The Delaware State Fair is just around the corner. It is not too soon for you to begin preparing and thinking about exhibits you will be entering this year, as well as the contests and events in which you will be participating. There are a few changes this year, so read the 4-H department premium catalog carefully.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

All youth enrolled in the Delaware 4-H program as of March 1, 2018, are eligible to exhibit articles made as a part of project or activity work, and participate in demonstration and judging programs outlined in this department of the Fair. Re-enrollment in 4H Online is mandatory in order to participate as a 4-H’er at the State Fair.

Registration Deadline: Entries will be accepted on the Delaware State Fair’s website (www.delawarestatefair.com) beginning:

April 2 (9:00 AM) through June 1 (11:59 PM)

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!

Attention Judging Contests Participants: The County Office Staff will provide names of participants for each judging contest directly to the fair. Members DO NOT have to enter online.

In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year’s Fair.

The fair pays an entry fee for each exhibit, event and/or contest you register for online. Entering ONLY those classes which you will actually show at the fair will maintain fees at the most minimal level.

If you are registering a team for an event, please register the team under your club name. If you have two groups competing in the same event, just label them “Your Club Name” Team 1, “Your Club Name” Team 2, etc. 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.

RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITS

- No item should be entered by a 4-H exhibitor that cannot be displayed “as is” out on the display floor.
- No premium will be awarded if exhibit is not displayed.
- No plastic covering is permitted on clothing exhibits.
- Any exhibit included in a frame should include wire or hooks for hanging.
- Participants must be present at the stated START time for all 4-H Animal Judging Contests or they will not be able to participate (always plan to arrive in advance of start time).
1. **Exhibit Check-In:** Entry tags will be distributed to you by your 4-H Leader. Please check them for accuracy. If you have errors, contact the fair immediately to correct them. Please tag your exhibits prior to bringing them to the fair.

⇒ All exhibits (except Foods, Vegetables, Indoor/Outdoor Gardening and Cut flowers) are brought to the 4-H exhibit area between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Monday, July 16.

⇒ Foods, Vegetables, Indoor/Outdoor Gardening, and Clover Bud (Class 2 if live plant or vegetable and Class 7) are brought to the fair between 8:30 and 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 19.

⇒ Cut flowers, Section T, will be accepted on Wednesday, July 25 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.

2. **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.
   - 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.)
   - You may enter only one exhibit per class.

3. **Review the class description carefully.** Exhibits not meeting the class description can not receive a blue ribbon or premium and may be disqualified. Exhibits may be marked down or disqualified for the following reason:
   - **Incorrect number of items for the class**—two like-jars of canning five carrots. Do you have the correct number?
   - **Incorrect size of poster**—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, 4-H County, age, 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.

### EXHIBIT CHECK-IN SCHEDULE

**Monday, July 16**

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

- Arts, Crafts & Needlework
- Canning/Drying
- Clover Bud
- Computers
- Conservation & Natural Resources
- Electric
- Entomology/Beekeeping
- Field Crops
- Floriculture
- Other Projects
- Photography
- Place Setting Contest
- Science
- Textile & Clothing
- Woodworking

**Thursday, July 19**

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

- Clover Bud (Class 2 if live plant or vegetable and Class 7)
- Food
- Indoor and Outdoor Gardening
- Vegetables

**Wednesday, July 25**

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

- Cut Flowers
ALL ENTRIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RULES

Rule 1: Each 4-H’er must use the Delaware State Fair website to enter their exhibit on-line when entering Exhibits, Demonstration Events, Judging Contests, Consumer Bowl, Avian Bowl, Public Speaking, Tractor Driving, Lawn Tractor Driving and Archery. Entry deadline is June 1, 2018. Completed entry tags will be provided to the exhibitor to attach to exhibits. Please make sure your entry tag is ATTACHED TO YOUR EXHIBIT before entering the Fairground.

Rule 2: 4-H’ers—age 5 to 7, Cloverbuds, are eligible to enter Section A ONLY.

Rule 3: All articles exhibited must be made or grown by 4-H member since last year’s Fair.

Rule 4: A youth pass will be given to 4-H Department exhibitors.

Rule 5: No awards will be made for exhibits which do not meet minimum standards.

Rule 6: Exhibitors may make only one entry in each class.

Rule 7: No item should be entered by a 4-H member that cannot be displayed “as is” out on the display floor.

Rule 8: No premium will be awarded if an exhibit is not displayed.

Rule 9: Every article exhibited SHOULD be labeled with name, 4-H county, age, year in project, club and class, in addition to the entry tag, to eliminate errors and lost articles. Please attach in such a way that it is not noticeable.

