



DELAWARE 4-H STATE FAIR NEWSLETTER

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Getting Ready for the Fair

The Delaware State Fair is just around the corner. This is a terrific opportunity to showcase all you have done in the 4-H program this year. This newsletter is designed to help you prepare to enter the fair and earn a blue ribbon! We have made several class changes this year, so read the 4-H department premium catalog carefully (only available online at http://www.delawarestatefair.com/media/2009_4-H_Dept.pdf)

Dates to Remember

- June 1 **DEADLINE!** ALL online registrations with the Fair close at midnight.
- June 15 **DEADLINE!** County Form (Judging Contests) due to County Office
- June 15 Host and Hostess Sign-Up Form due to County 4-H Office
- June 15 Helper Form due to County 4-H Office
- July 1 **DEADLINE!** State Form (Archery, Avian Bowl, Consumer Champions, Talent Show, Tractor and Compact Tractor Driving Contests) due to State Office



Exhibits

How to Enter Your Exhibits? All entries must be made online by June 1 (midnight) with the Delaware State Fair. Please enter your Exhibits, Demonstration, Fashion Revue, Talent Show, Avian Bowl, Consumer Bowl and other 4-H department classes by logging onto <http://www.delawarestatefair.com>. A copy of the 4-H department premium list is also available at this site. An email address to send your entry confirmation is required. If you do not have an email address, you may use your County 4-H Office email address, and they will mail you your confirmation.

- New Castle: 4-h@udel.edu
- Kent: kent4h@udel.edu
- Sussex : sussex4h@udel.edu

Entry tags will be mailed to you. Please check them for accuracy. If you have errors, contact the fair immediately to correct them.

Exhibit Check-In: All exhibits (except Foods, Vegetables, Indoor/Outdoor Gardening and Cut flowers) are brought to the 4-H exhibit area between 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20. Foods, Vegetables, and Indoor/Outdoor Gardening are brought to the fair between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon on Thursday, July 23. Cut flowers will be accepted on Wednesday, July 29, between 10:00 a.m. and noon. **Please tag your exhibits prior to bringing them to the fair.**

Tips on Preparing Your Exhibits for the Fair: Please read the rules at the beginning of the 4-H department premium list and each section carefully.

1. 4-H youth age 5-7 may enter in the Cloverbud classes, Section A, only. (Your 4-H age is determined on January 1 of the current year.)
2. You may enter only one exhibit per class.



In Memoriam—Joy Sparks
1951-2009

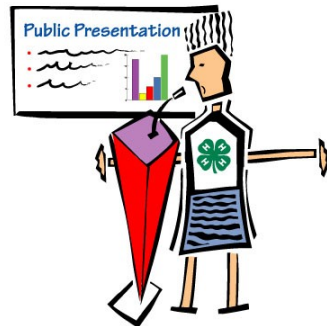


Highlights on this page:

- Judging Contest Sign-up Form due County 4-H Office by June 15
- General Demonstrations Monday, July 27, 10:00 a.m.
- Plant, Environmental Sciences and Other Demonstrations Wednesday, July 29, 10:00 a.m.
- Family and Consumer Science Demonstrations Thursday, July 30, 10:00 a.m.
- Animal Science Demonstrations Friday, July 31, 10:00 a.m.
- Demonstration PowerPoint CD (if applicable) due State 4-H Office by July 15
- Livestock Judging Monday, July 27

3. **Review the class description carefully.** Exhibits not meeting the class description will be disqualified. Most exhibits are disqualified for the following reason.
 - **Incorrect number of items for the class**—two like-jars of canning, 5 carrots. Do you have the correct number?
 - **Incorrect size of poster.** Most are disqualified for being too large. 14" x 22" is the most common size of poster. Is your poster the correct size? Individual photographs should not exceed 6" x 8".
 - **No foam core** for posters or photos, please. It is too thick to use with our hangers at the fair.
 - **Art and needlework** need to be **completed and appropriately finished and prepared to hang.** A hanger is not a piece of string taped on the back. There is less damage to exhibits if they are securely hung on the exhibit racks.
4. **Label each exhibit** with your name, address, age, county, years in project, club and class, in addition to the entry tag the fair provides you. In case your entry tag becomes lost or detached, we will know who the exhibit belongs to. Age is especially important so the judge knows how old you are. Print off a sheet of mailing labels for a great quick way to include this information on all your exhibits. It sure beats hand-writing the information.
5. **Attach the entry tag securely.** Use masking tape to attach tags to the backs of posters, photos, etc. Use a small safety pin to attach tags to any fabric article. Please do not use straight pins or scotch tape as they come loose too easily.

