

# MINNESOTA 4-H CLOVER UPDATE

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## Fair Registrations Due!

This is the final reminder to get the fair registrations into the office by Friday, July 8, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Records DO NOT have to be turned in to the Extension Office.

## COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

### 4-H Conference Judging or Evaluation

It is designed to be a learning experience so members may explain their decision and goals relating to their project to those who are evaluating the exhibit. It is also important for youth and families to understand that conference judging is an appropriate time to ask questions of the judge about other possible methods, techniques or solutions to problems encountered when completing the project.

Judges or evaluators will ask 4-Hers questions to perceive the scope of their project activities and understanding of their workmanship in the exhibit. Putting some time into preparing yourself for your evaluation conference or interview will make it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for you. Begin by:

- Presenting a neat and clean personal appearance.
- Not chewing gum or having other distractions during interview.
- Knowing some basic information about your exhibit and project work throughout the year – ask yourself what the judge might ask about your project (sample questions are listed below).

Most non-livestock exhibits are judged 50% on the quality of the exhibit and 50% on the exhibitor's knowledge. It is very important that members be present for their project evaluation

so their knowledge is included in the ribbon placing.

#### **Questions that might be asked in any non-livestock are:**

- Why did you choose this item for exhibit? Where did you get your idea?
- What other items have you made or what other activities have you done in this project area during the year?
- What did you learn from your project work and specifically from preparing this exhibit?
- How did you make the product?
- What was the most difficult thing you encountered in preparing your exhibit? What was the most enjoyable?
- What could you do to improve your exhibit?
- What are your goals in this project?
- What sources did you use in getting information for your exhibit? People, books, etc.
- How will you use this information or item? How will you care for it?

## County Fair Schedule

\* County Fair Entries Due to Extension Office by July 8!!

\* Foodstand and Exhibit building Clean Up - Friday, July 29 - 5:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011**

Cat & Pet Judging - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Conference Judging - Non-livestock projects 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011**

Rabbit Entry Deadline - 2:00 p.m.

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Rabbit Tattoo Checking - 3:00 p.m.

Rabbit Judging - 4:30 p.m.

Sheep Deadline - 6:00 p.m.

Sheep Weigh In - 6:30 p.m.

Livestock Entry - 8:00 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011**

Goat Judging - 7:30 a.m.

Lamb Lead Judging - 8:30 a.m.

Sheep Judging - 9:00 a.m.

Swine Weigh-In - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Share The Fun - 3:45 p.m.

Poultry Judging - 4:30 p.m.

Beef Weigh-In - 6:30 p.m.

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011**

Dairy Judging - 9:00 a.m.

Horse Show - 8:30 a.m.

Beef Judging - 4:00 p.m.

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011**

Swine Judging - 8:00 a.m.

State Fair Deadline - 12:00 Noon

4-H Ribbon Auction - 3:00 p.m.

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011**

Llama Judging - 10:30 a.m.

State Fair Meeting (Livestock) - 12:30 p.m.

State Fair Meeting (Non-Livestock) - 1:00 p.m.

Round Robin Showmanship - 3:30 p.m.

Premium Money Distributed - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

4-H Project Release - 7:30 p.m.

Food Stand Clean Up - 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

***(Every club must have a representative!)***

## **Foodstand**

At least two adults and two youth representatives from each club are expected to clean up the Food Stand and 4-H building and grounds on Friday, July 30 starting at 5:00 p.m. We will be serving pizza for supper for all that help clean!

Each club should bring two rolls of paper towels and napkins. Please bring these items to the Extension Office prior to the fair. Each club should have one person help from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Sunday the last shift of the fair to help clean up.

Each club needs to assign one adult in charge of their shift. The manager is not required to be in the foodstand at all times, but will be available on the grounds and with a phone at all times. A reminder that all people who work in the Food Stand must wear hair restraints. It can be in the form of a clean baseball cap, scarf or visor. All long hair must be pulled back into a ponytail. Fryers need hairnets and gloves on.

## ***FRIDAY, JULY 29 - 5:00 p.m.***

Clean Up -- Everybody (Two adult and two youth representatives from each club. **A MUST!**)

## ***WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3***

11:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Volunteers (One member appointed person from each club - need to know name of person from each club ahead of time!)

