

2026

Kalamazoo County 4-H

August 3-8, 2026

Entry opens May 13, 2026

Entry Deadline is June 15, 2026



The mission of Michigan State University 4-H is to provide fun, educational opportunities that empower young people with skills to lead for a lifetime and become the foundation for future success.



2026 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair Camping Fees & Information

Beginning on May 1, 2026 you must call to make your reservation directly with the Expo Center.

Camping Fees:	Weekly Rate - \$189.00 per week (8/2-8/9) Reservations made after July 24 are \$224 per week
Advance Reservation Fee:	One-time \$5.00 fee will be charged for all reservations
Septic Service:	A dump station with potable water is available on the grounds. On-site septic service will be available by pre-registration with your camping reservation for \$45 per dump. Dumps will be scheduled for Wednesday, August 5.

**Call 269-383-8778 for Reservations!
Deadline for Camping Registration
July 24, 2026**

Camping units may be dropped off from 9am-3pm on Saturday, August 1.

Overnight camping is NOT permitted on Saturday, August 1.

Overnight camping begins on Sunday, August 2.

All camping units must be removed from the Expo Center by 12:00pm on Sunday, August 9

CAMPING POLICIES:

Camping will be reserved by campground area at time of reservation (see map for campground areas) and specific site numbers will be emailed out approximately 1 week prior to arrival. We will try to accommodate special requests. All requests will be considered in order by date of reservation.

Campers may not switch from assigned site number upon arrival. All reservations must be paid by credit card at the time of reservation. There is a non-refundable \$5 reservation fee for each campsite reserved. Most sites offer water and electric hook-up.

Showers and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Cancellations will be accepted until July 24, 2026. Reservation fees are non-refundable. If you cancel your reservation by July 24, 2026 your refund will be the camping fees paid less a \$5 cancellation fee. No refunds are available for cancellations after July 24, 2026.

Campers must comply with all Kalamazoo County Parks & Expo Center Camping Rules.

AS A REMINDER: Golf Carts, Gators, ATV's (4-wheelers), UTV's (side-by-sides), ORV's, mini-bikes, go-carts and similar motorized devices are prohibited. Bicycles and Class 1 E-bikes (pedal assisted, up to 20mph) are permitted in the campground area only. Class 2 and 3 E-bikes and other electric motor devices are prohibited.

Michigan Department of Agriculture Memorandum

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions/resources-for-exhibitions>

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(Replaces All Previous Editions)

The term “livestock” refers to those species of animals used for human food and fiber or to those species of animals used for service to humans. Thus, “livestock” includes (but is not limited to) cattle, sheep, New World camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately-owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, rheas, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. However, “livestock” does not include dogs and cats.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs (along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows) are required to comply with all the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Michigan relating to animal health outlined in the Animal Industry Act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701-287.747. All references to “animals” below include, but are not limited to, animals exhibited by 4-H and other youth, open classes, petting zoos, rodeos, circus animals, racing pigs, pony rides, and exotic animals.

1. A person who suspects or confirms an animal is either affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance shall immediately report the case to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Animal Industry Division (MDARD AID) by calling 800-292-3939 (daytime) or 517-373-0440 (after-hours).
2. Any animal with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease, either at check-in or during the event, shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show. Alternatively, by permission of MDARD AID, the animal may be isolated on the premises. An accredited veterinarian’s knowledge and advice should be sought out by an exhibitor or exhibition staff to assess an animal for clinical signs of an infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease.
3. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority shall have an accredited veterinarian on call whenever there are animals on the premises.
4. All cattle, bison, privately-owned cervids, goats, sheep, and imported camelids shall bear official identification before they leave their home premises. Swine require official identification prior to being exhibited.
5. All equids, except foals less than six months of age and nursing their dam, must have proof of a negative test to Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), (Coggins Test), conducted within the previous 12 months. Return to the Table of Contents 5
6. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure all test charts, official identification, and interstate certificates of veterinary inspection or other movement documents required by this act accompany their animal(s) and proof of fulfilling these requirements is provided to the director of the department (or his/her authorized representative) and/or fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority upon request.
7. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority shall do all of the following:
 - a. Notify exhibitors of the official identification, health tests, and certificates of veterinary inspection or other movement documents required for importation into and exhibition in this state.
 - b. Examine and approve required official identification, certificates of veterinary inspection or other movement documents, test charts, and other required documentation before displaying, exhibiting, or stabling the animals in the exhibition area or before commingling with other animals.
 - c. Provide shipping arrangements for all exhibited livestock moving directly from the event facility to a market for livestock auction, as that term is defined in 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to 287.131.
 - d. Notify exhibitors whether poultry vaccinated against infectious laryngotracheitis are allowed in the fair, exhibition, or exposition.
8. A fair or exhibition may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show.
9. Whenever an official test is conducted or an official vaccination is administered by an accredited veterinarian, livestock shall, unless exempted, be permanently identified in a manner approved by MDARD AID.
10. Unless otherwise approved or waived by the director, all the following apply to exhibition facilities:

- a. Facilities for exhibition of animals shall be constructed to allow sufficient separation of both exhibitor's animals and each species. Facilities shall be constructed of material that can be adequately cleaned and disinfected.
- b. Animal housing shall be constructed and placed to provide adequate light and ventilation appropriate for the animals being housed.
- c. An exhibition facility and its associated buildings shall be cleaned and disinfected with a State Veterinarian-approved disinfectant and used in accordance with label instructions before animals are admitted.
 - i. Virkon-S o Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxides (Accel, Intervention, or Rescue)
 - ii. Bleach (such as Clorox) at a ratio of 1:32, which is ½ cup (4 oz.) to one gallon of water. Do not add ammonia to bleach/water mixture
 - iii. Phenolic disinfectants (like Pinesol) for poultry equipment and coops
- d. Access to hand-cleansing facilities or hand-sanitizing methods shall be available near each building that houses animals.
- e. Bedding used by livestock, feed waste, shipping containers, and other animal associated waste shall be removed from the animal area and disposed of in a timely and responsible manner.
- f. An animal shall not be used as a prize at a carnival or a midway activity unless approved by the director.

PLEASE NOTE: These are the general rules of exhibition provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The complete book of exhibition requirements, including specific requirements for each species, can be viewed and downloaded from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development website at the following address link.

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions/resources-for-exhibitions>

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General 4-H Youth Rules & Guidelines

Introduction: The following are the MSU Extension 4-H Rules and Guidelines which regulate the Kalamazoo County 4-H youth classes at the Kalamazoo County Fair. Regarding these Rules and Guidelines, MSU Extension and Kalamazoo County 4-H reserves the final and absolute right to interpret said rules and regulations and to settle all matters, questions, and differences resulting from these Rules and Guidelines. MSU Extension and Kalamazoo County 4-H further reserves the right to amend, or to add to, or delete from these rules as it finds necessary. Updated Rules and Guidelines will be published each year, for that year, in the Kalamazoo County 4-H Fair Book (fair book).

ALL STILL AND ANIMAL PROJECT EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED IN [FAIR ENTRY](#) BY JUNE 15, 2026.

Section 1 – General Exhibition Rules

1. The Kalamazoo County 4-H program offers youth the ability to showcase to the county what they have learned throughout the programming year related to a variety of topics including livestock, agriculture and a variety of still projects. All animals and livestock shown, housed, or displayed shall receive care that is humane, healthy, and consistent with accepted practices. All animals must also meet the MDARD tagging requirements.
2. 4-H Exhibitor Eligibility-Entry is open to all youth ages 5-19 by January 1st of the current year who are duly enrolled members of the MSU Extension, Kalamazoo County 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H youth members must enroll with the Michigan State University Extension, Kalamazoo County office by April 1 of the current year to meet club/project requirements. Youth may join after April 1 but may not be able to meet all club and project requirements to show at the Kalamazoo County Fair.
3. 4-H members must have completed all necessary club and project requirements to be eligible to participate in the Kalamazoo County 4-H shows during the Kalamazoo County Fair.
4. 4-H youth entries must be projects that have been completed during the current programming year, except as noted in some department classes listed in this fair book.
5. Only one entry per 4-H exhibitor per class is allowed. Some exceptions are made in some of the Livestock departments. Please consult the [individual guidelines for each project department](#).
6. Exhibitors must submit all exhibits to the superintendent overseeing the department in which the exhibit is registered and entered.
7. All still exhibits (including livestock notebooks and posters) are to be entered for judging from 9:00am-12:00pm Saturday, August 1, 2026, in the Youth Exhibit Area.
8. Ribbons will be awarded an A, B, or C ribbon for the classes listed unless otherwise specified.
9. Exhibits judged incomplete will not receive ribbons.
10. Only members earning an A (Blue) ribbon will be eligible for a purple (outstanding) ribbon or a lavender (meritorious) ribbon.
11. Any deviation from the check-in and check-out schedule needs to be approved by the appropriate 4-H Superintendent or MSU Extension 4-H staff.
12. 4-H sponsored trophies and awards are available to 4-H members only. All winners of 4-H awards, trophies, and members selling livestock must turn in completed "Thank You" notes that include a properly addressed and stamped envelope to their appropriate superintendent by noon on Saturday following the livestock auction.
13. Exhibitors are not permitted to sell articles or exhibits or place "For Sale" signs on exhibits during the fair.
14. After the arrival of livestock and articles for exhibit on the fairgrounds, MSU Extension staff and volunteers will use diligence and prudence to ensure the safety of livestock and articles entered for exhibition or display. However, under no circumstances will MSU Extension staff or volunteers be responsible for loss, injury or damage by fire, lightning, wind or by any other means, to livestock and articles on exhibition or display. MSU Extension and MSU Extension staff and volunteers shall be held harmless by the exhibitors and their families against all legal or other proceedings.
15. If an exhibitor disregards any of the rules or guidelines in this document, they forfeit all rights and privileges without remedy.

16. If there is a conflict between these general rules and the specific species department rules outlined in each department's guidelines, the species department guidelines will take priority.
17. All exhibits, including still projects and livestock, shall reflect the care and concern that the State of Michigan, MSU Extension 4-H Program, and the Kalamazoo 4-H have for livestock, poultry, companion animals, and wildlife.
18. **Exhibit Deadlines:** (a) 4-H non animal still exhibits must be delivered to the fairgrounds between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday, August 1, 2026; and (b) all livestock needs to be on the fairgrounds according to the species show schedule.
19. **Exhibit Pick-up:** Exhibitors must leave all identification of owner and animal in the stall until the animal has been removed. Exhibits are to be picked up at the completion of the fair. Removal of exhibits prior to established times could result in an exhibitor's ability to show in the future. **MSU Extension staff will not be responsible for articles left after release time.**
20. MSU Extension staff reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered.
21. The Kalamazoo County Biosecurity Plan supersedes any of the rules and regulations found in this fair book. The Biosecurity Plan will be separate from this fair book and is subject to change at any time. The Biosecurity Plan will be posted on the MSU Extension website and available through the 4-H Office.

Section 2 - General Facility Rules

1. Golf carts, gators, ATV's (4-wheelers), UTV's (side by sides), ORV's, mini-bikes, go-carts and similar motorized devices are prohibited on the fairgrounds. Bicycles and Class 1 E-bikes (pedal assisted, up to 20mph) are permitted in the campground area only. Class 2 and 3 E-bikes and other electric motor devices are prohibited.
2. Dogs, except for service and leader dogs, are not permitted on the fairgrounds during fair hours. Dogs participating in the Dog show are permitted on the grounds but must remain in the show area. Dogs are allowed inside the campgrounds but must remain there throughout the duration of the fair.

