Essex/Hudson County 4-H Spring Fair Project Exhibit Booklet

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THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY
Dear 4-H members and Essex County Community Members,

We would like to invite you and your families to the Essex/Hudson County 4-H Spring Fair. The fair will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 11AM to 4PM. All Essex County youth are welcome to participate!

This booklets provides detailed information about submission of project entries. Youth can submit projects in any of the fall divisions including: Photography, Arts and Crafts, and Environmental Education. We will collect submissions for projects to be showcased at Garibaldi Hall on Friday, April 29th between 3:00 and 5:00pm or on April 30th between 8:30 and 9:30am. On Saturday morning the projects will be judged based on the Danish judging system and all projects will receive a ribbon and written recognition. The "Best of Division" award winners may even win a small cash award! All projects will be showcased for families and community members to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you and your families at the fair. Please remember to stop by the 4-H activity station and say hello. If you are interested in learning more about our 4-H program or how you can get involved in more 4-H projects, please call the office @ 973-353-1337. We are looking forward to a great fair this year!

Yours in 4-H,

Marissa Blodnik
4-H Program Associate
4-H Judging

**4-H Judging** uses the Danish system in which each item is evaluated against a standard. Therefore, many exhibits will receive Excellent, Very Good, or Good ratings. If there are three or more entries, one exhibit in each Division or Class may receive a rosette.

**The Purpose of Competition** is to allow the participants to test their skills and take part in a POSITIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE!

What do Ratings We Use and What do They Mean?

- **Excellent**: Outstanding work, meets at least 90% of the criteria.
- **Very Good**: Well done, needs a little improvement.
- **Good**: Good effort, project entry did not follow guidelines.
- **Cloverbud**: Will only be judged for participation and will receive Cloverbud Ribbon per project entry.
- **Best in Division**: Best overall project for the division.
- **Best in Class**: Best overall project for the class.

* All Best in Division projects will be awarded a $5 premium and Best in Class will be awarded $3. Premiums will be awarded at the Annual Achievement Ceremony.

Project Entry Guideline

**All Essex County Youth** ages K-13 (one year out of high school) may enter projects. Cloverbud members and Youth grades K-3, may enter any division, but will only be judged for participation and will receive Cloverbud Ribbon per project entry.

**Individuals can enter up to 3 projects** per class and there is no maximum for entries per division.

**Registration Form** must be filled out for general public entries (non-4-H members) and emailed, mailed or faxed to the 4-H office prior to September 25th. (can be found on page 3)

**Project Drop-off** is Friday the night before fair between 3 and 5pm or Saturday the day of fair between 8:30 and 9:30 am. Any exhibits arriving after that will be displayed but will NOT be judged.

**Exhibitor Tags** must accompany all entries. Participants can contact the 4-H office for fair tags or tags can be completed during drop-off.

**Project removal** is asked after 3:45 pm and before 4:15 pm on the day of fair. Project that left behind will be sent to the 4-H office.

**Fall Project Divisions** include: Fruits & Vegetables, Outdoor/Indoor Gardening, and Food & Nutrition.

**Spring Project Divisions** include: Technology, Writing, Arts and Crafts, Environmental Education, and Small Animals.

**Ribbons and premiums** will be made according to the Danish system. See 4-H Judging (page 2 for more info). Rosettes may be awarded to Best Exhibit in each Class or Division, when there are at least 3 entries in that Class or Division.

**The 4-H Association will not be liable** for damage or loss due to fire, theft or any cause whatsoever and the exhibitor shall hold the 4-H Association blameless for any loss and upon this condition ONLY are all entries and exhibits accepted.
Essex County 4-H Fair Exhibit Entry Form for Non-4-H Members

Name:  
Grade:  
Contact #:  

Name of Club (If Applicable):

Exhibits can be a result of club work or individual work including school assignments:

- Project must be dropped off @ Garibaldi Hall (cabin next to the Environmental Center), on Friday, April 29th between 3:00 and 5:00 pm or on April 30th between 8:30 and 9:30 am as judging will begin promptly at 9:30.
- Exhibit Entry Tags will be completed when exhibits arrive at the Fair
- Please remember to list all possible items you want to enter in the Fair on this form
- Participants may enter up to 3 entries per division
- Please email Essex4h@njaes.rutgers.edu or fax 973-353-1430 this form to county 4-H office by April 29th
- If you have any questions about completing this Exhibit Entry Form please contact us!

