



# YOUTH ORGANIZATION INFORMATION



# HOW CAN YOU EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR?

The Iowa County Fair offers an opportunity for youth to participate in the competitive exhibit departments at the Fair each year. Fair entries are open to youth members of 4-H, FFA or other recognized youth organization (school club, Girl Scouts, Scouts, church group, after school program, etc.) under adult leadership that has an education program appropriate to that organization. Youth organization leaders of a group other than 4-H or FFA need to complete the Youth Organization Information Intake form by March 1st of the current fair year in order for their members to exhibit at the fair.

## Exhibitor information and terms

**Junior Explorer Exhibitors:** Youth in grades K-2 are eligible to exhibit in Department 17-Juinior Explorers. Youth must follow the organization's code of conduct and be in good standing with the youth organization they represent to participate at the Fair.

**Youth Exhibitors for Competitive Exhibits:** Youth must be 8 to 19 years old (at least in 3rd grade) on January 1 of the current fair year and in good standing of the youth organization they represent to participate in the Fair. NOTE: Exhibitors who have learning or physical disability may exhibit according to their developmental or functional age. Contact the Fair Office for more information.

**Departments:** There are a variety of Departments to enter in for competitive exhibits that are often referred to as Non-animal and Animal. Non-animal Departments include but are not limited to, cultural arts (drawing, painting, etc.), photography, computers, mechanical projects (rockets, Lego etc.), natural science (shooting sports, archery, etc.), foods, clothing (sewing), knitting & crocheting, plants (gardening, crops), flowers, woodworking, animal & veterinary science. Animal Departments include dogs, cats, rabbits, poultry, and large animals. The departments are further divided into Classes and Lots.

**Premium Book and Entries:** The Iowa County Fair Premium Book lists all rules and regulations for entering to be an Exhibitor at the Fair for all Departments. It also includes contact information for Superintendents of each Department. You may contact Superintendents or the Fair if you have any questions on a Department (ex: which department should you enter a project, which class/lot, etc.). The premium book is released on the Fair website ([www.iowacountyfair.com](http://www.iowacountyfair.com)) in April. The Premium book is very helpful when submitting entries that open in June and close August 1st of each year. The fair uses FairEntry as our entries system, and our staff is available to assist with any question on how to set up an account, submit entries, etc. when the time comes.

**Superintendents:** Volunteers with knowledge in a Department that assist the Fair with rules and regulations for the department as well as on-site project check in, judge assistance, display layout, and project check out.

**Judging:** Departments are judged in different categories and not all categories are used in one Department. The categories include Danish, Face to Face, and Conference. Danish Judging is when projects in each lot are placed into four groupings (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) with the maximum placements established by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Projection (WIDATCP). There is not interaction with the judge; non animal exhibitors need not be present, but animal exhibitors must be present with their animal. Face to Face Judging is when the youth is present and they have an individual conversation with the judge on their project. Conference Judging is when all youth in a Lot are present and display their projects to the judge for comparison and follows Danish Placings. All judges for departments are licensed with the WI DATCP for the department in which they are listed in. The Fair contracts directly with the judges, and the judges award the youth.

**Awards and Premiums:** Youth projects are judged by a licensed judge and given a placing ribbon. Premium money is given by check to youth based on their project ribbon placing.

**Exhibitor Fees & Admission Special:** All Youth Exhibitors will receive a complimentary admission for unlimited entry to all 5 days.

# STEPS TO EXHIBIT

**1. Youth Organization Approval:** Youth organizations (school club, Girl Scouts, Scouts, church group, afterschool program, etc. -Not 4-H or FFA) must submit the enclosed **Youth Organization Intake Form** to the Fair office by March 1<sup>st</sup> for their organization to be approved in order to participate in the Fair.

**2. Offer Education:** Provide educational opportunities to your youth members to create projects to exhibit at the Fair based on the rules and regulations of the appropriate department listed in the Iowa County Fairbook.

**3. Project Entry Process:** Sign up for project entries (projects must be completed from August of the year prior to the week of the current Fair) The system used to submit your entry is called FairEntry and a link will be posted to the Fair website under the “Exhibits” tab. FairEntry opens June 1 and closes August 1 each year. Each youth member (except for 4-H) will need to create an account in FairEntry before submitting their entries. The Fair has staff available for youth to call or email with questions. It is recommended to contact the Fair staff before entries close if you have any questions. There is an entry fee and per animal fee for all youth exhibitors. The payment can be processed through the FairEntry system via credit/debit card. All youth exhibitors will receive complimentary admission for all 5 days of the fair.

**4. Animal Departments:** If youth members are participating in an animal department, there will be education requirements each year. Information on these requirements, what is approved, how to submit, etc. is listed on the fair website under “Exhibits” tab. Youth may participate in any of the approved educational offerings.

**5. Review Entries of Member Exhibitors:** Once FairEntry closes, a list of all youth exhibitors within a youth organization will be sent to the Youth Organization Leader for review to make sure all youth are qualified to show at the Fair under their organizations requirements (attend meetings, pay dues etc.) The Youth Organization Leader will have about one week to review the list and inform the Fair if all youth are approved. After that, the fair will prepare exhibitor information and entry tags.

**6. Entry Tag Pick Up:** Exhibitor Entry Tags will be available for pick up at the Fair Office by mid August. Each exhibitor is responsible for picking up their own tags. Information regarding pick up times will be sent to each youth organization leader and will also be posted on our website and social media pages. All youth will need their entry tags to check in their projects on-site during the fair.

**7. Project Check-in and Judging:** On-site at the Fair, youth will bring their project for check-in and judging on the appropriate day listed in the Fairbook under their department.

**8. Project Displays:** During the Fair, we encourage ALL youth to visit the Fair with their complimentary passes to view their project(s) on display and support the animal exhibitors during their shows.

**9. Awards and Project Pick Up:** Projects in the exhibit building will be released on Monday at 4:00 pm and Animal exhibits will be released at 4:00pm. Premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors after the Fair.

If you have any questions, contact the Fair Office at: iowacountyfair01@gmail.com or (608) 987-3490

# YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The purpose of the Iowa County Fair is to showcase the educational programs of Iowa County's Youth Organizations through exhibits that youth complete as a member of their organization. The county fair experience help reinforce youth interaction with judges, peers and the public.

## Eligibility Requirements:

All youth exhibitors must be members of a recognized youth organization (school club, Girl Scouts, Scouts, church group, afterschool program, etc.) located in Iowa County or a board approved organization that is under adult leadership with an education program appropriate to the department entered. In summary, either the youth exhibitor or the youth organization must reside in Iowa County.

## Resources Supporting Requirements:

WI Legislative Code: Chapter ATCP 160

[Iowa County Fair Premium Book](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/140/160>Title</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

<https://iowacountyfair.com/exhibits/>

This form is due by March 1st of the current fair year. This intake form must be submitted by the Adult Advisor who oversees approving adult leadership and youth membership for the organization.

Submit the completed application to the Iowa County Fair, PO Box 92, Mineral Point, WI 53565, or email to [iowacountyfair01@gmail.com](mailto:iowacountyfair01@gmail.com)

If you have any questions please contact the Fair Office.



# YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Organization a 501C3 non-profit? Yes  No

If no, please describe your organization's status: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Adult Advisor/Primary Contact Person of Organization

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Secondary Contact Person of the Organization

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth Organization Primary Contact

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_