Section 3 –Still Project Entries

1. Pre-registration for all entries must be made in the [Fair Entry](#) website by June 15, 2026. Entries will not be accepted after this date.
2. All entries must be made in the name of the 4-H youth member who created and will be exhibiting the project. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the exhibit.
3. All exhibits must have been completed during the current programming year, except as noted in some department classes listed in the individual project's guidelines.
4. Only one entry per person per class is allowed.
5. **Exhibit Deadlines:** (a) 4-H non animal still exhibits must be delivered to the fairgrounds between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday, August 1, 2026; and (b) all livestock need to be on the fairgrounds according to the species scheduled time.
6. **Still Exhibit Pick-up:** Exhibitors must leave all identification of owner and animal in the stall until the animal has been removed. Exhibits may be picked up following the end of the fair on Saturday evening (following evening entertainment and the public is no longer on the grounds) and on Sunday morning. Specific times will be determined closer to the dates of the fair. Removal of exhibits prior to established times could result in an exhibitor's ability to show in the future. **MSU Extension staff will not be responsible for articles left after release time.**
7. MSU Extension staff reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered.

Section 4 - Livestock, Horse, Companion Animals and Other Animal Guidelines

Entries

1. The Kalamazoo County 4-H offers youth the ability to showcase what they have learned throughout the programming year and for animal agriculture. All animals and livestock shown, housed, or displayed shall receive care that is humane, healthy, and consistent with accepted practices. Exhibits shall reflect the care and concern that the State of Michigan, MSU Extension 4-H Program, and the Kalamazoo 4-H have for livestock, poultry, companion animals, and wildlife.
2. Superintendents will be responsible for checking in each animal, at the designated time, prior to the animals entering the barns. Swine and horses must be vet checked before entering and checking in with superintendents.
 - a. Cattle, swine and goats must have the MDARD required and approved tags in the ears.
 - b. Market rabbits must have legible tattoos in their ears.
 - c. Animals not in compliance with all MDARD and MSU Extension requirements will not be allowed to unload and will be sent home.

3. All animal entries must meet the 2026 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) exhibition requirements including, but not limited to, (a) proper identification of animal exhibits; and (b) be free from any contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases. Exhibitors may find the guidelines on the [MDARD](#) website.
4. All equine entries (mini ponies, horses, and draft horses) must have an official current veterinary statement indicating a NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST as required by the State of Michigan. All equine exhibitors MUST turn in their Coggins report with their entry registration. Equine entries received without a negative Coggins test will not be accepted.
5. Market animals and exhibits are to be the personal property of the 4-H exhibitor's family and must have been raised or completed by the exhibitor.
6. The exhibitor must be the primary caregiver of the animal from possession date until the end of the fair.
7. Kalamazoo County 4-H prohibits market livestock exhibitors from entering the fair if the exhibitor enters the same individual animals at any other fair, prior to Kalamazoo County livestock shows, in the same calendar year. If an exhibitor violates this rule, the exhibitor will be prohibited from participating in the Kalamazoo County 4-H market livestock shows and sale the following calendar year.
8. Exhibitors may enter the number of animals as specified in the respective sections or classes; no more than one herd, flock, or pen in any one class, unless stated otherwise in the department rules.
9. Animals cannot be entered in more than one class except for group classes.
10. 4-H livestock exhibitors are required to keep their exhibit areas neat and clean. Stalls must be cleaned down to the ground. Failure to do so could result in livestock being sent home and exclusion from selling in the 4-H Livestock Auction. Stalls will be checked for cleanliness by each department superintendent throughout the week.
11. 4-H exhibitors are responsible for the proper care of their animals, throughout the entire week, until they are removed from the fairground premises, following the closure of the fair. Youth are also responsible for cleaning out their stalls and helping with barn clean up following the fair. Youth who do not will forfeit a portion of their livestock auction check.

Auction

1. If an exhibitor chooses to sell at auction (Grand and Reserve Champions must sell at the Livestock Auction sale,) the animal becomes the property of the buyer at the time the auctioneer recognizes the buyer. However, the exhibitor is responsible for the proper care of the animal until it is removed from the fairgrounds at the end of the fair. For exceptions to this rule, consult the individual species department rules listed under each department in the fair book.
2. 4-H Champion and Reserve Champion market animals must sell through the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction and do not count toward the total of eight sales that the youth are allowed to sell at the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction.
3. 4-H exhibitors who will sell their livestock through the auction must be present to help set up the night before the auction and must be present to help clean up following the auction. Youth should also be present during the auction to help pass out water, help keep the auction area clean and talk to potential buyers.
4. All carcass entries that are placed may be sold in the auction, but the Grand and Reserve Champions MUST be sold through the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction. All carcass entries sold through the auction must remain at Pease Packing, to complete the processing procedure, in order to be sold through the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction.
5. A person who discovers, suspects, or has reason to believe that an animal is either affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance shall immediately report that fact, suspicion, or belief to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (daytime phone number is 1-800-292-3939, after hours is 1-517-373-0440).
6. ANY ANIMAL ENTERED IN ANY CLASS AT THE FAIR MAY BE SUBJECTED TO DRUG TESTING at the discretion of MSU Extension staff, Livestock Superintendent, and/or judge. The Fair's veterinarian/authorized representative may collect urine, blood, hair, tissue, and/or other test samples as needed. Disqualification will result in voiding of the placing(s) of the animal(s) in question, forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/special awards earned with the animal(s), voiding of the sale(s) if the animal(s) has already been sold in the 4-H market livestock sale and disbarment of the exhibitor from exhibiting in open or 4-H classes at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair for a period of three years. Other animals will not be moved up in placing.
7. The Kalamazoo County Biosecurity Plan supersedes any of the rules and regulations found in this fair book. The Biosecurity Plan will be separate from this fair book and is subject to change at any time. The Biosecurity Plan will be posted on the MSU Extension website and available through the 4-H Office.
8. All stalls must be cleaned before leaving at the conclusion of the fair. Youth are responsible for helping to clean the barn after the fair. Those who do not forfeit a portion of their livestock auction checks to the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Superintendent Association.

Section 5 – Judging

1. No later than May 1 of the current year, the department superintendents will secure competent judges to judge all said superintendent's department exhibits. Superintendents are not allowed to judge their own departments.
2. All judges and clerks for 4-H classes must complete, at minimum, the silver level status through the [MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process](#), if they are not already a screened volunteer in Kalamazoo or another county.
3. Still project judging allows youth to practice their interviewing skills. Parents, siblings and other non-exhibitors should not interfere with or answer questions for the youth who are being judged. If youth need accommodation for judging, please contact the MSU Extension office at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
4. Failure to respond promptly to the superintendent's call to enter the show ring forfeits the exhibitor's right to compete in that Section or Class.
5. No person will be permitted to interfere with the judge while he/she is performing his/her duty of examination. Harassment of a judge before, during, or after a show will not be tolerated.
6. **The decision of the judge is final on all placings.**

Section 6 – Appeals and Complaints Prior to Fair

1. Any exhibitor or parent may file a complaint with the MSU Extension Kalamazoo County 4-H Office regarding any of the following:
 - a. Conflict of interest of the judge
 - b. Disqualification of an exhibitor or exhibit
 - c. Exhibitor, group leader, or Superintendent behavior
 - d. Eligibility of an exhibit
2. The exhibitor or parent must contact the MSU Extension Kalamazoo County 4-H Program Coordinator to file a complaint. The coordinator will work to resolve the issue in a timely manner. If necessary, the coordinators will convene a meeting of the 4-H/Fair Superintendent Committee or may refer complaints to the appropriate council which includes the Livestock Association, Leader's Council, Horse Council, Dog Councils, for resolution.

Section 7 – Appeals and Complaints Following Fair

1. Any exhibitor may file a complaint with the MSU Extension Kalamazoo County 4-H Office regarding any of the following:
 - a. Conflict of interest of the judge
 - b. Disqualification of an exhibitor or exhibit
 - c. Exhibitor, MSU Extension 4-H volunteer, or Superintendent behavior
 - d. Eligibility of an exhibit
2. An exhibitor must file a formal written complaint with the Kalamazoo County 4-H Office no later than ten days following the fair, with a \$10.00 protest fee to be retained by MSU Extension if the protest is not upheld. Forms are available at the 4-H Office.
3. The MSU Extension Kalamazoo County 4-H office will hold a hearing 30 days after the conclusion of the fair to review the protest and give all parties involved an opportunity to submit evidence.
4. The MSU Extension Kalamazoo County 4-H will provide a written ruling to all parties concerned within ten days following the hearing.
5. If the exhibitor is not satisfied with the outcome of the protest hearing, he or she may contact MDARD.

ADA Policy

The Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds is ADA compliant. MSU Extension will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate special need exhibitors. Please contact the Kalamazoo County 4-H office a minimum of two weeks in advance if special accommodation is requested. The Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds allows ADA compliant motorized and non-motorized mobility devices for reasonable and equitable access by persons with a disability who require use of such mobility devices.

MSU Extension 4-H Program Emergency Medical Procedure

In case of an emergency, you must follow these three steps:

1. Call 911
2. Call/contact 4-H Program Coordinator(s).
3. Complete an MSU injury report within one hour, turn in the completed form to the 4-H Program Coordinator immediately. 4-H staff will be responsible for turning in a completed form to MSU within 24 hours of the injury.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/uploads/InjuryPropertyDamageReport.pdf>

4-H Schedule

MANDATORY 4-H EXHIBITOR MEETING

A pre-Fair mandatory exhibitor meeting will be held the evening of Thursday, July 30, 2026. Attendance is mandatory for all 4-H horse and livestock exhibitors.

Still Exhibits Entry

Saturday, August 1, 2026: Still exhibits will be entered and judged between 9:00am-12:00pm.

Agriculture	Cloverbud Projects	Mechanical Exhibits
Animal Science Exhibits	Club Reports	Natural Sciences
Arts and Crafts	Culinary Arts	Photography
All Animal Notebooks and Journals	Gardening/Floriculture	Sports/Leisure Activities
Clothing, Crochet and Knitting	Home Economics	

4-H Animal Arrival

- Livestock are to arrive at the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 2, 2026 (4pm – 7pm) or Monday, August 3, 2026 (9am – 12pm)
- Swine and poultry will be weighed as they are unloaded. All other market livestock will be weighed Monday between 12:00pm and 2:00pm
- Horses are to arrive Sunday, August 2, 2026, between 12:00pm-3:00pm and will be vet checked upon arrival.

4-H Livestock Sale

4-H members will be allowed eight pens or individual animal sales during the 2026 Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction. Grand and Reserve Champion pens/animals do not count toward the 8 sales. The Kalamazoo 4-H Livestock Sale is to be held on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 9:00am with small animals (goats, poultry, rabbits) followed by large animals (sheep, beef/dairy, beef/feeder calves, and swine) at 1:00pm. **Any exhibitor with market animals may withdraw his/her animal from the sale no later than noon on the Wednesday before the sale.** Special arrangements for the withdrawal, after that time must be made with the Kalamazoo County 4-H Office. A six percent (3 percent for beef only) commission will be deducted from the bid price of each sale. These funds will be placed in an account administered by the 4-H Livestock Superintendents Association. This account will provide for the cost of doing auction sale business, uncollected buyers accounts, and educational opportunities for livestock project youth. Project Check-Off fees will be deducted where required.