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DIVISION V – PHOTOGRAPHY

- Any Youth may exhibit in any class, maximum two entries per class
- All pictures must be taken by the exhibitor
- Each entry must be MOUNTED by the exhibitor on a sheet of poster board
- Each entry has an explanatory caption in the lower left front of the poster board
- 4-H Fair tag must be placed in the upper right hand corner on the back
- No photos larger than 5x7 inches except Classes 5, 11, 12
- All entries must be printed on photo quality paper

Classes
1. Five pictures on the same subject
2. Four pictures of different subjects, one each of buildings, people, animals or birds and 1 landscape/seascape
3. Five black and white prints processed by member
4. Five color prints processed by member
5. One black and white or color enlargement, any shape, not to exceed 8X10”
6. Five Flash pictures
7. Three action pictures
8. Sequence of two pictures reporting any project, e.g., before and after
9. Sequence of three to five “how-to-do” pictures
10. Picture Story of 8 to 15 pictures with narrative script
11. Special Effects – one picture made by unusual photo techniques
12. A print – may be up to 81/2’ x 11”
13. Find an online photography challenge and complete it

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DIVISION VI – ARTS AND CRAFTS

• Any Youth may enter, maximum three items per class
• All articles must be made by the exhibitor
• Articles made at camp or school are eligible

Classes

1. A ceramic Article
2. A Crocheted Article
3. A Holiday Decoration
4. A Hooked Article
5. A Knitted Article
6. A Macramé or String Article
7. A Sketch Book
8. Acrylic – Copy
9. Acrylic – Original
10. Painting, Oil – Copy
11. Painting, Oil – Original
12. Painting, – Water Color-Copy
13. Water Color – Original
14. An Appliquéd Article
15. An Embroider Article
16. Any Molded Article-Plaster, Plastic, Salt Dough Clay, etc
17. Any Woolen Article
18. Any Woven Article
19. Basketry
20. Candles– Homemade or Decorated
21. Sewing, Article Clothing
22. Sewing, Any other item
23. Collage
24. Craft Item - 75% or More Recycled Material
25. Cross Stitch
26. Picture or Diorama
27. Decoupage
28. Egg Decorating – Interior or Exterior
29. Leather Article
30. Metal Article – From a Kit
31. Metal Article – Original
32. Mobiles (any Materials)
33. Needlepoint Article
34. Paper Craft
35. Pastels
36. Pencil/Charcoal Sketch
37. Picture - From a Kit
38. Shrink Art
39. Animal Art
40. Silk Screen Print
41. Styrofoam Design
42. Jewelry
43. Tinsel Painting
44. Tile Article
45. Any Other Craft Article Made at a 4-H Meeting
46. Any Other Craft Article that does not Fit in another Category
47. Glass Article, Self Made
48. Glass Blown Article
49. Mosaic
50. Glass Art
DIVISION VII – ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

• Scrapbooks, displays, and posters may include photographs, clippings, or purchased materials, but must be labeled and assembled by exhibitor
• Mounted items must be attached to thick display board that stands alone
• Collections must include at least the name and collection site of each specimen, additional information is desirable.

Classes

Forestry
1. Collection of five or more named twigs, leaves, fruits, wood blocks, or bark
2. Collection of all the above for three or more tree species, with several interesting facts about each tree
3. Other forestry-related item, poster, or display

Conservation
4. Collection of five or more grasses, wildflower or weeds, named (photos are OK if taken by member). Other wildflower-related item, poster, or display
5. Scrapbook of five or more native wild animals
6. Collection of at least three plaster animal track casts, each one named
7. Endangered species scrapbook or poster
8. Other wildlife-related item, poster, or display
9. Homemade bird house or feeder, (if made of wood, may be entered as Woodworking, Division XII)
10. Chart of major bird families native to New Jersey
11. Scrapbook of five or more birds
12. Other bird-related item, poster or display

Entomology
13. Collecting net, killing jar, and spreading board
14. Collection box with five or more insert properly labeled
15. Collection box – 25 or more specimens – five or more orders
16. Model (not from a kit) of insect or other arthropod. Must have correct number of body parts!