State 4-H Demonstrations



Remember the demonstration schedule at the fair:

- *General Demonstrations* will be on Monday, July 27
- *Plant, Environmental Sciences and Other Demonstrations* on Wednesday, July 29
- *Family and Consumer Science Demos* will be on Thursday, July 30
- *Animal Science Demonstrations* will be on Friday, July 31

Please contact your County Office if you have any special needs due to work or livestock shows. Demonstration presentation times will be

sent to participants under separate letter. **Make sure you enter the appropriate demonstration class on your online entry form.**

Judging Contests

4-Hers ages 8 and older may participate in two judging contests at the State level as determined through county contests. Please indicate which two judging events you will represent your county by returning the County Form enclosed to your County Office by June 15. **These contests DO NOT have to be entered online with the Fair.** Information will be provided to the Fair by your County 4-H Office. Note that Livestock Judging will be held on Monday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m.

State 4-H Fashion Revue

Any 4-Her age 8 and older that has participated in the County 4-H Fashion Revue is eligible to participate in the State event held on Saturday, August 1 at 4:00 p.m. Judging will take place on Monday, July 20.



More information regarding judging and practice will be provided by your County 4-H Office. **Register online with the Fair by June 1.**

4-H Talent Contest

Come out and share your talent with your fellow 4-Hers and fairgoers. This is a competitive event giving 4-Hers the opportunity to share their talents, whether it be a musical instrument, dance, singing, comedy, etc. The Talent Show will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 26. This is your opportunity to take center stage. Awards for this event include: 1st—\$100; 2nd—\$75; 3rd—\$50; and 4th—\$20 in each Division—Individual and Group. **Enter on the State Form enclosed by July 1, and register online with the Fair by June 1.**





Highlights on this page:

- Archery Contest
Friday, July 31, 2 p.m.
- Avian Bowl Contest
Saturday, Aug. 1, 1:00 p.m.
- Consumer Champions Bowl
Sunday, July 26, 2:00 p.m.
- 4-H Talent Show
Sunday, July 26, 3:30 p.m.
- Tractor Driving Contest
Wednesday, July 29,
11:00 a.m. ~ Quillen Arena
- Compact Tractor Contest
Saturday, August 1,
9:00 a.m. ~ Quillen Arena
- Food Bank Campaign
Consider donating.
- Host and Hostess
Sign-up Sheet enclosed.
- Volunteer for food service at
the State Grange and Farm
Bureau booths.



Livestock Shows

4-H is not responsible for the management of the livestock departments at the fair. All shows are open shows with junior classes. Please read and follow their rules and instructions carefully. Livestock to be sold in the Jr. Livestock Auction must be tagged with official Delaware State Fair tags at the times and locations listed in the livestock section of the fair premium list.



State Avian Bowl

The Avian Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday, August 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the 4-H building at the fair. Encourage your club to enter a team. Additional information and registration is available at <http://www.de4h.org/>



Consumer Champions Bowl

Get involved in the Consumer Bowl on Sunday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. Two age divisions (8-13 and 14-19) compete for cash prizes. Share your consumer knowledge that you use every day. Additional information is available at: <http://www.de4h.org/>



Archery Contest

This contest is only open to those 4-Hers who have been through 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Training at a camp, club or outreach activity. Recurve bows and arrows will be provided, but you may bring your own. Compound bows and arrows will not be provided. Awards will be given to the top shooter in each age division and bow category.