Still Exhibits Release

Still Exhibits may not be removed from display until the completion of the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival. The still project barn will be closed during the Master showmanship competition and will reopen following the contest. It will also be open on Sunday, August 9th from 9:00AM – 1:00PM. Removal of exhibits prior to established times could result in loss of premiums and an exhibitor's ability to show in the future. **MSU Extension staff will not be responsible for articles left after release time.**

4-H Animal Show and Sale Schedule

Monday, July 27, 2026

6:00pm	Carcass Program Live Animal Evaluation (Animals must arrive before 5:30pm)	Pease Packing – Scotts, MI
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Wednesday, July 29, 2026

10:00am	Carcass Program Test and Results Announcements	Pease Packing – Scotts, MI
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Friday, July 31, 2026

7:00pm	Dairy Show	Vlietstra Dairy Farm – Kalamazoo, MI
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Saturday, August 1, 2026

9:00am - 12:00pm	Still project judging and display set up	Main expo center and 4-H barn
1:00pm	cat show	Main expo center

Monday, August 3, 2026

9:00am	Horse Showmanship & English Performance Classes	Horse Arenas
2:00 – 4:00pm	Livestock practice	Livestock arena
4:00pm	Livestock arena set up	Livestock arena
6:00pm	Rabbit Showmanship	Livestock arena

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

9:00am	Horse Dressage and Jumping Classes	Horse Arenas
8:00am	Poultry Show	Livestock Arena
1:00pm	Market rabbit show	Livestock Arena
5:00pm	Rabbit Agility	TBD
6:00pm	Sheep show	Livestock Arena
6:00pm	Fashion Review, Demonstration and Performances	Stage

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

9:00am	Horse Western Classes	Horse Arenas
9:00am	Swine Show	Livestock Arena
4:00pm	Feeder Calf show	Livestock Arena
6:00pm	Beef show	Livestock Arena

Thursday, August 6, 2026

9:00am	Horse Versatility & Gymkhana Classes	Horse Arenas
9:00am	Goat show	Livestock Arena
1:00pm	All species showmanship clinic	Livestock Arena
2:00pm	Enduro- all species showmanship	Livestock Arena
5:30pm	Livestock family pizza party and auction set up	Livestock Arena
4:00pm	Miniature horse showmanship	Horse arena

Friday, August 7, 2026

9:00am	Livestock auction	Livestock Arena
10:00am	Horse Costume Class	Horse Arenas
1:00pm	Horse fun and games	Horse Arenas
1:00pm	Miniature Horse show	Horse Arena
TBD	Horse Awards program	Horse Arenas
7-10pm	4-H Dance	Livestock Show Arena

Saturday, August 8, 2026

9:00am	Dog Show	Main Expo
10:00am	Livestock judging contest	Livestock arena
12:00pm	Horse Drill Team Demonstration	Horse Arenas
12:00pm	Thank you notes turned in deadline	Project Superintendents
2:00pm	Milk drinking contest	Livestock arena
3:00pm	Master Showmanship	Livestock arena

DEPARTMENT 2 – YOUTH DAIRY

DAIRY CATTLE

Fair Superintendent - Sara VanDyk (269) 720-7215

For complete guidelines, go to [Large Animal Project Guidelines](#). The 4-H dairy project is open to exhibitors that lease (must have approved paperwork) a heifer or cow from a farm approved by the superintendent. The 4-H Dairy show will be held at the farm where the heifers and cows are leased from. All 5–7-year-olds will participate in non-competitive classes, see Department 90 – Cloverbuds, Section B, classes 7053-7056 to enter.

All three-year-old female animals must have calved prior to the fair. In compliance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, all animals must have an electronic (RFID) tag; a USDA-approved official identification.

Mature Cow	Born before September 1, 2021
4-year-old Cow	Born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
3-year-old Cow	Born September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023
2-year-old Cow	Born September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024
Senior Yearling Heifer	Born September 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025
Junior Yearling Heifer	Born March 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025
Early Senior Calf	Born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025
Late Senior Calf	Born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
Junior Calf	Born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026

Consult superintendent for questions regarding class registration.

Section A – Holstein, Red & White Holstein, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Dairy Cross Breed
Class numbers for each breed.

Class

4026 Junior Heifer Calf	
4027 Late Senior Heifer Calf	
4028 Early Senior Heifer Calf	
4029 Junior Yearling Heifer	
4030 Senior Yearling Heifer	
4031 Jr. Champion	Rosette
4032 Jr. Reserve Champion Female	Rosette
4033 Cow, 2-year-old	
4034 Cow, 3-year-old	
4035 Cow, 4-year-old	
4036 Mature Cow	
4037 Sr. Champion Female	Rosette
4038 Sr. Reserve Champion Female	Rosette
4039 Breed Champion	Rosette

Section B - Dairy Showmanship

All 4-H dairy exhibitors will participate in Dairy Showmanship. If exhibiting more than one animal, select the animal you can manage the best.

Class

4045 Junior (8 - 11 years old)

4046 Intermediate (12 - 15 years old)

4047 Senior (16 - 19 years old)

4048 Top Showman (Judges preference 1st & 2nd place winners from classes 4045 - 4047)

Section C - Dairy Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management and sciences related to dairy animals.

Every Dairy exhibitor is required to do an educational exhibit. These exhibits are to be entered on Still Project Day in the Youth Exhibit Area. Cloverbuds sign up under Cloverbud Department (Department 90) and will receive Cloverbuds ribbons only. The exhibit shall consist of a notebook, poster (22"x28"), and/or 3D exhibit showing knowledge gained from the study of dairy science.

Class

4049 Educational Exhibit

DEPARTMENT 4 - YOUTH BEEF & MARKET DAIRY STEER

BEEF CARCASS

4-H Superintendents - TBD

For complete guidelines, go to [Carcass Project Guidelines](#). This project is open to all beef project exhibitors except Cloverbuds. Exhibitors may enter one animal in either the Beef Market or Dairy Steer Carcass class, but not both. Carcass judging takes place on two days: attendance is mandatory on both Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00pm, and Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 10:00am, in order to be considered for placing. The events on both days will take place at Pease Packing.

Animals entered in the carcass class are not required to be clipped or trained. Beef carcass entries must have the same identification required by the beef superintendent for market beef projects shown live at the fair. No day of show entries will be allowed.

All beef carcass entries which are placed may be sold in the auction, but the Grand and Reserve Champions MUST be sold in the auction. Processing costs of other entries, not sold through the auction, will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Carcasses will be standard cut unless you have a pre-arranged buyer; then a cut sheet must be at Pease Packing by Monday, July 27, 2026, or a standard cut will be used. Carcasses of all entries to be sold at auction will remain at Pease Packing until after their purchase at the auction. Slaughter and cutting costs of disqualified animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

All 4-H participants in this carcass class must also show at least one live animal in the same species at the current year's fair. Exceptions to this rule of showing a live animal at the fair may be made for those exhibitors whose animals may cause safety problems at the fair, provided the exhibitor has met the carcass attendance requirements. Exhibitors must consult with and get approval for exceptions from both the live animal and carcass superintendents a week prior to the carcass contest. Though the live animal shown must be the same species, it is not required to be the same class. A participant taking a dairy steer to fair may have either a dairy or beef steer carcass entry. A participant taking a beef steer to fair may have either beef or dairy steer carcass entry.

All carcass participants are required to take the written/oral educational evaluation portion for their respective species on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Section A - Beef Carcass

Class

4150 Beef Market Carcass	Ribbon
4151 Dairy Steer Carcass	Ribbon

BEEF

4-H Superintendents – Kyle Vosburg 269-719-5171

For complete guidelines, go to [Livestock- Large Animal - Kalamazoo County](#).

Section B - Market Beef

Sale weight for the livestock auction is determined at the weigh-in at the time of arrival for the show.

Class	
4152 Market Steer/Heifer	Rosette
4153 Champion Steer/Heifer	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette
4154 Reserve Champion Steer/Heifer	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette
4155 Owner Bred & Raised Market Beef	Rosette

Section C - Market Dairy Steer

Class	
4156 Market Dairy Steer	Rosette
4157 Owner Bred & Raised Market Dairy Steer	Rosette
4158 Champion Dairy Market Steer	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette
4159 Reserve Champion Dairy Market Steer	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

Section D - Market Dairy Cross

Class	
4175 Market Steer/Heifer	Rosette
4176 Champion Steer/Heifer	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette
4177 Reserve Champion Steer/Heifer	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette
4178 Owner Bred & Raised Market Beef	Rosette

BREEDING STOCK

Breeding Stock - No more than 2 entries per class in Sections E-K except Herd Classes.

Section E - Angus Breeding Stock

Section F - Chianina Breeding Stock

Section G - Commercial Female Class Breeding Stock

Section H - Hereford Breeding Stock

Section I - Polled Hereford Breeding Stock

Section J - Simmental Breeding Stock

Section K - Any Other Breed, Breeding Stock

Class (numbers for each breed)

- 4168 Cow, 2 years old & over
- 4169 Senior Yearling Heifer (born in fall, 2 years prior - 2024)
- 4170 Junior Yearling Heifer (born in spring of previous year - 2025)
- 4171 Senior Calf (born in fall of previous year - 2025)
- 4172 Junior Calf (born in spring of current year - 2026)

Section L - Championship Classes

Class

- 4173 Champion Female Rosette

Section M - Group Classes

Class

4174 Cow/calf pair Rosette

Section N- Showmanship

Class

4161 Junior (8 - 11 years old) Rosette

4162 Intermediate (12 - 15 years old) Rosette

4163 Senior (16 - 19 years old) Rosette

4164 Top Showman (1st & 2nd place winners from 4161 - 4163) (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)

4165 Reserve Top Showman (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)

Section O - Beef & Market Dairy Steer Science & Market Journal

Class

4166 Record Book

4177 Educational projects

FEEDER STEER

4-H Superintendents - Greg Baker (269) 535-0936 & Sara VanDyk (269)720-7215

This project is open to all exhibitors 5-19 years old. For complete guidelines, go to [Livestock- Large Animal - Kalamazoo County](#). Cloverbud exhibitors (5–7-year-olds) should sign up under Department 90 and will participate in non-competitive classes and will NOT sell in the auction.

Section P - Dairy Feeder Steer

Class

4200 Dairy Feeder Calf-weight class

4201 Champion Dairy Feeder Calf (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

4202 Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

Section Q - Beef Feeder Calf

Class

4203 Beef Feeder Calf-weight class

4204 Champion Beef Feeder Calf (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

4205 Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Calf (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

Section R-Beef/Dairy Cross Feeder Calf

Class

4206 Beef Feeder Calf-weight class

4207 Champion Beef Feeder Calf (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

4208 Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Calf (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

Section S - Feeder Calf Showmanship

Class

4206 Junior (8 - 11 years old)

4207 Intermediate (12 - 15 years old)

4208 Senior (16 - 19 years old)

4209 Top Showman (1st & 2nd place winners from classes 4206 - 4208) Youth do not enter this class as this is awarded during the show

Section T - Educational Exhibit

Class

4210 Educational Exhibit

DEPARTMENT 6-YOUTH SHEEP

SHEEP CARCASS

4-H Superintendents - TBD

For complete guidelines, go to [Livestock- Large Animal - Kalamazoo County](#). This project is open to all sheep project exhibitors except Cloverbuds. Carcass judging takes place on two days: attendance is mandatory on both Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00pm, and Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 10:00am, in order to be considered for placing. The events on both days will take place at Pease Packing.

