



# Carroll County 4-H Fair Exhibit Information



**WHY** take the time to exhibit at fairs?

- Fair exhibits enable 4-H members to reflect on their learning and share the products and skills they have learned. Member exhibits demonstrate learning, life skills, and show the fun we have in 4-H.
- Fairs offer the general public a glimpse at all the different project areas in which 4-H is active- STEM- including Animal Science, Service Learning, Arts, Healthy Living, Citizenship and more!
- While working on projects 4-H Members are learning valuable life skills that will serve them through life, such as time management, teamwork, communication, public speaking, record keeping, and confidence.

**WHO** can submit projects for display at Fryeburg and Sandwich Fairs?

- Carroll County 4-H clubs who are in good standing and have enrolled members and leaders.
- Independent members who submit a project page.
- SPIN (Special Interest) participants that are approved by 4-H staff.

**WHAT** can be exhibited?

- Items made, produced, prepared in the current 4-H year (Oct 1-Sept. 30).
- Exhibits should follow the *4-H Exhibit Hall Project Guidelines* listed for each project- **read carefully**.
- Unless otherwise noted there is a limit of 2 items of the same method or style. Duplicate items must be entered as a set. i.e. matched pillows or turned plates.
- Any articles made from pre-fabricated kits must be suitable and appropriate for the member's age and skill level. Suitability will be left to the judges' discretion.

**WHERE** can projects be exhibited?

- Sandwich Fair- Columbus Weekend & Fryeburg Fair- End of Sept./ Beg. of Oct.

## Set-up/ Clean-up Dates & Times:

### Fryeburg Fair (September 29-October 6)

- **Exhibit set-up:** Saturday, October 2nd 9am-12-noon (Exhibits must be set-up by noon because judging will begin right at noon)
- **Exhibit clean-up:** Coordinate time with County 4-H Program Manager after fair

### Sandwich Fair (October 12-14)

- **Exhibit set-up:** Thursday, October 10, 2pm-6pm (Exhibits must be set-up by 6pm Thursday). Judging begins right at 6:00pm) coordinate time with Claes or County 4-H Program Manager.
- **Exhibit clean-up:** Monday, Oct. 14 at 5pm



# 4-H Club Exhibits



Clubs displaying any projects will automatically be eligible for Club Exhibit premiums. Club Exhibits are our best promotional tool at County Fairs — they are visible to the public the entire fair and they communicate all we do in 4-H. They showcase the talent of our young people, and the breadth of education and development that happens all year. All clubs in Carroll County are eligible to set up a fair display at both Fryeburg and Sandwich Fairs. We want to make sure that the 4-H Story is clear and positively displayed. Depending on the size and participation rates of our clubs, the size allotted to each club may vary at each fair and also year to year.

- Complete the Fair Space Request Form and return to the Extension Office by Sept. 15. If forms are not completed, space cannot be guaranteed.
- Clubs are urged to use their projects as their major display items. Club projects help to tell a story about the learning and development that happened over the 4-H year.
- We expect 4-H Members to set up their club exhibits with the help of their 4-H leaders.

Points will be awarded based on how well displays meet or exceed these expectations for a total of 100 points.

Categories	Criteria for Club Exhibits	Points
Overall Appearance	Projects are displayed by subject topic to clearly demonstrate to the public the different projects learned over the year. Projects demonstrate learning and mastery of skills over time. Projects are displayed well in the space given. Display appears well organized.	40
Creativity	Space is decorated to enhance the overall appearance of display including: streamers, balloons, dried flowers, table cloths, etc. Space creatively demonstrates 4-H concept, 4-H education, and overall 4-H year experience.	15
Club Sign	Let the public know who you are, and the name of your club, judged on appearance and execution. Club Signs (not to be made of cardboard or paper) must include club <i>name</i> and <i>town</i> for the public to see.	10
4-H Promotion	The display promotes the 4-H program and the educational opportunities in 4-H. Public understands 4-H better from the display. This could include but is not limited to items such as small notes on Project Areas, ties to the community, the 4-H Pledge, the 4-H Motto, or the 4 H's, etc.	10
Service Learning	Club display should include group community service project, clearly labeled; can be a collage, scrapbook, several scrapbook pages, or small poster. Looking for pictures and a clear description of the different service projects completed.	25
Club Display Premiums: (Blue \$15, Red \$12, White \$8) (85-100=Blue, 66-86=Red, Below 65=White)		



# 4-H Club Educational Exhibit



Educational Exhibits are an important aspect of 4-H fairs; they communicate to the public what 4-H is all about- exploring the world around us in fun and creative ways! They are a perfect way to showcase 4-H learning. Educational Exhibits should communicate with both judges and the public the educational focus your club had this year, showcasing your members in the process of their learning, as well as a way for members to exhibit the outcome of that learning. Educational Exhibits should focus on one central concept and have a clear connection to their 4-H project work. Members’ projects may be displayed to enhance educational exhibit and showcase the project’s connection with the exhibit theme as well as the long-term education.

- Any club is eligible to enter an Educational Exhibit.
- Educational Exhibits will be displayed within your Club Display.
- Members not leaders are expected to set up their clubs Educational Exhibits.

Points will be awarded based on how well displays meet or exceed these expectations for a total of up to 100 points.

Categories	Criteria for Club Educational Exhibits	Points
Educational Content	Exhibits a 4-H project area or activity. Educational outcomes (what you learned, how you learned it through 4-H, why it is important) are easily identified and are age appropriate for members. References given for cited information clearly displayed.	40
Exhibit Theme	The exhibit should have unity and should convey the subject of the exhibit at a glance. Members should come up with theme as a group.	15
Creativity	Content is visually interesting, and has aesthetically pleasing use of color, pictures, diagrams, and props/projects.	15
Organization	Exhibit flows nicely, has pleasing overall appearance, lettering is neat and easily read from a distance. Title is large, easily read from a distance, clearly and concisely communicates the focus of the educational display.	20
Club Information	Includes Club Name, Town, list of first names and ages of members who worked on display, maybe even a group picture.	10
Club Educational Display Premiums: (Blue \$15, Red \$12, White \$8) (85-100=Blue, 66-86=Red, Below 65=White)		