Hosts and Hostesses

Do you want to tell everyone about what you are doing in 4-H? Throughout the fair hosts and hostesses are needed to be available in the 4-H exhibit area to provide information about 4-H, projects on display, and prevent damage and theft of exhibits. This is a great opportunity for 4-Hers age 8 and older. Get your best 4-H friend to join you. Each county is assigned specific days to man the building. Sign-up on the form inserted in this newsletter.



Delaware State Grange and Farm Bureau

These two organizations are very supportive of the 4-H program. Both groups, especially the Grange, are in need of 4-H members and volunteers to help them in their food booths during the fair. The Grange needs help 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. shucking corn and preparing potatoes. The Grange and the Farm Bureau need help serving food from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. I would like to see every teen donate one shift of time to this effort. The Grange has work opportunities for younger 4-H members. Please visit these booths on the Fairgrounds to sign up to volunteer.



State 4-H Engineering Events

There are several opportunities for 4-Hers to represent Delaware at the National 4-H Engineering Leadership event. You can view the state and national rules and layout at <http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/naenr/naenr.html>. Let me remind you of how we select 4-H teens age

14 and older to participate in the national event in September. We will select Compact Tractor and Tractor

Driving participants from the driving contests held during the State Fair. Tractor driving is on Wednesday, July 29, at 11:00 a.m. in the Quillen Arena. Compact tractor is on Saturday, August 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Quillen Arena. Electric demonstration, computer demonstration, and small engine demonstration participants will be chosen from the respective state demonstration contest. A sign up form for Tractor and Compact Tractor Driving is attached. Deadline is July 1. There are two age categories (Jr—8-13 years old; Sr—14-19 years old). Participants may enter one category, not both. You must pre-register for these events. If you do not have an entry form with parental signatures, you will not be able to participate.



Food Bank Campaign

We are supporting the Delaware Food Bank campaign to bring 1 million pounds of fresh food to Delaware family tables. If you are entering an exhibit on Thursday, July 23, you can help by bringing extra produce. All other exhibitors may bring canned foods when exhibits are brought to the Fair. Thank you in advance for helping those in need.





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- **Helper Form** due the County 4-H Office by June 15

2010 Delaware State Fair

As you prepare for the 2009 Fair, please make notes regarding suggestions for the 2010 Fair. The changes we make each year are a result of suggestions from the previous year.



Help Us At The Fair

The fair is not possible without a cadre of talented 4-Hers and adult volunteers that make it all happen. Consider volunteering to help set-up the building, check-in exhibits, and assist judges. Good help is always needed, especially adult volunteers.

Sign-up with your County 4-H Office by June 15. We ask that all helpers be age 8 or older.

Monday, June 29—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clean-up and set-up building. Looking for older members who can set them up and move into place.

Tuesday, June 30—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Decorate building. Cut corrugated paper and attach to exhibit booths. Desire older members who can cut paper and use a staple gun, as well as pay attention to detail.

Monday, July 20—11:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Exhibit check-in. Lunch is not provided, but snacks and drinks will be available at 4:00 p.m. Check tags for completeness and sort exhibits by class.

Tuesday, July 21—8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Judge's Clerks. Punch tags and attach ribbons. Record premiums. Must be at least 10 years old.
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Begin displaying photos and posters.

Wednesday, July 22—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Display Teams. Older 4-H members. Need to be able to work independently and in teams displaying.

Thursday, July 23 (Note: The second crew must be different from the 8:45 a.m. workers)

Check-in Foods—8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Check tags for completeness and sort by class and assist with display.

Check-in Vegetables/Horticulture—8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Check tags for completeness and sort by class and assist with display.

Foods Judge's Clerks and Display—11:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Must have had lunch prior to arriving at 11:15 a.m. Punch tags, attach ribbons, record premiums, and assist judges. Assist with clean-up.

Vegetable/Horticulture Judge's Clerks and Display—11:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Must have had lunch prior to arriving at 11:15 a.m. Punch tags, attach ribbons, record premiums, and assist judges. Assist with clean-up.