Animals entered in the carcass class are required to be slick shorn. Sheep carcass entries must have the same identification required by the Sheep superintendent for market Lamb projects shown live at the fair. No day of show entries will be allowed.

All sheep carcass entries which are placed may be sold in the auction, but the Grand and Reserve Champions MUST be sold in the auction. Processing costs of other entries, not sold at the auction, will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Carcasses will be standard cut unless you have a pre-arranged buyer; then a cut sheet must be at Pease Packing by Monday, July 27, 2026, or a standard cut will be used. Carcasses of all entries to be sold at auction will remain at Pease Packing until after their purchase at the auction. Slaughter and cutting costs of disqualified animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

All 4-H participants in this carcass class must also show at least one live animal in the same species at the current year's fair. Exceptions to this rule of showing a live animal at the fair may be made for those exhibitors whose animals may cause safety problems at the fair, provided the exhibitor has met the carcass attendance requirements. Exhibitors must consult with and get approval for exceptions from both the live animal and carcass superintendents a week prior to the carcass contest. Though the live animal shown must be the same species, it is not required to be the same class.

All carcass participants are required to take the written/oral educational evaluation portion for their respective species on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Section A - Sheep Carcass

Class

4225

Ribbon

Sheep

4-H Superintendents - Alisha Gibson (269) 873-5857, Jenni Piper (269) 207-7579

- For complete guidelines, go to [Livestock- Large Animal - Kalamazoo County](#).
- First-tenth place ribbons will be presented in each class.
- Cloverbud exhibitors (5–7-year-olds) should sign up under Department 90 and will participate in non- competitive classes and will NOT sell in the auction.
- Members may have up to 2 entries per breeding class.

Section B - Black Top Delaine

Section C - Columbia Section

Section D - Corriedale

Section E - Dorset

Section F - Hampshire

Section G - Montadale

Section H - Natural & Colored

Section I - Polypay

(Class numbers for each breed)

Section J - Rambouillet

Section K - Romney

Section L - Shropshire

Section M - Southdown

Section N - Suffolk

Section O - Commercial

Section P - Any Other Breed

Class

4226	Yearling ram, 1 year, under 2	
4227	Senior Ram lamb under 1, born fall of previous year	
4228	Junior Ram lamb born after February of current year	
4229	Junior Ram lamb under 1, born spring of current year	
4230	Pair of Ram lambs (only 1 pair)	
4231	Yearling ewe (1 year, under 2)	
4232	Pair of Yearling Ewes	
4233	Pair of yearlings, both sexes	
4234	Senior ewe lamb, under 1, born fall of previous year	
4235	Junior ewe lamb, under 1, born spring of current year	
4236	Pair of ewe lambs (only one pair)	
4237	Pair of lambs, both sexes	
4238	Get of Sire (4 animals from same sire)	
4239	Flock (1 ram under 2 years, yearling ewe, 2 ewe lambs)	
4240	Supreme Champion Ram (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)	Rosette
4241	Supreme Champion Ewe (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)	Rosette

Section Q - Market Lambs

All market lambs must come in on the day of the event already sheared, clean and dry for weigh-in. All blankets must be removed for unloading and weigh-in. Blankets are allowed after check-in and weigh-in is completed. All breeds will compete. They may be grade, purebred, or crossbred. Animals weighing less than 80 pounds are not considered finished, unless deemed so by the superintendent, will be placed in a “C” grouping and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale. 5–7-year-olds (by January 1st of the current year) will participate in non-competitive classes and will not be allowed to sell their animals at auction. Sign up under Department 90, Cloverbuds, Section B, Class 7130. Animal weight will be established at weigh-in at the beginning of the fair and used for show weight classes and the auction. Lambs will be divided into weight classes for ewe lambs and wethers. The superintendent will determine the number of weight classes based upon the number of sheep and weight ranges.

Class

4242 Market Ewe

4243 Champion Ewe Lamb (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)

Rosette

4244 Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)	Rosette
4245 Market Wether		
4246 Champion Wether	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)	Rosette
4247 Reserve Wether	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)	Rosette
4248 Owner Bred & Raised pair of lambs	Rosette	
4249 Champion Owner Bred & Raised pair of lambs	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)	Rosette
4250 Reserve Champion Bred & Raised pair of lambs	(Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show)	Rosette

Section R - Sheep Showmanship

All 4-H sheep exhibitors will compete in showmanship. A ribbon will be presented in each class. Cloverbuds sign up in Department 90, Cloverbuds, Section B, class 7132.

Class

- 4251 Junior (8 - 11 years old)
- 4252 Intermediate (12 - 15 years old)
- 4253 Senior (16 - 19 years old)

Section S - Wool

Exhibitors may show one fleece per class and do not need to show an animal to enter. All wool must be identified with sex and breed on it. Both purebred and commercial wool will be judged together. Only the Champion & Reserve Champion fleece will sell with proceeds to be split between fleece and rug producers.

Class

- 4255 Fine (60 - 80 microns)
- 4256 Medium (50 - 60 microns)
- 4257 Long (40 - 50 microns)
- 4258 Braid (less than 40 microns)
- 4259 Colored fine (60 - 80 microns)
- 4260 Colored medium (50 - 60 microns)
- 4261 Colored long (40 - 50 microns)
- 4262 Colored braid (less than 40 microns)
- 4263 Champion Fleece* (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette
- 4264 Reserve Fleece** (Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show) Rosette

*The buyer of the Champion Fleece will choose between two wool pieces determined by the coordinator.

**The buyer of the Reserve Champion Fleece will receive a wool piece determined by the coordinator.

Section T - Sheep Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management and sciences related to sheep. An educational exhibit is mandatory for exhibitors of the sheep project. This exhibit may be a notebook, poster or other education exhibit. Cloverbuds sign up under Department 90, Cloverbuds, Section B, class 7133.

Class

- 4265 Educational Exhibit

DEPARTMENT 8 – YOUTH GOATS

GOAT CARCASS

4-H Superintendents - TBD

For complete guidelines, go to https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/index. This project is open to all goat project exhibitors except Cloverbuds. Exhibitors may enter one animal in the Goat Carcass class. Carcass judging takes place on two days: attendance is mandatory on both Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:00pm, and Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 10:00am, in order to be considered for placing. The events on both days will take place at Pease Packing.

Animals entered in the carcass class are not required to be clipped or trained. Goat carcass entries must have the same identification required by the goat superintendent for market goat projects shown live at the fair. No day of show entries will be allowed.

All goat carcass entries which are placed may be sold in the auction, but the Grand and Reserve Champions MUST be sold in the auction. Processing costs of other entries, not sold at the auction, will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Carcasses will be standard cut unless you have a pre-arranged buyer; then a cut sheet must be at Pease Packing by Monday, July 27, 2026, or a standard cut will be used. Carcasses of all entries to be sold at auction will remain at Pease Packing until after their purchase at the auction. Slaughter and cutting costs of disqualified animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

All 4-H participants in this carcass class must also show at least one live animal of the same species at the current year's fair. Exceptions to this rule of showing a live animal at the fair may be made for those exhibitors whose animals may cause safety problems at the fair, provided the exhibitor has met the carcass attendance requirements. Exhibitors must consult with and get approval for exceptions from both the live animal and carcass superintendents a week prior to the carcass contest. Though the live animal shown must be the same species, it is not required to be the same class.

All carcass participants are required to take the written/oral educational evaluation portion for their respective species on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Section A - Goat Carcass Class

4300 Goat Carcass

Ribbon

GOATS

4-H Superintendents – Hannah Walters (269) 998-2182 & Bethany Stanton (231) 233-3988

For complete guidelines, go to [Small Animal Guidelines](#). Goats are to be free of horns except where a registered goat's breed standards specify otherwise; scurs must be less than 2 inches. If a market goat's scurs exceed 2 inches you must check with the Superintendent before unloading your animal for show. No bucks will be allowed. Buckling's who still require their dam may be present at the fair but cannot show. Animals will be health checked before being allowed into the barn.

Goats, with horns, which are not a part of the breed standard, may be brought to the fair as companions. These animals will not be allowed to show. Documentation for companion animals is the same as documenta

In compliance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, all goats must be identified in one of the following ways: official USDA scrapie program identification tag (required for market goats) or tattoo. Microchips are not allowed as the sole identification. <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/id-movement/goats#Exhibition>

The exhibitor must be on hand to show his/her goat. All goats must be legally owned or properly leased by the exhibitor and have been in his/her possession by May 1 and tagged or tattooed by May preceding the Fair. Kids born on the exhibitor's property after May 1, must be tagged or tattooed prior to fair check-in and all paperwork and pictures provided to the superintendent before the mandatory livestock meeting prior to fair. Animals will be shown in the breed class which they most closely resemble. A crossbreed of dairy and meat must be shown in a meat class. First-eighth place ribbons will be awarded.

All 4-H Goat Project youth exhibitors must enter the appropriate showmanship class for their age group. Cloverbud exhibitors (5–7-year-olds) should sign up under Department 90 and will participate in non- competitive classes and will NOT sell in the auction.

Exhibitors do not enter Champion/Reserve Champion Classes, these entries are determined at judging. All others enter classes are listed below.

The order of the show is as follows but is subject to change at the superintendent's discretion. Show order will be posted and communicated by the first day of fair:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Showmanship | 7. All Breed Group Classes |
| 2. Market | 8. All Breed Dry Doe Classes |
| 3. Dairy Breed Kids | 9. Pet Wethers |
| 4. Dairy Milkers | 10. Best In Show |
| 5. Meat and Specialty Breed Kids | 11. Driving Classes |
| 6. Meat and Specialty Breed Adults | 12. Pack Classes |

Section B - Showmanship - All 4-H goat members are required to show in showmanship.

Class

4301	Junior Showman (8-11 years old)	Rosette
4302	Intermediate (12 - 15 years old)	Rosette
4303	Senior (16 - 19 years old)	Rosette
4304	Novice (1st year in project)	Rosette
4305	Top Showman (1st & 2nd place winners from classes 4301 - 4304) Youth do not enter these classes, they are awarded during the show	Rosette

Section C - Market Goats

Market goats may be wethers or does. Goats must be born after January 1 of the current year in which they will be shown. An "individual market goat" is a single goat. Minimum weight for a market goat is 45 lbs. Goats under minimum weight may not show in the market class and are not eligible to participate in the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction. Underweight goats may still be entered in showmanship. Animals will be judged on meat quality.

Members who DO NOT wish to sell their animals MUST notify the superintendents PRIOR to the time of judging. Champion and Reserve Champion must be sold through the Livestock Auction.