Earth Science
17. Collection of five or more NJ rock and mineral specimens, properly labeled
18. A working model of a volcano, with explanation of how a real volcano works

Marine Science
19. Collection of five or more sea shells found in New Jersey, properly labeled. Other biofacts may be included, as long as at least five are mollusk shells

Recycling
20. Invent/design a creative, useful, original item from one or more recyclable item
21. Display that shows ways to recycle, reuse, and/or reduce waste
DIVISION VIII– SMALL ANIMALS

• Any Youth who cares for their own animal(s) may enter
• Only clean, healthy entries will be accepted for exhibit
• Provide your own cage, crate, tank or bowl for all animals
• Exhibitors must provide their own feed and water containers
• Each entry must have an exhibitor’s tag
• Health Inspection Form must be signed by qualified adult

Classes
1. Pullet (4 months or older)
2. Cockerel (4 months or older)
3. Hen
4. Cock
5. Bantam
6. Pigeon
7. Rabbit
8. Duck
9. Goose
10. Gerbil
11. Guinea pig (mature)
12. Hamster
13. Reptile or amphibian
14. Tropical fish
15. Bird
16. Cat
17. Dog – if there is no obedience show
18. Other animals
DIVISION IX - WRITING

- Any Youth can participate in the classes
- Submit up to 3 articles per class
- All writing must be original
- All written entries must be typed
- Poetry may be submitted in a creative format but must still be typed

Classes

POETRY
1. Free verse
2. Haiku
3. Limerick
4. Sonnet
5. Cinquain
6. Diamonte
7. Other form of poetry

SONG/BALLAD
8. Song or ballad

SHORT STORY
9. Short story
10. Create an original story character – design the character and type up a description and background story for the character

*NEW*

PROFESSIONAL WRITING
11. Letter
12. Resume
13. Report
14. Other professional writing
DIVISION X - TECHNOLOGY

• Any youth can participate in the individual or group classes, maximum three items per class
• Kits are permitted, but must be indicated by class

Classes

ROCKETS
1. Rocket – from a kit
2. Rocket - original

ELECTRICAL PROJECTS
3. Electric article – from a kit
4. Electric article - original

MOTORIZED PROJECTS
5. Motorized article – from a kit
6. Motorized article - original

ROBOTICS
7. Robotics article – from a kit
8. Robotics article - original
9. Robotics article – from a kit - Team
10. Robotics article - Team original

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS
All Digital entries must be submitted between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Saturday entries will NOT be accepted. * Digital items can also be emailed to essex4h@njaes.rutgers.edu by April 18th at 5:00 pm for judging. Please send email with subject: Member name, technology project.

Computer-based presentations can be printed out or put on a memory stick or provide the computer to display entries

Internet based presentations MUST include access codes in order to judge entries

Still entries such as blogs and social networking sites – provide five screenshots to demonstrate the site

11. Powerpoint presentation – Individual
12. Powerpoint presentation – Team
13. Animation – Individual
14. Animation – Team
15. Video – Individual
16. Video – Team
17. Social Networking site – Individual
18. Social Networking site – Team
19. Flyer, brochure, or other promotional item – Individual
20. Flyer, brochure, or other promotional item – Team
22. Blog – Team
23. Miscellaneous

LEGO
24. From a set – individual
25. From a set – team
26. Original - individual
27. Original - team
28. Motorized, set – individual
29. Motorized, set – team
30. Motorized, original build – individual
30. Motorized, original build - team
31. Misc. Lego
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. The New Jersey 4-H Youth Development Program offers everyone in grades K–13, the opportunity to explore countless opportunities in science, arts, foods, outdoor adventure and more. 4-H is where there's fun in learning and learning is fun! Contact our office for more information about youth programs and volunteer opportunities.