4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Good Cheer

## ***THURSDAY, AUGUST 4***

7:00 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. Sundown Busy Bees  
1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Weeping Willows

## ***FRIDAY, AUGUST 5***

7:00 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. Rush River Rushers  
1:00 p.m. - 6:10 p.m. Transit Trailblazers  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. High Island Clovers

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. Arlington Conquerors  
1:00 p.m. - 6:10 p.m. Washington Lakers  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. High Island Clovers

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 a.m. - 2:10 p.m. Rush River Rushers  
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Blazin'West Stars  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Clean Up - One representative from each club - A MUST!

## County Fair Help – We Want You!!

While you are at the fair, why not volunteer to help out in your favorite area of expertise. The county fair CANNOT run smoothly without volunteers. The general exhibits volunteers can choose between two shifts. The first shift is Tuesday, August 2 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. or the second shift is from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Orientation for the judge's assistants will be held at 1:45 p.m. The jobs include checking in exhibits, record placings and arranging exhibits.

If you please could volunteer some time to help make your county fair a success, please contact the Extension Office at 507-237-4100.

## Attention New 4-H Families Exhibiting At The Fair

With many newer families to 4-H this year, here are some tips:

- Location of Fairgrounds - On the West side of Arlington by the corner of County Roads #9 and #12.
- The Sibley County Fairboard gives 4-Hers free gate pass admittance. These passes (which were sent to you in the mail along with your Fair Registration Form) allow you into the fair free so don't lose it.

- When you come to the fair on Wednesday to bring your exhibits, the first place to go is the registration table in the front of the 4-H Building. You will then receive exhibit cards and directions on judging.
- Animal exhibitors should bring their animals to the appropriate barn. Some may need to get weighed, so pay attention that this gets done. Exhibitors are responsible for care and feeding of their own animals. Livestock must be in place by Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Members registering late will be allowed to exhibit, but will not be allowed to participate in State Fair. Please review your Premium Book for exhibit rules.

## Premium Money Distribution Guidelines

4-Hers can pick up their premium money in cash on Sunday of the fair from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building. This is the procedure you should follow:

1. When arriving at the desk, you'll receive a computer print out of your exhibits and awards. Example:

Market Lamb	Blue	\$4.00
Potato	Red	<u>\$1.50</u>
	Total	\$5.50

2. It's your responsibility to see that all the information is correct. If there's a mistake, let us know, so we can check the books.
3. Go to the cashier and receive your money. You'll sign the permanent record book, verifying that you received your money.
4. Only the 4-Her or a responsible family member can pick up the money.

5. Unclaimed premiums will be totaled up and one check will be written to your club's treasurer.

## Cloverbud Guidelines For County Fair

- Exhibits can be in different project areas (ex: clothing and crafts & fine arts) or in just one project area or any combination. Cloverbuds are only allowed to bring two livestock exhibits.
- A parent/responsible person will be in control of the animal at all times (control means to handle and lead the animal) and Cloverbuds will not be in the show ring with regular 4-Hers. There will be a separate Cloverbud class that will take place during the show.
- Cloverbuds is a non-competitive program, which means cloverbuds will receive a "Cloverbud Ribbon" at the County Fair and a flat premium.

## Gear Up Now For The State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair runs from Thursday, August 25 through Monday, September 5, 2011. Livestock Encampment dates will be Wednesday, August 24 - Sunday, August 28. Our Non-Livestock General Encampment will be Thursday, September 1 - Saturday, September 3, 2011.

A 4-Her must have completed sixth grade to accept a trip to the State Fair. The only exception to this rule is Share the Fun skit members. Remember also that effective in 2004 Dual Trips can be exhibited at the State Fair.

Check the poster in the 4-H Building to see if you are eligible for a State Fair Trip. If you are, pick up your State Fair Packet from the desk by **Saturday at 12:00 NOON**. If a member wins several trips and doesn't decide by 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Connie Rettmann, 4-H Program Coordinator, will decide which trip that the member will take. Complete all forms and attend one of the State Fair Trip Winners Meeting (LIVESTOCK on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and NON-LIVESTOCK on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.) in the picnic area by the 4-H Food Stand. At that time, your health card, state fair forms, and checks will be collected. You MUST attend this meeting if you plan on going to the State Fair.

## Auction

The Sibley County 4-H will run the same as last year. Following are the changes to the auction that took place in 2006:

- Animals will not automatically be sold at the auction - ribbons only. If someone would like to purchase an auction animal, that would have to be done privately after the auction.
- Cloverbuds will **not** be allowed to participate in the auction.
- Buyers will be asked to stand after the purchase to be recognized and 4-Her will give an auction ribbon to the buyer.
- Only purple, blue and red ribbons are allowed in the auction.
- Sibley County 4-H Federation will receive 20% of each premium, while 80% will be returned to 4-Her.
- 4-H auction members must turn in a thank you note and insert a picture of them and their project before they can receive any auction premium money.
- A 4-H Auction Signature Form along with the consignment slip needs to be turned in.