Rule 10: Any exhibit included in a frame should include wire or hooks for hanging. Hangers are not necessary for exhibits on poster board or mat board.

Rule 11: If an exhibit includes a poster, posters are evaluated based on the following guidelines:
   a. Should be simple, not wordy, and provide a quick message in a concise format.
   b. Should be easy to read and have a single message/fact/point of interest
   c. Letters and words should be clear, legible and straight
   d. Neatness
   e. Colorful
   f. Use of visual or graphic is important

Rule 12: ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 12:00 NOON ON SUNDAY, JULY 29. Every member must make arrangements for someone to pick up their exhibits if they are not able to do so themselves. There should not be an expectation for your exhibits to automatically be taken back to your respective county 4-H office.

Rule 13: Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not in any way hold themselves responsible for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner’s risk.

PREMIUM $$$$$ QUESTIONS

Questions regarding placing and/or premiums for the 4-H Department must be made in writing to the State 4-H office prior to August 15, 2018. Every effort will be made to eliminate errors during the payment of premiums. However, if an exhibitor finds an error, proof of such error must be communicated to the Delaware State Fair office on or before November 1, 2018. After this date no corrections will be considered. Checks not cashed AFTER 90 days from issue, WILL NOT BE REISSUED.

4-H STATE FAIR FLOATS

Each county 4-H program is invited and encouraged to have a 4-H float in the nightly Delaware State Fair 4-H Parade. All 4-H members are encouraged to ride these floats in this parade in an effort to promote 4-H.
The **Tractor Driving Contest** will be held on **Wednesday, July 25 at 11:00 AM**, in the Quillen Arena.

Participants should arrive at the Quillen Arena by 10:30 AM to sign in. There will only be a senior category in this event. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.

The **Lawn Tractor Driving Contest** will be held on **Saturday, July 28, at 9:00 AM**, in the Quillen Arena.

Participants should arrive at the Quillen Arena by 8:30 AM to sign in. There will be three categories offered. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year. Participants may only enter one age category. Experienced participants, younger than 14, may participate in the senior event, but are then ineligible to participate in the junior category.

- Beginner (ages 8-10)
- Junior (ages 11-13)
- Senior (ages 14-19)

Participants MUST have participated in a training at the State, county or club level in order to participate in both of these events.

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The State 4-H Archery Contest will be held on **Friday, July 27**. The event location AND registration will be the **Purple Parking Lot** outside of the main fairgrounds (same location as the 2017 event). Shuttle service from the 4-H building to the contest site will be available. **Shuttles will leave at 12:15 pm and 1:00 pm.** Participants can also decide to travel on their own directly to the event site. **All participants must enter this event by June 1 using the Delaware State Fair’s website.**

There will be three age groups. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.

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Competitions will be held in both Recurve and Compound categories. Participants may participate in both categories.

**Special Note:** Participants must remain until all shooters have finished shooting within a respective category and age division.

**Qualifications:** Youth must be ages 8-19 years old, and be participating in a 4-H Archery Club or other 4-H Shooting Sports activities. Participants must have been through 4-H Shooting Sports Archery training camp, club or outreach activity.

**Rules:** Check online at [http://extension.udel.edu/4h/projects-activities-for-members](http://extension.udel.edu/4h/projects-activities-for-members) (scroll down to Shooting Sports) or check with your County Office.

**Equipment:** Recurve bows and arrows will be provided, but you may bring your own. Compound bows and arrows will NOT be provided. Safety equipment (arm guards and finger tabs) will be provided and required.

**Class**

- 361. Recurve Bow – Junior (ages 8-10)
- 362. Recurve Bow – Intermediate (ages 11-13)
- 363. Recurve Bow – Senior (ages 14-19)
- 364. Compound Bow – Junior (ages 8-10)
- 365. Compound Bow – Intermediate (ages 11-13)
- 366. Compound Bow – Senior (ages 14-19)
Talent Show

The State 4-H Talent Show will be held on Thursday, July 19, beginning at 6:00 PM on the stage in the Centre. There will be a limited number of talent acts that will participate. Selection of acts will be made on a first-come, first-served basis based on when an entry is submitted.

Presentations will be by both individuals and groups. 4-H members may ONLY PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES, NOT BOTH. For group acts, enter under the 4-H Club name. Individual presentations will be divided into two age categories: Beginner (ages 8-12 yrs. old) and Senior (ages 13-19 yrs. old). Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.

Cloverbud members are permitted to participate, but cannot compete. Green participation ribbons will be awarded to all Cloverbud members.

