby through adult, will participate in the online Beanstack Summer 2021 Reading Challenge. (Paper format will be available for those who are unable to participate online.) The Library Summer Program also offers interactive events for children of all ages and their families! Explore the wild animal kingdom through the wonderful world of books. Remember everyone is a winner at the Library!

Starting June 7, go to Beanstack online,

[https://](https://tbscottlibrary.beanstack.com/)

[tbscottlibrary.beanstack.com/](https://tbscottlibrary.beanstack.com/) , or download the app on your iOS or Android device and start reading!

# Shooting Sports Certifications

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Lincoln County has over 30 youth enrolled in shooting related projects (shooting sports, archery and hunting). We are in search of **CERTIFIED** leaders to help guide them.

**If you would like to share your passion for the outdoors and shooting sports, don't miss out on this great opportunity to become certified.**

A Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leader may be certified in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a 4-H certified leader supervising the range.

To become a certified 4-H leader, one must first complete 12-hours of training. First step is to complete the National 4-H Shooting Sports online training and the second step is attending an 8-hour in person workshop in your discipline of choice. After that initial 12-hours, you may become certified in additional disciplines by attending another Saturday in person workshop. Only one certification may be obtained at a Saturday workshop.

## **SIGN UP FOR THESE CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS THROUGH 4H ONLINE.**

### **2021 Western Workshop**

Date: June 26, 2021

Location: Eau Claire Area

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle (Must have 4 in each class to offer a discipline)

Registration Deadline: June 24, 2021

### **2021 Central Workshop**

Date: September 11, 2021

Location: Marshfield Area

Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Rifle/Air Rifle, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol & Shotgun (Must have 4 in each class to offer a discipline)

Registration Deadline: TBD



# Clover String Art

String art involves wrapping colorful string around nails or pins to form a design. String art can also be used to teach math! It's a great way to learn about shapes if you're younger and to learn a little about geometry if you're older. String art can be simple, or more complex. For example, the clover you are about to make might look hard, but if you separate it into more simple shapes, you will see that you can do it (each leaf is like a heart).



**To download the complete directions for the string art:**

[fyi.extension.wisc.edu/lincolncounty4h/files/2021/06/String-Art-Fun.pdf](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/lincolncounty4h/files/2021/06/String-Art-Fun.pdf)

## Bayer Youth Ag Summit 2021 for Agricultural Changemakers

The virtual 2021 Youth Ag Summit on November 16-17, presented by Bayer Crop Science, brings together 100 global young leaders for networking, debates, skills training, and project development. Open to young people ages 18-25, the Summit aims to equip participants to take action on one of humanity's most pressing problems: how to feed a hungry planet while using fewer natural resources.

Apply by June 30th.

<https://www.cropscience.bayer.com/who-we-are/events/youth-ag-summit>



## 4-H VETERINARY SCIENCE: STOPPING SICKNESS

Learn some of the ways that people can help animals stay healthy.



**Animals get sick, just like humans do. This series of activities explores how sickness spreads among animals, how the immune system fights off illness, and how veterinarians examine and treat animals with medicine to help them get back on all four feet.**

**Grades: 6-8**

**Topic: Animal Science**

**For complete activities and more information go to:**  
<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/veterinary-science-stopping-sickness/>

## BEAN IN A BOTTLE

Grow your knowledge about plants!

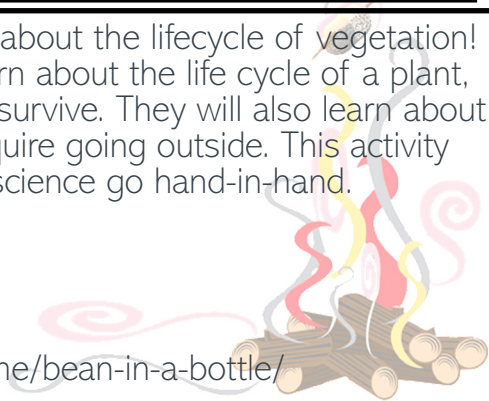


Plant some seeds of knowledge about the lifecycle of vegetation! Through this activity, kids will learn about the life cycle of a plant, discovering what plants need to survive. They will also learn about innovative gardens that don't require going outside. This activity showcases how agriculture and science go hand-in-hand.