Class

4306	Individual Dairy Breed Market Goat	
4307	Champion Individual Dairy Breed Market Goat (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4308	Reserve Champion Individual Dairy Breed Market Goat (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4309	Individual Meat Breed Market Goat	
4310	Champion Individual Meat Breed Market Goat (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4311	Reserve Champion Individual Meat Breed Market Goat (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette

Section D - Dairy Goat (Alpine, Lamancha, Nubian, Nigerian, Dwarf, Saanen, Oberbasli, Toggenburg)**Class**

4318	Junior Doe Kid (born on or after April 1 of current year)	
4319	Intermediate Doe Kid (born Mar. 1 – Mar. 31 of current year)	
4320	Senior Doe Kid (Born Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 of current year)	
4321	Yearling (born Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 of previous year, never freshened)	
4322	Grand Champion Junior Dairy Doe (classes 4318 – 4321) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4323	Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Doe (classes 4318 – 4321) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4324	Yearling Milker (1 – less than 2 years old, in milk)	
4325	Junior Milker (2 – less than 3 yrs. old, in milk)	
4326	Intermediate Milker (3 – less than 5 years old, in milk)	
4327	Senior Milker (5 years old and over, in milk)	
4328	Grand Champion Dairy Milker (classes 4325 - 4328) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4329	Reserve Champion Dairy Milker (classes 4325 - 4328) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4330	Best Udder – All Dairy Breeds	Rosette

Section E - All Other Meat and Specialty Breed Goats**Class**

4332	Junior Doe Kid (born on or after April 1 of current year)	
4333	Intermediate Doe Kid (born Mar. 1 – Mar. 31 of current year)	
4334	Senior Doe Kid (Born Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 of current year)	
4335	Junior Yearling (born Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 of previous year, never freshened)	
4337	Champion Junior Meat Breed Doe (classes 4332 – 4335) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4338	Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Doe (classes 4332 – 4335) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4339	Senior Yearling (1 – less than 2 years old)	
4340	Junior Doe (2–less than 3 years old)	
4341	Intermediate Doe (3–less than 5 years old)	
4342	Senior Doe (5 years and over)	
4343	Champion Senior Meat Breed Doe (classes 4339-4342) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4344	Reserve Champion Senior Meat Breed Doe (classes 4339-4342) (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette

Section F - Dairy Dry Doe Class**Class**

4346	Dry Doe (2 – less than 3 years old)	
4347	Dry Doe (3 – less than 5 yrs. Old)	
4348	Dry Doe (5 years old and older)	
4349	Grand Champion Dry Doe (classes 4346 – 4349)	Rosette
4350	Reserve Champion Dry Doe (classes 4346 – 4349)	Rosette

Section G - All Breed Group

Class

- 4351 Dam & Daughter - 1 dam and 1 daughter per entry
- 4352 Get-of-Sire (2 does from different dams with the same sire)
- 4353 Produce of Dam (2 daughters from the same dam)
- 4354 Best home bred doe (same owned by and breeding planned by exhibitor)
- 4355 Best 3 does owned by exhibitor

Section H - All Breed Pet Wether

Class

- 4356 Pet Wethers (under 1 year old)
- 4357 Pet Wethers (1 – less than 2 years old)
- 4358 Pet Wethers (2 years old and over)
- 4359 Grand Champion Pet Wether (classes 4354 – 4356) (Youth do not enter these classes) Rosette
- 4360 Reserve Champion Pet Wether (classes 4354 – 4356) (Youth do not enter these classes) Rosette

Section I - Driving Classes

Class

- 4361 Ground Driving (no cart-exhibitor walking behind)
- 4362 Driving 1 (hitched to cart-exhibitor walking behind)
- 4363 Driving 2 (hitched to cart-exhibitor riding)

Section J - Pack Goat

Class

- 4364 Novice Pack Goat – Exhibitor's 1st year
- 4365 Pack Goat
- 4366 Grand Champion Pack Goat (Youth do not enter these classes) Rosette
- 4367 Reserve Champion Pack Goat (Youth do not enter these classes) Rosette

Section K - Goat Science & Education

- Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management and sciences related to goats.
- At least one goat science or educational exhibit is required for all first and second year 8-19-year-olds. At least one goat or educational exhibit is required for all Cloverbuds. A market journal is required for all youths entering a market goat and carcass class. All still science/educational exhibits are to be entered on Still Exhibit Day in the Youth Exhibit Area. Cloverbud exhibitors (5–7-year-olds) should sign up under Department 90 and will participate in non- competitive classes and will NOT sell in the auction.
- Exhibits will be a choice of a poster, notebook/journal, 3-D exhibit, goat product or public education. Goat products must be made from goat milk, meat, fiber, or hide, except for cumulative notebooks/journals. Projects entered in previous years are not allowed.
- ALL YOUTH ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ENTER A SCIENCE OR EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT EVERY YEAR.

Class

- 4368 Public Education
- 4369 Educational Exhibit
- 4370 Notebook or Journal

DEPARTMENT 10 – YOUTH SWINE

SWINE CARCASS

4-H Superintendents - TBD

For complete guidelines, go to [Livestock- Large Animal - Kalamazoo County](#).. This project is open to all swine project exhibitors except Cloverbuds. Exhibitors may enter one hog. Carcass judging takes place on two days: attendance is mandatory on both Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00pm, and Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 10:00am, in order to be considered for placing. The events on both days will take place at Pease Packing.

Animals entered in the carcass class are not required to be clipped or trained, but hogs must be free of mud. Any identification required for market hog projects is required for carcass entries. No day of show entries will be allowed.

All swine carcass entries which are placed may be sold in the auction, but the Grand and Reserve Champions MUST be sold in the auction. Processing costs of other entries, not sold at the auction, will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Carcasses will be standard cut unless you have a pre-arranged buyer; then a cut sheet must be at Pease Packing by Monday, July 27, or a standard cut will be used. Carcasses of all entries to be sold at auction will remain at Pease Packing until after their purchase at the auction. Slaughter and cutting costs of disqualified animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

All 4-H participants in this carcass class must also show at least one live animal in the same species at the current year's fair. Exceptions to this rule of showing a live animal at the fair may be made for those exhibitors whose animals may cause safety problems at the fair, provided the exhibitor has met the carcass attendance requirements. Exhibitors must consult with and get approval for exceptions from both the live animal and carcass superintendents a week prior to the carcass contest.

All carcass participants are required to take the written/oral educational evaluation portion for their respective species on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Section A - Swine Carcass

Class

4400 Carcass Swine Market Hog

Ribbon

SWINE

4-H Superintendent - TJ Gibson (269) 903-9991

For complete guidelines, go to [Livestock- Large Animal - Kalamazoo County](#). Swine exhibitors must be 8 years of age by January 1 of the current year. All exhibitors are allowed to show 2 market hogs. Youth 16 years old by January 1 of the current year, who exhibited in the swine project at the previous Kalamazoo County Fair may be eligible to exhibit up to 4 individual market animals if space is available. Space will be determined by the superintendent, and a lottery system will be used to decide which exhibitors may exhibit four market animals. This will be determined in July after the fair enrollment is complete. Please consider this when purchasing pigs in the spring. Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) must be completed annually by every swine exhibitor.

Swine being taken home live from the fair will be shipped out last and transportation is the responsibility of the owner (be it the buyer or exhibitor). All terminal swine are required to be slaughtered at Pease Packing or transferred to a resale facility approved by the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Superintendent Association (LSA).

LSA will exclusively transport all terminal swine entries at the conclusion of the fair to Pease Packing or the market facilities identified by LSA . After slaughter, processing can be completed per the choice of the buyer. LSA may choose to ship swine to the predetermined locations on any date/time during the fair for public or animal health/safety reasons.

Each project animal exhibited must be in the possession of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year. Each exhibitor may identify up to five (5) project animals. Each project animal identification must be on record with the swine superintendent no later than May 1st. Tagging must be completed by May 1st. Animals may be market barrows or gilts. Gilts may be shown provided they are sold in the livestock sale. Any market hogs weighing less than 200 lbs. are ineligible to be shown and will be sold at the auction as roasters. Roaster auction sales are not eligible for resale. Shipment of all pigs will be handled exclusively by the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Association. First-tenth place ribbons will be given. All market hogs that come to the Kalamazoo County Fair must have been given the Swine Influenza vaccine plus booster prior to July 15th. Swine that have been fed Ractopamine (Paylean, Explode, XXL, etc) will NOT be allowed at the fair. Each exhibitor must verify their pigs have not been fed Ractopamine.

Barn tear-down will take place Saturday night following the fair after all pigs are removed. Nothing may be removed from the barn prior to all swine being loaded out unless approved by the superintendent. All exhibitors or a household member must be present and stay until the barn is packed up. If this does not take place, a fee of 10% of the 4-H participant's swine sale check will be taken out. This fee will be put into the 4-H swine project's account. All exhibitors or household members must check in and out with the swine superintendent. If you cannot tear down for religious reasons, you need to be excused by the superintendent by the last swine project meeting before the fair. They will give you an alternate assignment.

Section B - Market Hogs

Market hogs will be weighed on Monday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM to determine weight classes for judging and official weight for the 4-H Livestock Auction. Pigs must be clean for weigh-in. Muddy pigs will not be accepted. Market Hogs will be divided into weight classes for gilts and barrows except for hogs weighing less than 200 lbs.

Class

4403	Market Hog	Prize & Ribbon
4404	Champion Gilt (Youth do not enter these classes)	Prize & Rosette
4405	Reserve Champion Gilt (Youth do not enter these classes)	Prize & Rosette
4406	Champion Barrow (Youth do not enter these classes)	Prize & Rosette
4407	Reserve Champion Barrow (Youth do not enter these classes)	Prize & Rosette
4408	Roaster Lightweight Pigs – under 200 lbs. (not eligible for show or auction resale)	

Section C - Swine Showmanship

All swine exhibitors will compete in a showmanship class.

Class

4410	Junior - (8 - 11 yrs. old)	Prize & Rosette
4411	Intermediate - (12 - 15 yrs. old)	Prize & Rosette
4412	Senior - (16 - 19 yrs. old)	Prize & Rosette
4413	Top Showman – 1 st & 2 nd place winners from (Youth do not enter these classes) classes 4410 - 4412 will compete	Prize & Rosette

Section D - Swine Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management, and sciences related to swine.

A completed 4-H market journal is a requirement for the sale of your swine project. The market journal must be presented in a 3-ring binder or portfolio. Loose pages will not be accepted.

Youth may also enter an optional notebook or educational exhibit. This should demonstrate increased learning from year to year. Special awards are given to the top educational displays each year.

Class

4414	Market Journal
4415	Educational exhibit

DEPARTMENT 12-YOUTH POULTRY

Project Superintendents - Jackie Stasevich (269) 629-9664 & Cherie Gilfillan (269) 547-7678

Complete guidelines available at [Livestock- Small Animal - Kalamazoo County](#).

All birds except waterfowl must have a negative Pullorum test and be health checked before entering the poultry barn. Once they enter the poultry barn, they will be weighed. Heritage turkeys are sourced and purchased by the exhibitor.

If there is no market competition, the judge will award A, B or C rating according to merit. Birds receiving a C rating will not be sold at auction.

Auction: Sales will be limited to 7 poultry sales per member. Sales consist of either a pen or individual, depending on the market pen requirements.

One entry per class is allowed.

5 - 7-year-old exhibitors (by January 1st of current year) enter Department 90, Cloverbuds, Section B, Classes 7100-7108. 5 - 7-year-olds participate in non-competitive classes and may not sell their birds at auction.

Breed Poultry

Birds may be adult birds of any age. Breed birds will not sell at the auction. Participants must enter an appropriate showmanship class.

