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Somerset County 4-H Fair Awards

1. The Fair is open to all registered 4-H members in Somerset County. All Projects/divisions are valued equally.
2. In support of the "free family fun" philosophy of our Fair, entry fees are discouraged. However, if needed, they should only be used for judges' fees, equipment rental, etc., not for the purchase of awards. All entry fees must be approved by the 4-H Agents, in advance.
3. The 4-H Association awards listed are intended for 4-H members, grades 4-13, not adults.
4. Any division choosing NOT to use the standard sponsored awards, must pay for any other awards and must have permission from the 4-H office prior to the Fair.
5. The Exhibitor Guide is the only official list of classes, rules, and awards. Any changes or additions being considered for the future must be submitted in writing in advance to the 4-H Agents, regardless of sponsorship.

Rosette Awards

Rosettes represent a level of recognition involving peer competition. To be considered for a rosette, a project must have received an excellent rating (blue ribbon).

Members compete against each other for awards, such as "Best in Class" or "Grand Champion" which will be awarded based on the score they received.

As a general guide, 4-H Association sponsored rosettes are available for up to the top 30% of each class/unit. For example, if there are 10 entries in a class, up to three (3) rosettes would be awarded, based on the judge's discretion. If there are fewer than three entries in a category, one rosette can still be awarded if the judge feels a project is truly outstanding.



4-H Association Sponsored Rosettes are as Follows

- Purple or Blue three-streamer rosettes, are to be used for the highest award in a class, for example: Grand Champion, First Place, Best in Show, etc.
- Red, are to be used for Second Place, Reserve Champion, Second Best in Show, etc.
- Yellow, are to be used for Third Place, etc.

Division chairs are asked to order custom division rosettes based on the number of members expected to participate in each class. Generic rosettes are also available.

Medallions

The medallion is a disc inscribed with the 4-H logo on a green neck ribbon. These awards are given at the judge's discretion for outstanding work in an area that does not award rosettes. Leaders may also request medallions for special Fair related designations such as Outstanding Club Mentor or Best Record Book.

Fair Improvement Grants

The 4-H Association will consider giving divisions/tents monetary grants to make the Fair better. Please remember Fair grants are limited and clubs asking must have taken part in a 4-H Association sponsored fundraiser. Applications are available online at www.4histops.org.

Club Exhibit Score Sheet

The goal of the exhibit is to share to the public what your club does. You want the display to be fun and exciting and draw in fairgoers so they want to read and learn more! The display, and the entire tent should have some focus or reference back to the Fair Theme. The 2023 Fair Theme is **75 Years and Growing Strong!**

If you would like your club display judged, you should follow the rubric below:



Somerset County 4-H Fair Club Exhibit Score Sheet

Club Name:

Theme: 75 Years and Growing Strong!

| DESCRIBES WHAT CLUB DOES | | | | SCORE |
|---|--|---|---|-------|
| 18 19 20 | 21 22 23 | 24 25 26 | 27 28 29 30 | |
| <i>Fair</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Excellent</i> | |
| Very little or no description of what activities the club does at meetings (including field trips, community service, speakers, etc.) | Adequate use of words or pictures to describe what activities the club does at meetings (including field trips, community service, speakers, etc.) | Effective use of words or pictures to describe what activities the club does at meetings (including field trips, community service, speakers, etc.) | Outstanding use of words and pictures to describe what activities the club does at meetings (including field trips, community service, speakers, etc.) | |
| DESCRIBES WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT BEING PART OF 4-H | | | | |
| 15 16 | 17 18 19 | 20 21 22 | 23 24 25 | |
| <i>Fair</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Excellent</i> | |
| Very little or no description of importance of 4-H, or what being in 4-H means. | Adequate use of words or pictures to describe what it means to be a part of 4-H. | Effective use of words or pictures to describe what it means to be a part of 4-H. | Outstanding use of words and pictures to describe what it means to be a part of 4-H. | |
| CARRIES OUT THEME, HIGHLIGHTS CLOVER, AND EXPLAINS THE 4 H'S | | | | |
| 9 10 | 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 | |
| <i>Fair</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Excellent</i> | |
| Theme does not promote 4-H, 4-H project(s), or the clover. | Adequate use of theme throughout booth to clearly promote 4-H or 4-H project(s), or the clover. | Effective use of theme throughout booth to clearly promote 4-H, or the 4-H project(s), and the clover. | Outstanding use of theme throughout booth to clearly promote 4-H, 4-H project(s), and the clover. | |
| GENERAL APPEARANCE, WORKMANSHIP & EFFORT | | | | |
| 9 10 | 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 | |
| <i>Fair</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Excellent</i> | |

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| Unattractive, cluttered, and poorly arranged. Signs are hard to read. Inappropriate quality of work based on the age of the club members. | Somewhat attractive, neat, and well-arranged. Any signs are barely readable. Somewhat appropriate quality of work based on the age of the club members. | Attractive, neat, and well-arranged. Any signs are relatively easy to read. Appropriate quality of work based on the age of the club members. | Extremely attractive, neat, and well-arranged. Any signs are easy to read. Very appropriate quality of work based on the age of the club members. |
| ATTRACTS ATTENTION | | | |
| 9 10 | 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 |
| <i>Fair</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Excellent</i> |
| Use of color, props and space in layout does not attract audience attention. | Adequate use of color, props and space for a layout that attracts audience attention. | Effective use of color, props and space for a layout that attracts audience attention. | Outstanding use of color, props and space for a layout that attracts audience attention. |