**Grades: 3-5**

**Topic: Plant Science**

**For complete activity go to:**  
<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/bean-in-a-bottle/>







## 2021 Fair Entry Process

1. The 2021 Fair Exhibitor's Handbook will be available online at the Lincoln County Fair website ([www.lincolncofair.com](http://www.lincolncofair.com)) by clicking on the Exhibitor tab. The handbook is in PDF format and can be printed off entirely or just the sections you are interested in.

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.

**4-H Youth:** *Junior Division has had MANY changes due to the removal of project levels when youth registered for projects. **Be sure to read all the class and lot requirements to be sure you are entering in the correct way!***

2. Fair entries should be done online. Go to [www.lincolncofair.com](http://www.lincolncofair.com) and click on the Exhibitors tab and then Entries. **Deadline for entering is July 15, 2019, until midnight online or postmarked.**

***Please note:*** *If you have completed your online fair entry properly, you will receive two emails—one indicating that you have an account followed by a second one that lists all of the entries you have made. Please be sure to double check this second email and keep for your records. If you do not receive this second email, you have not completed the entry process properly and need to go back into your account to complete the entry process. In most cases, you have not completed the final step where you agree to abide by the fair rules and hit submit.*

**Remember:** Junior Division exhibitors must enter Junior Department if one exists for their projects. They may only enter Open Division if there is no Jr. Department (i.e. Open Antiques) or they were not enrolled as a 4-H member by the 4-H enrollment deadlines.

3. If you need to do a paper entry form, they are available at the Extension Office. You will need to make a copy of the entry form before submitting. You will not get a copy back with your entry tags.
4. **2021 Entry fees:** 1-25 entries are free; 26-35 entries are \$5; 36 and over are an additional \$1 fee for each entry. For example: 24 entries are free; 30 entries are \$5; 35 entries are \$5; 40 entries are \$10. **You are responsible to pay for the number of entries you enter even if you do not bring them to the fair.**
5. All fees need to be mailed to the Lincoln County Fair office at P O Box 921, Merrill, WI 54452. Checks should be made payable to the "Lincoln County Fair Association". No credit/debit cards. **Exhibitor tags will not be given out if the fees are not paid.** The UW-Extension office cannot and will not accept any fees. Any paper entries should also be mailed to the Lincoln County Fair office along with any applicable fees. If you have questions on the entry process or any questions on the handbook, please contact Cindi Christiansen at (715) 218-7649.

The Lincoln County Fair thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to a great Fair!

Submitted by Cindi Christiansen, Lincoln County Fair Association



# Dairyland Stand Sign-ups

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## It's time to sign up to work at the Dairyland Stand.

The Dairyland Ice Cream Stand is an important fundraising opportunity for Lincoln County 4-H – but did you know that it is also the perfect way for youth and their families to fundraise for their own clubs, group or even individual 4-H trips and leadership opportunities?

When you volunteer for a shift at the Dairyland Stand you will be credited with part of the profits earned, based on the number of hours you

work. Some of that money will be given to your club, but some will be held for you to use for 4-H activities. You could give it to your club, or a project group or you could use it to go to 4-H camp or on a 4-H trip!



Dairyland shift sign-up is easy! And ONLINE!

To see what shifts are available and to sign up for one go to: <https://signup.com/go/uUqPsSL> You will NOT need to register an account or keep a password! Just provide an email that you will check! Contact the office if you need help signing up!

## Help Out with the fair!

If you would like to help out at the fair, we would love to have you!  
You can –

- work in the fair office! – Call Cindi at 715-218-7649 and leave a message
- help out with the judges and entries by running water, bringing supplies, etc. – Contact the 4-H office 715-539-1072
- work at the Dairyland Stand! Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/uUqPsSL>



Lincoln County 4-H

Summer is here! See



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PREPARE  
FOR THE  
FAIR**

### 2021 Fair Theme

**These are the Good Old Days**  
**Colors: Red, Green and Black!**

Please try to carry out this theme in barn decorations, department decorations, etc.