All talent show acts will be limited to a 2 minute maximum set up time. Talent acts must not exceed 5 minutes.

ALL EQUIPMENT needed for the talent presentation is the responsibility of the performer.

Class
347. Cloverbud (ages 5-7)
348. Beginner Individual (ages 8-12)
349. Senior Individual (ages 13-19)
350. Group

Only so many acts can perform in the Talent Show. Your spot in the show is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation email. Once your are confirmed, you will receive a form that must be completed and returned to the State 4-H Office by July 1 or you will forfeit your spot in the Talent Show.

REGISTER BY JUNE 1 either online or by submitting the paper entry form to the State 4-H Office. This form, as well as the online link, is available at the State 4-H website under the Fair Section. Space is limited so please register EARLY.
State 4-H Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

Only winners of County Contests, ages 8 and older, are eligible to participate in the State Contest. Please refer to the guidelines for demonstrations and illustrated talks. **Participants will be given 5 minutes for set-up. Demonstrations must be 3 minutes in length and are not to exceed 15 minutes.** For each 15 seconds “under” or “over” the time allowed for set-up or for the demonstration, 1 point will be deducted. **Make sure you enter the appropriate demonstration class on your online entry form.**

4-H Demonstrations will take place at 10:00 AM on the following days:

- General Demonstrations: Monday, July 23
- Plant & Environmental Sciences: Wednesday, July 25
- Family and Consumer Sciences: Thursday, July 26
- Animal Science: Friday, July 27

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.

If you are using a PowerPoint presentation in your Demonstration, the deadline to submit it to the State 4-H Office via UD Dropbox is Friday, July 6. Go to [http://extension.udel.edu/4h/](http://extension.udel.edu/4h/) and click the Fair button.

Judging Contests

Participants must be present at the stated START time for all Animal Judging Contests (classes 337, 344, 345 & 346) or they will not be able to participate in the contest. Attention Judging Contests Participants: The County Office Staff will provide names of participants for each judging contest directly to the fair. Members DO NOT need to enter online.

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Horse and Pony Show

The **State 4-H Horse and Pony Show** will be held in the Quillen Arena on **Friday, July 27**, at 9:00 AM and is open to any currently enrolled Delaware 4-H member as of March 1, 2018. Horses and ponies may be shipped in the morning of the show or be stabled on the fairgrounds if they are participating in additional horse shows during fair week. Entries for the State 4-H Horse Show are made in the show office in the Quillen Arena the morning of the show. Proof of a negative coggins test and a certificate of vaccination for Equine Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis (EHV) within the past 180 days are required to show. Exhibitors are required to wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet whenever mounted or driving. Show rules and class lists are available through county extension offices beginning May 1.

Reminders

**Don't FORGET!** All 4-H activities use January 1 in determining age. Young people must be age 8 and older for all competitive events.

**Vegetable Exhibit PowerPoint** - The County Offices have a PowerPoint available that can assist 4-H members in preparing their vegetable exhibits. Be sure to review this information before preparing your exhibits.

**Section R – Food Exhibits** – There is no icing allowed on any cupcake, cookie or brownie exhibit. Put all food exhibits on disposable plates in a Ziploc bag with entry tag inside. Indicate type/flavor of food item on back of exhibit tag.

The **4-H Awards Celebration** will be held on Saturday, July 28, at 5:00 PM in the Centre. All Demonstration, Judging, Public Speaking, Archery, Avian Bowl, Consumer Bowl, Lawn Tractor, Tractor, State 4-H Horse Show and Conservation Display winners will be recognized.
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 AM to 11:00 AM shucking corn and preparing potatoes. The Grange and the Farm Bureau need help serving food from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. We 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.

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-H’ers age 8 and up. Get your best 4-H friend to join you and sign up to help!

Sign up.com
Help Us At The Fair

The fair is not possible without a cadre of talented 4-H’ers 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 8.* We ask that all helpers be age 8 or older.

### Dates to Remember

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Cooperative Extension programs and policies are consistent with federal and state laws and regulations on non-discrimination regarding race, sex, religion, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin; physical, mental or sensory disability; marital status, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era or disabled veteran. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Cooperative Extension Office.

If you have special needs that need to be accommodated, please contact the State 4-H Office two weeks prior to the event (302-831-2509).
Delaware State Fair - 4-H Department Schedule

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

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Host and Hostess Sign-Up Form is now ONLINE ! ! !

Beginning April 1, the online form will be activated to sign up to be a Host-Hostess during the Fair. Two people will be allowed per time slot. Each time slot will be for 2 hours.