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- There will be a cap for each project area:  
(Cap was raised \$50.00 in 2007)

Dairy, Beef, Horse - \$200.00 for Blue and Red;  
\$250.00 for Grand and Reserve Champion

Goat, Sheep, Swine - \$150.00 for Blue and Red;  
\$200.00 for Grand and Reserve Champion

Rabbit and Poultry - \$125.00 for Blue and Red;  
\$175.00 for Grand and Reserve Champion

Non-Livestock - \$100.00 for Blue and Red;  
\$150.00 for Grand and Reserve Champion

You can pick up the forms from your key leader.

## Attention Livestock Exhibitors

For the safety and well-being of our fair animals, it is important for us to take good care of them. It is especially important that the public see clean and cared for 4-H animals at the fair. Herdsmanship rules (located in your premium book) are different in all species areas, but we need to be sure that our animals and their area is neat at all times.

The fairboard has asked that we not use any round bales at the fair. They are difficult and messy to use. They also ask that on Sunday night the trucks and trailers not park ahead of time in front of the building. The animals cannot be released before 7:30 p.m. and therefore no vehicles should be taking up that front door space. Also a reminder to use the manure containers for only manure and the garbage containers for only garbage. Thanks in advance for following these procedures!

A good reminder if you have questions about any state requirements regarding dates, ids, and vaccinations, etc. they can be found on the animal science requirements in your past newsletter or by checking the most current state web page at <http://www.bah.state.mn.us>

## Round Robin Showmanship Contest

This contest will be held on Sunday afternoon of the fair at 3:30 pm in the arena. The top two senior showmanship winners will receive an invitation to participate. Honorable mentions in the senior category will be alternates followed by intermediate champions. They must register by the state fair trip deadline on Saturday noon. Every animal will have adults with them for safety. Directors chairs will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

## Clean Up Time

Fair Exhibit Building Clean-Up will happen on **FRIDAY**, July 29 - along with Foodstand Clean-Up. Each club is to have representatives there to help with this task. Clean up will start at 5:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Arlington. Please bring old rags, buckets, brooms, paint brushes and lots of energy.

## Poultry Exhibitors

Remember to bring your paper from the hatchery stating your chickens and turkeys are from a pullorum-typhoid disease free stock. Waterfowl and pigeons do not require this. Leg bands will be placed on your poultry exhibit at the County Fair.

## Attention Clothing Members & Quilting Members!

Clothing Achievement Day will be the same as last year. All Clothing and Quilting Judging will take place on this day. We will be judging Fashion Review, Clothing Construction and Quilts.

Clothing Achievement Day is set for Monday, July 25 in Gaylord. Judging will take place in the afternoon and the public revue will be at

7:00 p.m. Watch for more details in a letter that will be sent to all clothing members. Non-clothing members, including Cloverbuds, are invited to attend.

## LQA&E Policy

All County Fair 4-H livestock exhibitors in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat and dairy goat and lama must have completed a Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Workshop. Certification is good for three Fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the member's grade at the time of training.

Note: Training is recommended for pre-State Fair age 4-hers as well. Please contact the Sibley County Extension Office or visit [www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/AnimalScience/LOA&ETrainingDates.html](http://www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/AnimalScience/LOA&ETrainingDates.html) for training dates and locations near you.

## County Fair Entry Day

Mark your calendars for TUESDAY, August 2, 2011! This will be the entry day for NON-LIVESTOCK projects. We will have conference judging from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. on TUESDAY again this year. After judging is over on Tuesday, we will be closing the building and placing the final placings on the projects and will reopen the building WEDNESDAY at 1:00 p.m. At that time you will be able to see the final placings of all the exhibits.

ATTENTION: On TUESDAY, August 2, you will NOT BE ALLOWED to enter the main gates of the Fairgrounds (South Gate). You will only be allowed to enter through the WEST GATE (off of Highway 9). There will be no parking allowed past the 4-H Foodstand and Sheep Barns. This will allow for vendors and machinery dealers to deliver their products without us being in their way. These rules will be STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Livestock will not be allowed to come into the fair until Wednesday, August 3 - NO EXCEPTIONS. NO livestock will be allowed to be housed on Tuesday.