There are many ways to use this theme in decorating ideas– feel free to use your imagination!

Visit the fair website at  
[www.lincolncofair.com](http://www.lincolncofair.com) for the latest information.

**Check your 4-H Project enrollment! You have a few days to change your project enrollment to match your fair entries. Do it now so you don't miss out!**

### **Entry Deadline: July 15**

Don't forget that fair entry forms are due on or before July 15. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Also, remember it's your responsibility to review the handbook to be sure you follow all the guidelines and enter your exhibits at the correct time and day of the fair. If you have questions about a particular department, please contact the Department Superintendent for that department. The Department Superintendent and their phone number is listed in the front of the Fair Exhibitor Handbook and at the beginning of each department. These are the best individuals to answer your questions.

The Fair Entry Handbook is available online at  
[www.lincolncofair.com](http://www.lincolncofair.com).



## Beautify the Fairgrounds during the Fair

Many clubs participate in the Fair Board flower planter project each year. The Fair Board is asking all those interested in helping to “beautify” the fairgrounds to bring in flower planters/displays this year. Planters/displays will be judged and certificates will be awarded.

The theme of the 2021 Fair is “These are the ” Planters can be decorated to reflect this theme. Here is your chance to really show off your creative talents! Promote your club or activity and help make the fairgrounds a beautiful place. Participants will need to furnish all the supplies and to keep it watered during the fair, if needed.

Finished pots/displays should be dropped off at the fair office during the daytime August 9 - 11. If you have any questions please contact Sue Kunkel at 715-536-3209

## Entry Day, Wednesday 8/11, Drop off Times

**Livestock Barn Animals:** 8 am - 3 pm - All Animal exhibitors will be receiving information in their exhibitor packet regarding entry day procedures and the time of arrival for their animals.

**Dairy:** 8 am - 12 Noon

**MASS Livestock:** 8 am - 12 Noon

**Lokemoen Building—**12 Noon - 3:00 pm all junior poultry and rabbits, 3-5:00 pm all open poultry and rabbits.

**All Other Exhibits:** 12 noon – 7 p.m. Note that some departments have face-to-face judging.

## Department Setup Times

Departments in the Bierman Building, Steckling Building, Livestock Pavilion, Lokemoen Building will set up on **Sunday, August 8**, from 1 to 6 p.m. and **Tuesday, August 10**, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Booths and school exhibits located in the Steckling Building can be set up on **Tuesday, August 10**, from 2 to 8 p.m. or on **Wednesday, August 11 (Entry Day)** from 12 noon– 7 pm. **Booths and school exhibits must be in place by 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 11.**

## Cloverbuds

Cloverbud exhibitors: You can enter online in Department J17 by the **deadline date of July 15, 2019**. Carefully read the information on page 57 in the fair book. Cloverbud exhibitors **will** get exhibitor labels so your exhibits need to be brought with entry tags. **Bring your items for judging to the Cloverbud area in the Bierman Building on Wednesday, August 11th. Check the fair book for your time to be judged.** Remember to bring a recent wallet size photo of yourself. These photos will be placed with your exhibits at the fair and returned on the last day of the fair.



## Entry Notes

When you fill out your entry forms, make sure you put down all the classes you want to enter. If you want to participate in showmanship, you must put that on the entry form. The same goes for any carcass contests. It needs to be on the entry form in order for you to participate.

Make sure you check the animal health requirements and bring any necessary papers because this will be checked at the fair before you can unload your animals. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and follow these requirements.

The Fair Board is required by the State of Wisconsin to maintain records of cattle exhibitors and identification of animals shown for five years. Acceptable forms of animal identification for breeding animals are (1) an official metal ear tag, (2) a breed registration number, or a breed registration tattoo. These numbers will be recorded at the fair. For steers, either an official ear tag or the metal ear tag applied at weigh-in may be used.