Section A - Breed Chickens

Birds may be adult birds of any age. Breed birds will not sell at auction. Participants must enter an appropriate showmanship class.

Class

4510	Standard breed chicken trio	Ribbons & Rosettes
4511	Bantam breed chicken trio	Ribbons & Rosettes
4513	Cock (1 year or older)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4514	Cockerel (less than 1 year)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4515	Hen (1 year & older)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4516	Pullet (less than 1 year)	Ribbons & Rosettes

Section B - Breed Turkeys

Birds may be adult birds of any age. Breed birds will not sell at auction. Participants must enter an appropriate showmanship class.

Class

4536	Breeding Hen	Ribbons & Rosettes
4537	Breeding Tom	Ribbons & Rosettes

Section C - Breeding Waterfowl

Breed birds may be adults of any age and will not be sold at the auction. Breed exhibitors must enter a waterfowl science exhibit to participate.

Class

4547	Breeding Duck	Ribbons & Rosettes
4548	Breeding Drake	Ribbons & Rosettes
4549	Breeding Goose	Ribbons & Rosettes
4950	Breeding Gander	Ribbons & Rosettes

Section D - Barnyard Poultry Pet

The purpose of this class is to allow a 4-H member that has a favorite bird at home, of questionable ancestry or doesn't qualify for the project's show bird classes, to participate in showing a bird. The entry is limited to one pet bird per exhibitor providing that exhibitor does not have birds entered in any other show bird classes. The birds will be judged on their general health, cleanliness, and condition. The exhibitor will be judged on their knowledge and ability to handle the bird.

Class
4520 Barnyard Poultry Pet Ribbons & Rosettes

Section E - Eggs

Eggs may be from any breed of poultry. Eggs should be uniform in size, color and shape. Youth may enter the egg class without participating in showmanship.

Class
4512 Eggs Ribbons & Rosettes

Section F - Exotic Fowl

This class contains peafowl, quail, pheasants and guinea fowl. Adult birds may be shown but will not sell at auction. Exhibitors must also enter an exotic science exhibit to participate.

Class
4551 Exotic Fowl Ribbons & Rosettes
4552 Exotic Fowl Educational Exhibit Ribbons & Rosettes

Section G - Poultry & Waterfowl Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management and sciences related to poultry. Exhibits are to be entered on Still Project Day in the Youth Exhibit area. Display may be a notebook, poster, or a 3-D exhibit. Limit one species per exhibitor. 5–7-year-olds sign-up in Department 74, Section B, Class 7107.

Class
4553 Poultry Educational Exhibit Ribbons & Rosettes
4554 Turkey Educational Exhibit Ribbons & Rosettes
4555 Waterfowl Educational Exhibit Ribbons & Rosettes
4557 Exotic Fowl Science Ribbons & Rosettes

Poultry Showmanship

Section H - Chicken Showmanship

Any exhibitor showing a 4-H breed chicken project in any section must compete in this section. Market participants may choose to enter this class.

Class
4517 Junior (8 - 12 years old) Ribbons & Rosettes
4518 Intermediate (13 - 15 years old) Ribbons & Rosettes
4519 Senior (16 - 19 years old) Ribbons & Rosettes

Section I - Turkey Showmanship

Any exhibitor showing a 4-H breed turkey project in any section must compete in this section. Market participants may choose to enter this class.

Class
4517 Junior (8 - 12 years old) Ribbons & Rosettes
4518 Intermediate (13 - 15 years old) Ribbons & Rosettes
4519 Senior (16 - 19 years old) Ribbons & Rosettes

Market Poultry

All exhibitors showing broilers, roasters, Cornish, market turkeys and market fowl must order birds through the superintendents. Heritage turkeys are sourced and purchased by the exhibitor. Youth exhibiting market birds must also do a market journal that will be turned on Still Project Day in the Youth Exhibit area. The blank market journal can be downloaded at [Kalamazoo County 4-H Poultry Market Journal Ages 9-19](#).

All birds for sale at auction must have two (2) 4x6 high quality photos submitted at check-in.

Auction: Sales will be limited to 7 poultry sales per member. Sales consist of either a pen or individual, depending on the market pen requirements.

Section J - Market Chickens

Birds will be exhibited in uniform trios. Birds below minimum weight may be shown but will not be able to sell at auction. If an exhibitor is showing another project, any 4-H member in the poultry project may show the market animal.

Class	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight	Age Maximum
Roaster	6 pounds	None	10 weeks
Broiler	3.5 pounds	None	7 weeks
Cornish Hens	2 pounds	None	6 weeks

Class

4500	Roaster Pen	Ribbons & Rosettes
4501	Champion Roaster Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4502	Reserve Champion Roaster Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4503	Broiler Pen	Ribbons & Rosettes
4504	Champion Broiler Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4505	Reserve Champion Broiler Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4506	Cornish Hen Pen	Ribbons & Rosettes
4507	Champion Cornish Hen Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4508	Reserve Champion Cornish Hen Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes

Section K - Market Turkeys

Market turkeys will be exhibited as individuals and must be purchased through the poultry superintendents. Turkeys will be exhibited as individuals and must be not more than 19 weeks of age. Exhibitors should be present for their Market Class but another 4-Her can show their turkey if the exhibitor is showing in another class. Exhibitors may show one hen and one tom. Hens and toms will be judged separately. The minimum weight for a hen must be 12 pounds, and 16 pounds for a tom.

Class

4521	Market Tom Turkey	Ribbons & Rosettes
4522	Champion Tom Turkey (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4523	Reserve Champion Tom (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4524	Market Hen Turkey	Ribbons & Rosettes
4525	Champion Hen Turkey (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4526	Reserve Champion Hen Turkey (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes

Section L - Heritage Turkeys

Purchasing Heritage Turkey breeds is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Heritage Turkeys should be between 10-15 months at exhibition and of appropriate market condition for their breed.

Class

4530	Heritage Tom	Ribbons & Rosettes
4531	Champion Heritage Tom Turkey (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4532	Reserve Champion Heritage Tom Turkey (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4533	Heritage Hen	Ribbons & Rosettes
4534	Champion Heritage Hen Turkey (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4535	Reserve Champion Heritage Turkey (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes

Section M - Market Waterfowl

Market waterfowl will be exhibited in uniform trios. A market journal must also be completed and entered. Market ducks must be purchased through the poultry superintendents. Geese must be purchased by the exhibitor and may be no older than 14 weeks at the time of the show.

Class	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight	Maximum Age
Market Ducks (Peking)	5 pounds	None	8 weeks
Market Ducks (other)	5 pounds	None	12 weeks
Geese	6 pounds	None	14 weeks

Class

4541	Market Ducks	Ribbons & Rosettes
4542	Champion Market Ducks (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4543	Reserve Champion Market Ducks (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4544	Market Geese	Ribbons & Rosettes
4545	Champion Market Geese (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes
4546	Reserve Champion Market Geese (Youth do not enter these classes)	Ribbons & Rosettes

Section N - Poultry Market Journal

The market journal is required for all market birds that will be shown and sold through the 4-H auction. This journal must be submitted on still project judging day. The report can be found at [Kalamazoo County 4-H Poultry Market Journal Ages 9-19](#).

Class

4556	Market Journal Report	Ribbons & Rosettes
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DEPARTMENT 14-YOUTH RABBITS

(Includes Small Mammals/Pocket Pets)

RABBITS

Fair Superintendents – Amanda Thorpe, 269-908-1554

Complete guidelines available at [Livestock- Small Animal - Kalamazoo County](#).

All rabbits will be judged based on the ARBA Standard of Perfection for each breed. Each exhibitor is required to enter a Rabbit Science Project, see Section G.

Breed rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by June 1st of the current year. Market rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession at least 4 weeks prior to the fair.

The Fit & Show breed rabbit check-in and Market rabbit check in are mandatory for all exhibitors to be able to participate in showing their rabbits during the fair. Each rabbit may only be shown in one class with the exception of Section E, Progeny, and Section H, Fur.

All rabbits must be legibly and permanently tattooed in their left ear. Those showing signs of disease, sickness or ear/fur mites will be turned away at check in. 5-7-year-olds (by January 1st of the current year) will participate in non-competitive classes. See Department 90, Cloverbuds, Section B, classes 7110-7115. 5-7-year-olds are not eligible to sell their animals in the 4-H Livestock Auction. If a member is 8 years old as of the date of the fair and has served at least one year as a Cloverbud in Kalamazoo County, they are eligible to move out of Cloverbud class with approval from the Superintendent.

Section A - Rabbit Showmanship

All members are encouraged to enter showmanship class. Showmanship rosettes will be presented in each class.

Class

4600 Novice

4601 Junior (8 - 11 years old)

4602 Intermediate (12 - 15 years old)

4603 Senior (16 - 19 years old)

Section B - Market Rabbits

The exhibitor must complete and enter a Market Rabbit Record as part of the Market project. These may count as the exhibitor's required Rabbit Science Project. The superintendent will weigh market rabbits at check in. Market rabbits must receive an A or B rating to be sold at auction. Exhibitors who do not want to sell their animals must notify the superintendent at check in. Market pen animals must weigh between 3 ½-5 ½ pounds and be 12 weeks old or younger. A market pen will consist of three rabbits of the same Commercial breed (or Commercial crossbreed) and variety to be sold.

Class

4605 Meat Pen (3 rabbits)

Rosette

4606 Champion Meat Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

4607 Reserve Champion Meat Pen (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

4608 Single Fryer (3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs., less than 12 weeks old)

4609 Single Roaster (5 ½ - 9 lbs., less than 6 months old)

4614 Single Stewer (8 – 10 lbs., over 6 months old)

4610 Champion Fryer (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

4611 Reserve Champion Fryer (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

4612 Champion Roaster (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

4613 Reserve Champion Roaster (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

4615 Champion Stewer (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

4616 Reserve Champion Stewer (Youth do not enter these classes)

Rosette

Section C – Breed Class Rabbits

Breeding rabbits must be purebred and will be shown by breed. Rosettes will be awarded for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed. Best of Breed winners will be returned for judging for best of show and reserve of show.

Class

4619 Senior Buck (6 months & older in 4 class breeds; 8 months and older in 6 class breeds)	
4620 Senior Doe (6 months & older in 4 class breeds; 8 months and older in 6 class breeds)	
4621 Intermediate Bucks (6-8 months in 6 class breeds)	
4622 Intermediate Doe (6-8 months in 6 class breeds)	
4623 Junior Buck (4 - 6 months old)	
4624 Junior Doe (4 - 6 months old)	
4625 Best of Breed (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4626 Best Opposite Sex of Breed (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette

Section D - Championship Class

Class

4628 Best of Show (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4629 Reserve of Show (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette

Section E - Progeny

Progeny entry consists of a senior buck or senior doe and a junior buck or junior doe that is offspring of the senior rabbit. Each rabbit must also be shown in its appropriate breed class. Judging criteria is based on improvement from parents to offspring.

Class

4631 Progeny	
4632 Champion (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette
4633 Reserve Champion Progeny (Youth do not enter these classes)	Rosette

Section F - Pet Rabbits

Pet rabbits are rabbits that do not conform to their breed standard. They may also be mixed breed or spayed/neutered. Each exhibitor may show 1 pet class rabbit per year either as their only entry or in addition to their other breed/market entries. Pet rabbits are awarded a rating of A, B, or C and do not compete in fur or best/reserve in show competition.

