

STATE 4-H FAIR UPDATE APRIL 30, 2009

DORMITORIES:

- All mattresses will be removed from the beds prior to the fair for sanitary reasons. Dormitory residents should bring their own padding.
- Dormitory fees have been raised due to the increased costs of operating the dorms. Regular Dorm - \$5 per night for exhibitors and \$10 per night for chaperones. Overflow Dorm - \$3 per night for exhibitors and \$6 per night for chaperones.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION FORM (1.01M):

- To be completed by all 4-H members receiving passes for admittance to the fair.
- Form was revised to include a photo release statement on the back.

GARDEN JUDGING CONTEST:

- Classes will be in a scenario format, similar to foods and clothing judging. The contest will be offered on each Saturday and Sunday of the fair.

COMMODITY PRESENTATIONS:

- Presentations will be given on county days or any other day the contestant is at the fair.
- Presentations must include promotion of the commodity and the nutritional information of the commodity. One of the following items must also be covered: historical aspect of the commodity, cultural aspect of the commodity, or economic impact of the commodity on our state.
- Commodities for 2009 will be: Beef, Chicken, Lamb, and Potatoes

FOOD SAFETY PRESENTATIONS:

- Will be included in the fair as a part of the 4-H Food Safety Presentation Program. Presentations are open to seniors only with no limit as to the number of participants per county.
- Presentations may be given on any day of the fair. Advance registration is required through the County Extension Office.
- For complete contest rules, visit the food safety website:
<http://foodsafety.wsu.edu>

FOOD PRESERVATION ACTIVITY:

- Pressure canning may not be done at the State 4-H Fair due to equipment limitations.

ROBOTICS IN ACTION:

- Will be an exhibition event on Sunday, September 20.
- Participants do not need to qualify at the county level to participate.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

- entire premium book section revised

PHOTOGRAPHY:

- Minimum mat margin for all photos is 1" on all sides and maximum mat margin is 2 ½" on all sides.
- All photos must be printed on photographic paper. Entries printed on paper, cardstock, etc. will not be accepted.
- Photos must be mounted on matte board, not poster board.
- Color enhancements and changes may not be made to the original photo unless it is entered in the digitally enhanced class.

TEXTILE ARTS:

- embellished items are embellished with a sewing technique
- premiums increased for knit and crocheted afghans

FOOD PRESERVATION EXHIBITS:

- The minimum jar size of all canned food preservation exhibits shall be 8-ounces (one-half pint).

FLEECE AND FIBER:

- Wool fleeces will be shown with the sheep on the last weekend of fair (Sept 24-28).
- All other fleeces, fiber, and completed projects will be shown on the middle weekend with the livestock (Sept 18-22).

SHEEP:

- Will include a non-premium class for Most Unusual Flock.
- Fleece goats will move from the Sheep Section to the Novelty Goat section.
- Lads & Ladies Lead will not be held in 2009. Participants are encouraged to enter the WWF Lads & Ladies Lead activity, held while our 4-H'ers are at the fair.

DAIRY:

- County Herd has been redefined to include five animals, representing at least four different exhibitors.

EQUINE:

- Dressage tests will be Test 3 for Intermediates and Test 4 for Seniors.
 - Equitation Over Fences will include two heights (2'3" to 2'6" and 2'6" to 2'9") for both intermediates and seniors. Participants may enter only one height and must qualify at that height at the county qualifying event.
 - Harness classes will include Reinsmanship, Precision Driving (I or Open), and Pleasure Driving.
 - Dressage/Harness/Eq Over Fences Section will have one showmanship class with all disciplines competing in the same class.
- Miniature Horses: Will not be an exhibition in 2009 due to livestock schedule changes and available barn space. Miniature horses may be used in the harness section.