**PLEASE NOTE: Parking limitations by the Livestock Barn will be strictly enforced.** Vehicles may be parked by the barn for a 15-minute period to load or unload animals or supplies. On Sunday afternoon, no vehicles will be allowed to park by the Livestock barn prior to 5:30 p.m. in anticipation of release time except with written permission of the Fair Association.



## Poultry & Rabbit Projects



All Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors must have completed YQCA to exhibit!

All Poultry exhibitors must have a Premise ID in order to show at the fair! Please submit the ID number on the entry (due July 15th) AND bring a copy on entry day!



## Dairy Project

Potential Dairy Exhibitor **Mandatory** Informational Meeting – Tuesday, June 22<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Upper-Level Assembly Room at the Lincoln County Service Center (801 N. Sales Street in Merrill – enter lower level/south entrance and follow the signs to the meeting room).

Individuals who are considering exhibiting in the Jr. Dairy department and their parent/guardian must attend this informational meeting to show at this year's Jr. Dairy Show. There will be an option to Zoom in the Meeting if you are unable to attend in person. If you are unable to attend, please call Kassie Schepp (715-432-9114) by Monday, June 21.





It's sometimes tricky to be a 4-H parent at the fair. Here are some "Do's and Don'ts" to help you navigate the tricky process of letting your child show at the fair.

☺ **DO** advise your son or daughter in selecting 4-H projects. Help them select a project they are interested in, have the ability to accomplish, and one for which you can help furnish needed materials, facilities, financing, and guidance.

☹ **DON'T** view your child as an extension of yourself. Don't view his/her success or failure as a reflection of your ability or worth. Don't discourage them from exploring interests and passions that are different from your own.

☺ **DO** help youth by guiding and supporting them, so they can develop their own life skills. This may include some bumps and bruises along the way, but in the end the 4-H member will be better off if they know that the 4-H project was their own work!

☹ **DON'T** do your child's projects for them, even though you may be able to do it faster, better, simpler, and with much less mess. Remember 4-H is Learning By Doing.

☺ **DO** keep in mind that the most important goal of 4-H is personal growth of the individual. Not the color of the ribbon or the amount of praise they get.

☹ **DON'T** let the desire to win overpower your child's ability to learn. Do keep in mind that the 4-H and fair experience should be an educational one.

☺ **DO** provide all the guidance and support that your child needs in order to be able to take part in showing and being judged. Let them know that you are there for them.

☹ **DON'T** show the item or answer the judges questions for your child. Judging — especially face-to-face judging — is more about what the youth learned while doing the project than how the project turned out.

☺ **DO** give your child the space to learn how to be independent. Allow them to participate in judging with a minimum amount of guidance and direction.

☹ **DON'T** hover when your child is being judged. Don't crowd them or the judge. Don't make them feel like you are also judging them.

☺ **DO** help your youth see the progress they have made and knowledge they have gained. Give them encouragement when they succeed and even more when they fail. Judging events are all about learning, not the awards. Whatever ratings are given or scores received, help your child to see progress made, things learned, goals that have been reached and areas to focus on in the future.

☹ **DON'T** be disrespectful to the judges when your child didn't get the award or color of ribbon you thought they should have received. Remember, the judge's opinion is just one person's opinion.

☺ **DO** be proud of your child's compliments and growth.

☹ **DON'T** make the event about how you are feeling. Part of showing at the fair is youth learning how to their own feelings of success and failure.

☺ **DO** listen to your child if they are upset or feel something is wrong. Be a safe person to share their feelings with.

☹ **DON'T** assume your child is always right. Always get the facts of the situation and understand both sides.

**Remember: YOU are the example your child will follow!**

**4-H's are...**

**4X**

**more likely to  
give back to their  
communities**

**2X**

**more likely to  
make healthier  
choices**

**2X**

**more likely to  
participate in  
STEM activities**



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