## Sibley County 4-H Records

The Sibley County 4-H Records are available online at [www.extension.umn.edu/county/sibley](http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/sibley) click on publications. If you choose to do records online and have received records from your leader that you will not be using, please don't throw them away, but return them to the Extension Office.

## County Fair Premium Books

County Fair Premium Books were handed to Key Leaders at the May Federation Meeting. You should receive your premium book at your June club meeting. Fair registration materials will be mailed out to individual families in mid-June. They are to be returned to our office by Friday, July 8, 2011!

## Cat/Pet Show

The Cat/Pet Show will be held on Tuesday, August 2 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington.

## Livestock Premise ID's Required for Swine & Sheep

Recent animal health emergencies in the US and other countries have shown that premises identification is an integral part of effective animal disease control and prevention. In the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak in the US, the NAIS will help animal health officials to trace potentially exposed animals quickly and efficiently in order to reduce the chance of a full-scale disease outbreak. Protect your

animals, your interests and your investments!  
Contact the MN Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6816 or

visit <http://www.bah.state.mn.us/bah/nais/>.

Premise numbers can be assigned in minutes by phone or 1 - 2 days by the web. Information required: 1) Address or location description of where animals are house. 2) Contact name. 3) Species kept at premises.

## Sibley County Arts In

Any youth who has completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade, is full of energy, and excited about performing is encouraged to participate. Arts In is sponsored by the Sibley County 4-H Program.

Participants will learn choreography to tunes such as "Staying Alive" and "Get Down Tonight" and act out a corresponding skit. Bring an energetic attitude and willingness to participate. The group will perform several times during the Sibley County Fair and for community groups as requested. There may also be a performance the MN State Fair.

"Arts In" will be held July 18 - 21, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Sibley County Service Center, 111 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord. Please call our office at 507-237-4100 if you are interested or have any questions or send us an email - [rettm001@umn.edu](mailto:rettm001@umn.edu)

## Lost & Found From Camp Patterson

If any of these are your items, contact the Regional Extension Office 507-389-6714 to claim. Any items not claimed by July 20<sup>th</sup> will be donated.

Water Shoes - 2 pair, one black with white, size L; one black with blue stitching, size L

Flip Flops - one pair with lion on heel

Tennis shoes - one pair, Nike - silver with pink

3 bath towels - one white with green/blue lines; one teal colored, one red

1 hand towel - green

2 T-shirts - one white with USA on front; one green with DARE on front

1 Columbia Fleece Jacket - Size Youth 18-20

1 black leather belt

1 pair camouflage swim trunks, size small, surf wear brand

1 pair cargo pants, grey color, Iron Gear brand, size 32 X 30

1 pair boy's navy shorts

## Dorothy Wants You To Know...

The President's Challenge is for one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H National Headquarters at NIFA is answering this call by setting a goal with Michelle Obama to have 100,000 4-H youth complete the PALA. On April 1st, 4-H launched their effort to complete the challenge by September, 2011.

The Presidential Active Lifestyle Award recognizes individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six consecutive weeks, five days a week (60 minutes for youth, 30 minutes minimum for adults).

You can help 4-H reach its goal by joining the National 4-H group or creating your own 4-H group and reporting your numbers. Just think about it! Wouldn't it be fun to have a similar challenge in your 4-H family, your 4-H club, or among a small group of 4-H members?

To join the National 4-H group:

Go to [www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/](http://www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/) and create an account.

To make your own 4-H group:

1) Go

to [www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php](http://www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php)

- 2) Fill out the registration form
- 3) Create a group with "4-H" in the name
- 4) Please invite Lindsey Jewell at 4-H National Headquarters ([ljewell@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:ljewell@nifa.usda.gov)) to be part of your group to alert them that you've created a group.

After registering, start logging your activities to track your progress toward winning a President's Challenge Award or Medal.

## 2011 MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational

The 2011 MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational will be held in **Martin County (Fairmont) on September 9-11**. 4-H members who are involved in their county 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife programs will participate in a variety of events such as BB Gun, Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Trap, .22 Rifle, Black Powder and Wildlife events. In order to participate, members must work with a certified 4-H instructor and complete 15 hours of on-line training in a discipline and 8 hours of wildlife education.