Wednesday, July 29—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cut Flower check-in. Clerk and Display.

Sunday, August 2, Dismantle building. Two groups of volunteers.

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Dismantle exhibit area but not move exhibits. Check-out clerks.

11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Big people needed to pull booths apart—muscle!



2009 Delaware State Fair - 4-H Department Schedule

Mark your 4-H activities/commitments and post this on the family refrigerator.

June

1	Mon		Deadline for ALL online Fair entries!
15	Mon		Entry deadline to the County 4-H Office for Judging Contests. Helper form deadline to your County 4-H Office.
29	Mon	9 am - 2 pm	Clean-up and set-up 4-H Building.
30	Tues	9 am - 2 pm	Decorate 4-H Building

July

1	Wed		Entry deadline to the State 4-H Office for special activities: Talent Show, Archery, Tractor Driving, Compact Tractor, Consumer Champions, and Avian Bowl.
15	Wed		Deadline to submit Demonstration PowerPoint CD/DVDs to the State 4-H Office
20	Mon	noon - 6 pm	Check-in exhibits: Non-perishables
21	Tues	9 am - 4 pm 12 noon	Judge 4-H exhibits Begin displaying photos and posters
22	Wed	9 am - 4 pm	Display 4-H exhibits
23	Thurs	9 a.m. - noon noon - 4 pm 5 pm	Check-in: foods, vegetables, indoor/outdoor gardening Judge and display Delaware State Fair officially opens. 4-H exhibits open to the public.
24	Fri	1 pm	Poultry Judging: Adams Paddock
25	Sat	1 pm 3 pm	4-H Judging Contests: Food, Photography, and Wildlife—Centre Conf. Rooms 4-H Judging Contests: Horticulture, Clothing, and Wood Science—Centre Conf. Rooms
26	Sun	9 am 10 am - noon 12:30 pm 2 pm 3:30 p.m.	4-H Dairy Show – Schabinger Pavillion 4-H Foundation Donor Reception – Centre exhibit area (closed to the public) State 4-H Public Speaking Contest – Centre Stage 4-H Consumer Bowl – Centre Stage 4-H Talent Show—Centre Stage
27	Mon	9:30 am 9 am 10 am	4-H Dairy Judging—Schabinger Pavillion 4-H Livestock Judging—Kent Building 4-H Demonstration Contest: General Category - Centre Stage
29	Wed	9 am 10 am 10 am - noon 11 am	4-H Horse Judging – Quillen Arena 4-H Demonstration Contest: Plant, Environmental Sciences and Other Check-in: Cut flowers 4-H Tractor Driving – Quillen Arena
30	Thurs	10 am	4-H Demonstration Contest: Family and Consumer Sciences – Centre Stage
31	Fri	9 am 10 am 2 pm	State 4-H Horse Show – Quillen Arena (Class list available July 1) 4-H Demonstration Contest: Animal Science – Centre Stage 4-H Archery Competition

August

1	Sat	9 am 1 pm 4 pm 5 pm	4-H Compact Tractor Driving –Quillen Arena 4-H Avian Bowl – Centre Stage State 4-H Fashion Revue – Centre Stage 4-H Awards Celebration – Centre Stage
2	Sun	8 am - noon	4-H Department – Exhibit removal



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Delaware 4-H State Fair Newsletter

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Avian Bowl Entry Form

STATE FORM—Mail by July 1 to the State 4-H Office

Event: Saturday, August 1, 1 pm (Centre Stage)

Online registration with the Fair is required. Enter Class 318.

Team Name:		County:
Team Members Names:		
1	3	
2	4	
Leader/Coach Name	Complete address	Phone Numbers

The study sections for the 2009 Avian Bowl at the Delaware State Fair are:

- Small Turkey Flock Management (entire section), pp 45-53
- Breeds, Varieties, & Strains, (Continental and AOSB Classes), pp 77-80
- Raising Game Birds (All), pp 81-99
- Eggyclopedia: (Shell through Yolk), pp 145-150
- Fact Sheet: Contributions of Poultry to the Development of the Science (entire section), pp 169-170
- Fact Sheet: Biosecurity (entire section), pp. 179 - 180
- Embryology (Intro through Hatching), pp 181 - 188



Rules and study materials are available from your County 4-H Office. Contact Susan Garey at 302-730-4000 or truehart@udel.edu if you have any questions.