Class

4634 Pet Class Rabbit

Section G - Rabbit Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management and sciences related to rabbits. Each exhibitor is required to enter a Rabbit Science project (notebook, poster, or 3-D exhibit) or a “rabbit oriented” team or individual demonstration (see Department 73). Each project must conform to county guidelines.

Exhibits are entered on Still Exhibit Day in the Youth Exhibit area. Notebooks must include Rabbit Science requirements as outlined in the rabbit project guidelines. Cloverbud exhibitors see Department 90, Cloverbuds, Section B, Class 7114.

Class

- 4636 Notebook
- 4637 Poster or 3-D exhibit
- 4638 Market Rabbit Records (required for market rabbits)

Section H- Rabbit Agility

Class

4644 Novice (first year)	Rosette
4645 Legacy (second year and beyond)	Rosette

Section I – Rabbit Show Jumping

Class

4646 Novice (first year)	Rosette
4647 Legacy (second year and beyond)	Rosette

Section J – Rabbit Fur

Exhibitors may enter one of their breed class rabbits into the fur competition

Class

4648 White Fur	Rosette
4649 Colored Fur	Rosette

SMALL MAMMALS & POCKET PETS (Cavies and Critters)

Fair Superintendent - TBD

Complete guidelines available at [Pocket Pets - Kalamazoo County](#). . All animals must be free of disease. Cloverbud (5-7 years old) exhibitors will participate in non-competitive classes. See Department 90, Cloverbuds section, to enter the Cloverbud animals and educational exhibits. The superintendent must approve all entries. Cavies will be judged based on the ARBA Standard of Perfection for Cavies. Ear tags are not required for cavies.

Each exhibitor is required to enter an Education Exhibit (notebook, poster, 3-D exhibit or video) on Still Exhibit Day. See section O for information on Educational Exhibits. All animals are to be caged and are to be brought to the fair the day of judging.

All exhibits will receive a placing ribbon. Some classes may be combined for judging based on the number of entries.

Section K - Cavies

Exhibitors may enter multiple cavies per class.

Junior Boar & Sow: 12-22 ounces (up to 4 months old).

Intermediate Boar & Sow: 22-32 ounces (up to 6 months old)

Senior Boar & Sow: Over 32 ounces.

Class

4650 Junior Boar	
4651 Intermediate Boar	
4652 Senior Boar	
4653 Champion Boar	Rosette
4654 Reserve Champion Boar	Rosette
4655 Junior Sow	
4656 Intermediate Sow	
4657 Senior Sow	
4658 Champion Sow	Rosette
4659 Reserve Champion Sow	Rosette
4660 Champion Cavy	Rosette
4661 Reserve Champion Cavy	Rosette

Section L - Pocket Pets

Exhibitors may enter multiple pocket pets per class. If there are two or more entries in a given class, champion rosettes and reserve ribbons will be given for each small mammal class.

Class

4662 Mice or Rats	
4663 Hamster or Gerbils	
4664 Any other pocket pet	
4665 Champion pocket pet	Rosette
4666 Reserve Champion pocket pet	Rosette

Section M - Reptiles/Amphibians

Exhibitors may enter multiple reptiles/amphibians per class. No poisonous reptiles or amphibians will be allowed. All reptiles and amphibians are to be caged and can be brought to the fair on the day of judging.

Class

4668 Snakes	
4669 Bearded Dragon	
4670 Any other reptile or amphibian	
4671 Champion reptile or amphibian	Rosette
4672 Reserve Champion reptile or amphibian	Rosette

Section N - Pet Birds

Exhibitors may enter multiple pet birds per class. Pet birds are limited to caged house birds such as canaries, lovebirds, parakeets, and parrots. Pigeons and poultry are excluded. All birds are to be caged and can be brought to the fair on the day of judging.

Class

4673 Pet Bird	
4674 Reserve Champion Pet Bird	Rosette
4675 Champion Pet Bird	Rosette

Section O - Small Mammals & Pocket Pets (Cavies and Critters) Educational Exhibit

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management, and sciences related to the small mammal/reptile/bird. Educational exhibits are entered in the Youth exhibit area Still Exhibit Day. Each exhibitor is required to enter a Small Mammals & Pocket Pets (Cavies and Critters) Science project (notebook, poster, 3-D exhibit or video) to be eligible to show their pet at the fair. If more than one Cavy is entered in Section K, only one educational exhibit is required. For entries in Sections L-N, members must enter a corresponding science exhibit for each animal class entered.

Class

4676 Cavy Science	
4677 Mice or Rat Science	
4678 Hamster or Gerbil Science	
4680 Any other pocket pet science	
4681 Snake Science	
4682 Bearded Dragon Science	
4683 Any other reptile or amphibian science	
4684 Pet Bird Science	
4685 Best Educational Notebook	Rosette

Section P - Small Mammal/Pocket Pet Showmanship

All members are encouraged to enter showmanship. Showmanship placing rosettes will be presented in each class.

Class

4686 Cavy Junior Showmanship (8 - 11 years old)	
4687 Cavy Intermediate Showmanship (12 - 15 years old)	
4688 Cavy Senior Showmanship (16 - 19 years old)	
4689 Top Cavy Showman (1 st place winners from each cavy showmanship class will compete.)	
4690 Pocket Pet Junior Showmanship (8 - 11 years old)	
4691 Pocket Pet Intermediate Showmanship (12 - 15 years old)	
4692 Pocket Pet Senior Showmanship (16 - 19 years old)	
4693 Top Pocket Pet Showman (1 st place winners from each pocket pet showmanship class compete for top showman.)	

DEPARTMENT 16 - YOUTH HORSE

Horse & Pony

Horse Council President – Kim Berggren (269) 665-0334

All youth who plan to show in this division must be enrolled with the County Superintendent in addition to the Kalamazoo County MSU Extension 4-H Department by November 1st if they are a returning member and by April 1st if they are a new member. Project animals must be identified by May 1st along with up to 2 additional “back-up” animals, if available. The age of youth is as of January 1st of the current year.

All horses and ponies must be vet-checked at the Lamont Street entrance and have proof of a negative Coggins test before entering the fairgrounds. Classes may be combined, or split, if necessary. 4-H Horse Leaders sponsor Championship trophies and thank-you notes should be addressed to them at c/o MSU Extension. First-tenth place ribbons will be given. Complete guidelines available at [Horse and Pony - Kalamazoo County](#).

Release time: If horse is removed from Fair before stated release time, rider will forfeit 4-H Special and State Horse Show Points. State 4-H Horse Show horses are exempt if they go to State 4-H Show.

Showmanship is a mandatory class for all Kalamazoo County Youth Horse Project exhibitors. Exhibitors must choose between either English or Western. In addition, youth must choose between English and Western disciplines for Trail, and between English riding pattern and Western riding patterns. Those entering a Novice class may only take novice classes (Equitation, Pleasure, and Trail).

Horse Leader approval is required for Buckaroo events. Cloverbuds (aka Buckaroo) must be 5-7 years of age as of January 1st of the current year and sign up under the Cloverbud Section. Cloverbuds will participate in non-competitive classes, sharing a horse with another 4-H Horse Project member. Ages 8-19 participate as full members in the horse project with leader approval. Leader discretion for level of participation with animals occurs for all members.

Kalamazoo County Horse Leaders require approved headgear in all of the Gymkhana events as well as English classes, both flat and jumping and all bareback classes

All other horse class entry forms for the Kalamazoo County 4-H members are available from your Project Leaders.

The horse project costume class is a fun class held for youth to participate in.

- Costume class is based on creativity and originality.
- Youth may dress up the horse by itself or the youth and the horse may have matching costumes.
- The purpose is to create a costume for the animal. Participants usually dress up also. However, a costume should not adopt someone else's culture, skin color, customs, traditions, speech, or way of being.

Section A – Fitting & Showing (Showmanship)

Class

4802 Fitting & Showing -English

4803 Fitting & Showing - Western

Buckaroo Fitting & Showing Horse or Pony (5-7 years old) see Department 90

Section B - Horse Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management, and sciences related to horses. Please refer to the County Project Guidelines for Workbook Requirements. All Horse Science exhibits are to be entered in the Youth Exhibit area on Still Project Day. A Cloverbud member must be 5-7 years old by January 1st of the current year to enter a notebook and will receive a Cloverbud ribbon only.

Class

4813 Horse Science Still Project

MINIATURE HORSES

Fair Superintendent – TBD

Miniature horse project exhibitors must sign up for an educational exhibit. Cloverbud exhibitors enter Department 90. Complete guidelines available at [Horse and Pony - Kalamazoo County](#).

Section C - Fitting & Showing

Class

- 4825 Fitting & Showing 8 - 12 yrs. old
- 4826 Fitting & Showing 13 - 15 yrs. old
- 4827 Fitting & Showing 16 - 19 yrs. Old
- 4828 Champion

Section D – Costume

Costume class is based on creativity and originality. Youth may dress up the mini horse by itself or the youth and the mini horse may have matching costumes. The purpose is to create a costume for the animal. Participants usually dress up also. However, a costume should not adopt someone else's culture, skin color, customs, traditions, speech, or way of being.

Class

- 4830 Costume 8-12 yrs. old
- 4831 Costume 13-15 yrs. old
- 4832 Costume 16-19 yrs. old

Section E – In-Hand Trail

Class

- 4835 In-Hand Trail 8-12 yrs. old
- 4836 In-Hand Trail 13-15 yrs. old
- 4837 In-Hand Trail 16-19 yrs. old

Section F - In-Hand Jumping

(Must have superintendent approval).

Class

- 4840 In-Hand Jumping 8 - 12 yrs. old
- 4841 In-Hand Jumping 13 - 15 yrs. old
- 4842 In-Hand Jumping 16 - 19 yrs. old

Section G - In-Hand Gymkhana

(Must have superintendent approval).

- 4843 In-Hand Jumping 8 - 12 yrs. old
- 4844 In-Hand Jumping 13 - 15 yrs. old
- 4845 In-Hand Jumping 16 - 19 yrs. old

Section H - Miniature Horse Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management and sciences related to miniature horses. Cloverbud exhibitors sign up under Department 90, Section B, Class 7090. Complete guidelines available at [Horse and Pony - Kalamazoo County](#).

Class

- 4846 Notebook
- 4847 Poster

DEPARTMENT 22 – YOUTH DOGS & CATS

Dogs

Fair Superintendent - Amber Lemmer (269) 599-6566

[Complete dog project guidelines](#)

Dogs and handlers will be judged at the 4-H Dog Shows according to the 4-H Dog Project Score Sheets. A dog license and proof of shots must accompany the entry form. Rabies and DHLPP shots are required. Bordetella is strongly recommended.

Dog care notebook entries will be judged prior to the fair. Notebooks are due one week before the judging to the Project Leader or the Superintendent. All youth must talk with the judge about their notebook or educational exhibit on the Saturday prior to the fair, during the still project judging, to qualify for special awards.

B classes apply to an experienced dog with an inexperienced handler or an experienced handler with a new dog at the fair. An inexperienced handler showing an experienced dog will show in B level, one level below the dog's highest passing class at the Kalamazoo County Fair.

Cloverbuds – 5-7 years old (by January 1st of the current year) exhibitors enter Department 90. Cloverbuds' participation is in non-competitive classes.