The state 4-H Shooting Sports Wildlife Invitational is a great way to demonstrate the skills learned in a safe environment. Come to the Martin County Fairgrounds and Fairmont Trap Club in Martin County (located on Interstate 90 - Fairmont exit) on September 9-11 to see the 4-H members in action. To learn more about the 4-H Shooting Sports Wildlife Program, or to see the rules and registration information, contact your Extension Office or visit the website

at [www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-invitational.html](http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-invitational.html).

Registrations will be due to your County Extension Office on **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## New Online Enrollment Website Coming This Fall

Beginning this fall, Minnesota 4-H will be switching to a different online enrollment provider. We realize that many 4-H Families and staff experienced significant frustrations due to problems and deficiencies of our current system, and so implementation has begun with a different provider (including testing by selected Minnesota 4-H staff and families). In addition to greater reliability and capacity, the new system is based on a "family login", allowing families to manage all youth and adult enrollments with one login. Watch the Clover Update for more information over the next few months!

## MYBEP Applications

Applications Now Available! The Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program (MYBEP) will be awarding ten (10) heifers this year. Any youth aged 12 to 16 who is a 4-H or FFA member may enter (previous winners of MYBEP heifers are ineligible to participate). The entry deadline is September 9, 2011. Each winner is responsible for raising, breeding and maintaining complete records on care of the animal while providing monthly progress reports to the original owner and the Minnesota Beef Expo.

Failure to adequately follow these requirements during the course of the year when it is owned in partnership may cause the program participant to forfeit their ownership of the animal. In 2010 we received over 50 entries for the sixth year of the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program and awarded eleven (11) heifers to deserving youth. This overwhelming response is a tribute to youth who wish to pursue a future in the beef industry. The purpose of this program is to aid youth in getting a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to program participants on the basis of merit, need, future goals, and ability to care for the animal.

Link to the application can be found by following this

link: [www.mnbeefexpo.com/pages/mybep.php](http://www.mnbeefexpo.com/pages/mybep.php)

## 2011 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum

### Join the 4-H Techno Evolution - Save the Dates!

Join with other 4-H volunteers in your community to learn cutting edge information that will help you work with your 4-H members. Session topics include: Positive Youth Development,

4-H Program Management, and New & Emerging Curriculum. More information about the location and additional details will be announced soon.

**Monday, November 7; 6:30- 8:30 pm**

**Thursday, November 17; 6:30- 8:30 pm**

**Tuesday, November 22; 6:30- 8:30 pm**

## Awards Available from the 4-H Foundation

Thinking about what to do for fair this year? By doing a project talk or demonstration on a soybean related product you could win a cash award from the Minnesota 4-H Foundation. If your talk or demonstration goes to the state fair you could win a scholarship! Ask your leader or county program coordinator for the Soybean Project Box and learn about all the ways soybeans are used in many products. This award is sponsored by the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association.

Have you been working on your communication skills? Then you might qualify for the Communicate. Lead. Succeed award from the Minnesota 4-H Foundation. Check out the foundation website

at [www.mn4h.org/foundation](http://www.mn4h.org/foundation) under the Scholarships, Grants and Awards link to get the details on what you need to do to qualify for the award. Youth in 7th grade and up can win up to \$50!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Office Closed - Holiday – July 4
- Giddy Up Day Camp, Fairgrounds – July 7
- Ambie Picnic, Gaylord City Park , bring your own meat to grill and dish to pass! – July 7
- Fair Registrations Due – July 8
- Softball/Kickball, Gaylord Jaycee Park; 6:00 p.m. Potluck/ 7:00 p.m. Kickball/softball- July 10
- Exchange Trip Guests Arrive – July 12
- “Act Now” Day Camp, Gibbon – July 14
- Softball/Kickball, Arlington Four Seasons Park; 6:00 p.m. Potluck/ 7:00 p.m. Kickball/Softball – July 17
- Sibley County Arts In – July 18
- “Way to Grow” Day Camp, Green Isle City Park – July 20
- Fashion Review, Clothing Construction & Quilt Judging and Show and Awards – July 25
- “The Wonder of Water” Day Camp, New Auburn High Island Lake – July 28
- Fair Clean Up – July 29
- Dog Agility Contest – July 30
- Dog Obedience/Showmanship Contest – July 31
- County Fair – Aug 2-7

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- State Fair Non-Livestock Encampment – Sept 1-3
- Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed – Sept. 5
- State Shoot, Fairmont – Sept. 9-11
- MN 4-H State Horse Show – Sept. 16-19
- MN 4-H State Dog Show – Sept. 24-25