3 point BONUS: Exhibit is staffed by members or leaders who can answer questions (or at least lists where everyone is if not staffed, eg: "at the show see us in show tent") _____

3 point BONUS: Has an interactive display or area in the tent for fairgoers to try something or pet an animal _____

Judge's Initial _____ TOTAL SCORE (out of 100) _____



Dale Artfitch Award for Sportsmanship

Dale Artfitch was a 4-H member in the Go Karts for many years. In addition, he was a member of the Finderne Rescue Squad and was instrumental in helping to form the EMS Angels of Central New Jersey. While he enjoyed racing his go-kart and riding his motorcycle, his passion was helping others. On July 3, 2009, Dale entered eternal rest. Dale will always be remembered as a true friend to many – willing to help anyone, at any time.

4-H was an important part of Dale's life, and his friends and family are still involved. They have honored his memory by recognizing a 4-H member, 8th grade and older, who shares the positive qualities and characteristics that Dale demonstrated.

During the Fair, 4-H members may nominate a fellow member who consistently embodies the following characteristics:

- Set a good example

- Play by the rules
- Have an open mind
- Willing to listen to leaders and members
- Show respect inside and outside of 4-H
- Be a gracious winner and a dignified loser
- Show perseverance
- Show gratitude
- Show a positive image of 4-H
- Takes responsibility for their own actions
- Show that performance in 4-H is about being a champion member, not about having the champion project

**Please note that ONLY 4-H members may nominate other members.
Nominations accepted in the Info Tent during the Fair.**

More Ways To Get Involved

Overnight Herdsman (aka: Herdsman)

What is a Herdsman?

Overnight Herdsman are registered 4-H members and 4-H volunteers who sleep overnight at the Fair to make sure the fairgrounds get cleaned, and the animals and other projects are safe and secure. To be eligible to become an overnight herdsman, 4-H members must be in good standing and have completed 8th grade and higher.

Herdsman Supervisors are approved by the 4-H Agent. They are registered 4-H adult volunteers who stay the night and supervise all the youth and adult herdsman.

Both adults and teen Herdsman are people of character and uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

How do you become a Herdsman?

Return a completed application to the 4-H Center by the due date. Late applications will not be accepted! Applications are available online at 4HisTOPS.org.

Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader, and a 4-H Agent on the application. Herdsman applicants and their parent or guardian must attend one of two herdsman orientation meetings.

Perks of becoming a Herdsman:

- Have fun and meet new friends from other projects. Get lots of snacks and food at night and breakfast in the morning.
- Take on responsibility and leadership roles during the overnight hours at the Fair.
- Sleep in a Fair tent.

Spin Cotton Candy

Get a free pink cotton candy shirt! Anyone 16 years or older can spin cotton candy. However, younger members can take tickets. This yummy Fair treat raises funds for the Prep/Cloverbud 4-H program.

Clover Cafe

Arts members and parents and anyone else wishing to help, are invited to sell refreshments at The Clover Cafe in Clover Theater. Arts Leaders will have sign up information or stop by to lend a helping hand. Funds raised support the Arts and Science Tent and clubs.

Eat At The 4-H Fair Food Tent

Help keep the Fair free while supporting local nonprofit organizations and local small businesses. All the food sold at the Fair is prepared by nonprofit organizations, local small businesses and 4-H Clubs.

Some proceeds from sales enable the 4-H Association pay for the many fair expenses. The work of the volunteers for these organizations is why our Food Tent is so successful. Please support them and 4-H by eating there.

Join The Wednesday Morning Opening Ceremonies

All 4-H members and their families are invited to help cut the ribbon and officially “open” the Fair. Join the celebration at 10am Wednesday at the bridge in front of the Information Tent.

Attend The Wednesday Evening Welcome Ceremonies

Wednesday night in the show tent we invite all 4-H Families to join us in welcoming the public, recognizing Outstanding 4-H'ers and special volunteers and greeting our biggest supporters.

Parade Of All 4-H Clubs

Ready your banners, your costumes, your crazy chicken hats, your giant snake and dragon puppets, your RC cars, your 4-H Cheer, or anything that shows off your club. Get ready to join The Annual Parade of Clubs after the Welcome Ceremony on Wednesday night!

Club T-Shirt Contest

Get you club together and show off your club's unique 4-H Fair T-shirt on Thursday night for our Club T-Shirt Fashion Show at the Clover Theatre. You can bring your own music as choreography is welcome! Fun & prizes for all.

Open Divisions For All Members

Show off some of your other talents in the Open Division. This is open to any member, any age (prep/cloverbud will get judges' comments) in any club. Your entries can be anything you created throughout the year! Entries can have been a school project or a hobby. See the Exhibitor Guide on the website (4HisTOPS.org) for details. You can participate in many different divisions including:

- Creative Arts
- Crafts
- Creative Writing
- Photography
- Needlecraft
- Performing Arts
- Woodworking
- ***NEW*** Vegetable and Flower