The Delaware State Fair will award premiums to the top three teams in competition. 1st—\$100 2nd—\$50 3rd—\$25



Consumer Champions Bowl Entry Form

STATE FORM—Mail by July 1 to the State 4-H Office

Event: Sunday July 26, 2 pm (Centre Stage)

Online registration with the Fair is required. Enter Class 319.

Age category (circle one)*

8 to 13

14 to 19

Team Name:		County:
Team Members Names:		Date of Birth:
1		
2		
3		
4		
Leader/Coach Name	Complete address	Phone Numbers

There will be a limit of eight teams per age division. Teams will be registered on an “as received” basis. Incomplete entries will not be registered. Rules and study materials are available from your County 4-H Office.

The Delaware State Fair will award premiums to the top three teams in both the Junior Division and Senior Division. Team Awards: 1st—\$100 2nd—\$50 3rd—\$25



I certify that the above contestants are eligible for team and age category entry.

Club/organizational leader signature: _____

State 4-H Judging Contests

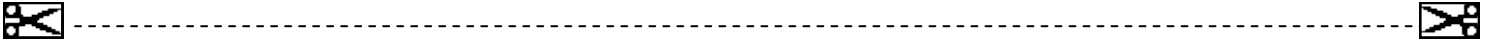
Online registration with the Fair is not required.

Name _____ Club _____ County _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Age Jan 1, 2009 ____ Email _____

Qualifications: Contestants, aged 8 and older, are determined through County Contests.
Youth may participate in any two state contests as designated.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry, Friday, July 24, 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture Saturday, July 25, 3:00 pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography Saturday, July 25, 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Science Saturday, July 25, 3:00 pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Saturday, July 25, 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Monday, July 27, 9:00 am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Nutrition Saturday, July 25, 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Monday, July 27, 9:30 am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles & Clothing Saturday, July 25, 3:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Wednesday, July 29, 9:00 am |

The Delaware State Fair will award premiums: 1st—\$57 2nd—\$43 3rd—\$29 4th-6th—\$21.50 7th-9th—\$14



Fair Helper Form
for Youth and Adult Volunteers

Name _____ Club _____ County _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____

I want to help in the 4-H Department at the Fair:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, June 29, 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Clean-up and Set-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, July 23, 8:45 am—12:30 pm
Check-in Foods, Indoor/Outdoor Gardening, and
Vegetables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, June 30, 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Decorate Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, July 23, 11:15 am—4:00 pm
Judge’s Clerks and Display |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, July 20, 11:45 am—6:15 pm
Check-in Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, July 29, 10:00 am—1 pm
Check-in, Judge’s Clerks and Display Cut Flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, July 21, 8:45 am—4:00 pm
Judge’s Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, August 2, 7:30—9:30 am
Dismantle Exhibit Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, July 22, 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Display Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, August 2, 11:15 am—1:00 pm
Dismantle Display Booths and Store |

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Host and Hostess Sign-Up Form

Name _____ Club _____ County _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

Sign me up to be a host/hostess in the 4-H building. I have checked the time slots I prefer. (If you are not available at a time when your county is scheduled, you may sign-up for a time when you are free to be a host/hostess. You will receive a confirmation of your time from your County 4-H Office.)



Day	Date	County Duty	9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1 p.m.- 3 p.m.	3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	5 p.m.- 7 p.m.	7 p.m.- 9 p.m.
Thursday	July 23	Sussex						
Friday	July 24	Kent						
Saturday	July 25	New Castle						
Sunday	July 26	Sussex						
Monday	July 27	Kent						
Tuesday	July 28	New Castle						
Wednesday	July 29	Sussex						
Thursday	July 30	Kent						
Friday	July 31	New Castle						
Saturday	August 1	Sussex						

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