Section A - Obedience

Class

4900 Family Living

4901 Rally

4902 Obedience

Section B - Agility

Class

4904 Agility

Section C - Dog Care Science

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management and sciences related to dogs. 4-H Dog Care notebooks are judged on organization, neatness and identification of illustrations and must be completed to be eligible for a blue ribbon. Blue ribbon notebooks with extra credit work (based on imagination and creativity) will be considered for Outstanding Exhibit awards. Entries will be judged prior to fair and will be on display during fair week. Community service projects may replace a notebook under certain conditions.

Class

4905 Notebook

4906 Educational Exhibit

Cats

Project Leader – Rose Wood (269-808-3101)

[Complete Project Guidelines](#)

Exhibitors must have their cats/kittens in possession by June 1st of the current year. All cats/kittens must be free of disease including fleas, lice and ear mites. No obviously pregnant cats or kittens less than 4 months of age are eligible to show at the fair. Cats should have their nails clipped. All cats shown at the fair must have a veterinarian current certificate stating the cat has had the following inoculations: rabies, distemper, Calais & Rhinotrack (Feline 3 in 1). It is highly recommended that cats also have the Feline Leukemia and Pneumatic inoculations.

All cats are to be caged or in a cat carrier. Cats are to be brought to the fair on the day of cat show and kept under control at all times. When out of their cage/cat carrier cats must be collared/harnessed and leashed

Exhibitors may enter more than one cat, entering no more than 2 cats in each class. Each exhibitor is required to enter a science project (notebook, poster, 3-D exhibit or video) on Still Exhibit Day.

Cloverbud 5-7 years old (by January 1st of the current year) exhibitors enter Department 90, Cloverbuds, Section B, Class 7050 - 7052 and will participate in non-competitive classes.

Section D - Cat/Kitten

Class

- 4950 Purebred Kitten (4 - 12 months)
- 4951 Household Kitten (4 - 12 months)
- 4952 Purebred (Female, over 1 year)
- 4953 Purebred (Male, over 1 year)
- 4954 Household Cat (Female, over 1 year)
- 4955 Household Cat (Male, over 1 year)
- 4956 Champion
- 4957 Reserve Champion

Section E - Decorated Cat Carrier

Class

- 4958 Decorated Cage/Cat Carrier

Section F -Costume

Class

- 4959 Costume

Section G– Showmanship

Class

- 4960 Junior Showmanship (8 - 11 years old)
- 4961 Intermediate Showmanship (12 - 15 years old)
- 4962 Senior Showmanship (16 - 19 years old)
- 4963 Top Showman

Section H– Cat Science

Class

- 4964 Notebook
- 4965 Educational Exhibit

DEPARTMENT 60 – YOUTH NEEDLEWORK

NEEDLECRAFT–[Complete Guidelines](#)

Section A - Embroidery or Crewel

Section B - Counted Cross Stitch

Section C - Plastic Canvas or Needlepoint

Section D - Miscellaneous Needlework

Section E - Quilting

(The following class #'s are for the sections listed above)

Class

5000 Kit

5001 Original Non-Kit

Section F - Knitting

Class

5002 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)

5003 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)

5004 Advanced (5+ years in the project)

Section G - Crocheting

Class

5005 Beginner – (1-2 years in the project)

5006 Intermediate – (3-4 years in the project)

5007 Advanced – (5+ years in the project)

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Section H - Wearable Art - Jewelry, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Etc.

Class

- 5485 Jewelry
- 5486 T-Shirt or Sweatshirt
- 5487 Any Other Wearable Art Craft

Section I – Clothing Construction/Sewing

Class

- 5025 Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5026 Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5027 Advanced (5+ years in project)

Section J - Buymanship

Learning Objective: To demonstrate with their project what they have learned through the study of clothing style, color, design, and cost to make wise selections in clothing and accessories. Learned ways to comparison shop for good value and how to choose appropriate clothing for an individual's age, figure type, and available funds. Buymanship worksheets in a folder/binder/notebook must accompany the garment.

Class

- 5028 Exhibit Garment and Buymanship Notebook

Section K - Educational Exhibit

Learning Objective: To demonstrate with their project what they have learned through the study of modeling, grooming, care, and wardrobe coordination.

Class

- 5029 Educational Exhibit

Section L – Style Review

Learning Objective: Participation in Style Revue, TBD Time/Day & Location, for those involved in clothing construction, buymanship, knitting, crocheting, needlecraft, wearable art, leather craft, cloth craft, and creative craft. Guidelines available at [Youth Needlework - Kalamazoo County](#)

Class

- 5030 Participation Style Revue

DEPARTMENT 61 – YOUTH CULINARY ARTS (FOOD)

Complete Guidelines

Youth may enter one project in each section plus all classes in Section G.

FOOD PREPARATION

Section A - Baked Food & Preparation

Class

- 5100 Beginning Baked Product
- 5101 Intermediate Baked Product
- 5102 Advanced Baked Product

Section B - Food Preparation Educational Exhibit

Class

- 5103 Related Exhibit

Section C - Nutrition & Health

Class

- 5104 Related Exhibit

Section D–Consumer Behavior Related To Food

Class

- 5105 Related Exhibit

Section E–Microwave Cooking

Class

- 5106 Related Exhibit

Section F–Food Management & Service

Class

- 5107 Related Exhibit

FOOD PRESERVATION

Section G - Food Preservation

Class

- 5125 Canning – 4 containers of canned foods
- 5126 Freezing – 4 containers of frozen foods
- 5127 Food drying – 4 containers of dried foods
- 5128 Related Exhibit
- 5129 Educational Exhibit

CONFECTIONS

Section H - Cake Decorating

Class

- 5130 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)
- 5131 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)
- 5132 Advanced (5+ years in the project)
- 5133 Creative & Molded Character Cakes

Section I - Candy Making

Class

- 5134 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)
- 5135 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)
- 5136 Advanced (5+ years in the project)

Backyard BBQ & Dry Rubs

Section J – Backyard BBQ

Class

- 5137 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)
- 5138 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)
- 5139 Advanced (5+ years in the project)

Section K – BBQ & Hot Sauces

Class

- 5140 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)
- 5141 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)
- 5142 Advanced (5+ years in the project)

Section L – Dry Rubs

Class

- 5143 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)
- 5144 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)
- 5145 Advanced (5+ years in the project)

DEPARTMENT 62 – YOUTH FINE ARTS

Complete Guidelines

Exhibitors can enter in one art piece that matches the class and size requirements for each class for all of department 62. Artwork is to be original, not copied or traced from another artist's work. Artwork submitted can be inspired by another artist's work, a specific technique, or a photograph. The entry categories of "small" means 9"x12" or smaller and "large" means over 9"x12". These sizes refer to the artwork visible in the entry.

Section A - Painting

Class

- 5200 Acrylic Painting Small – Framed
- 5201 Acrylic Painting Large – Framed
- 5202 Oil Painting Small – Framed
- 5203 Oil Painting Large – Framed
- 5204 Watercolor Small – Matted
- 5205 Watercolor Large – Matted
- 5206 Air Brush or Spray Paint Small
- 5207 Air Brush or Spray Paint Large

Section B – Drawing

Class

- 5210 Pencil Drawing Small – Matted
- 5211 Pencil Drawing Large – Matted
- 5212 Charcoal Drawing Small – Matted
- 5213 Charcoal Drawing Large – Matted
- 5214 Pastel Drawing Small – Matted
- 5215 Pastel Drawing Large – Matted
- 5216 Pen and/or Ink Drawing Small – Framed or Matted
- 5217 Pen and/or Ink Drawing Large – Framed or Matted
- 5218 Cartoon Drawings Small Series as a Cartoon Strip
- 5219 Cartoon Drawings Large

Section C – Digital/Computer Generated

Computer generated needs to be created in software and printed out. If from a photo it should be predominately reworked as art from the photograph and original photo must be exhibited alongside.

Class

- 5225 Computer Artwork Black & White Small
- 5226 Computer Artwork Black & White Large
- 5227 Computer Artwork Color Small
- 5228 Computer Artwork Color Large

Section D- Design

Class

- 5235 Printmaking Small – Mounted
- 5236 Printmaking Large – Mounted
- 5237 Mixed Media Small – Framed or Matted
- 5238 Mixed Media Large – Framed or Matted
- 5239 All Other Media Small – Framed or Matted
- 5240 All Other Media Large – Framed or Matted
- 5241 Greeting Cards
- 5242 Fashion Design
- 5243 CD or DVD Covers
- 5244 Miniature Designs
- 5245 Mosaic Picture in Paper
- 5245 Mosaic Picture in Tile, Glass, or Other Heavy Media

Section E - Sculpture

Enter one or two small articles. An article about the size of a loaf of bread would qualify as large, anything less is considered small.

Class

- 5250 Article Carved from Plaster
- 5251 Paper Mache
- 5252 Mobiles
- 5253 Article Made of Wire Screen, Hardware, Etc.
- 5254 Abstract or Free Form Article – Any Material
- 5255 Carved Stone, Marble, Sandstone, Etc.

Section F - Calligraphy

Class

- 5260 Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5261 Intermediate (2-4 years in project)
- 5262 Advanced (5 + years in project)

TEXTILES

Section G - Spinning

Class

- 5290 Natural Dying–Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5291 Natural Dying–Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5292 Natural Dying–Advanced (5+ years in project)
- 5293 Spinning – 1 oz. Skein of Fiber Homespun

Section H - Weaving

Class

- 5294 Weaving–Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5295 Weaving–Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5296 Weaving–Advanced (5+ years in project)
- 5297 Australian Locker Hooking

Creative Writing

Section I - Creative Writing

Class

- 5300 8-11 Years Old–Notebook containing short stories, etc., or an article written about a specific subject
- 5301 12-19 Years Old–Notebook containing short stories, etc., or an article written about a specific subject
- 5302 Notebook Containing Speeches, Scripts, Etc.
- 5303 Creative Writing Careers–8-11 Years Old
- 5304 Creative Writing Careers–12-15 Years Old
- 5305 Creative Writing Careers–16 -19 Years Old
- 5306 Illustrated Writing–8-11 Years Old
- 5307 Illustrated Writing–12-15 Years Old
- 5308 Illustrated Writing–16-19 Years Old

Section J–Fine Arts Educational Exhibits

Class

- 5309 Fine Arts History
- 5310 Fine Arts and Science
- 5311 Fine Art Educational Exhibit

DEPARTMENT 63 – YOUTH FOLK ARTS

Complete Guidelines

CERAMICS

Section A - Ceramics

All entries must be initialed on the bottom of the object. Each participant must be prepared to describe techniques used on entry pieces. Youth will be judged on their project notebook.

Class

- 5350 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)
- 5351 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)
- 5352 Advanced (5+ year in the project)

Section B - Pottery

Class

- 5353 Wheeled Pottery
- 5354 Hand Built Pottery
- 5355 Molded Ceramics

CRAFTS

Section C - Baskets

Class

- 5356 Reed
- 5357 Cloth
- 5358 Paper
- 5359 Any Other Basket

Section G – Holiday/Seasonal Crafts - No Kits

Class

- 5374 Any Holiday/Seasonal Craft
- 5375 Wreath

Section D - Cloth Crafts - No Kits

Class

- 5360 Latch Hook
- 5361 Braided Cloth
- 5362 String Art
- 5363 Pillows
- 5364 Stuffed Animals
- 5365 Padded Frames/Notebooks
- 5366 Any Other Cloth Craft

Section H - Metal Craft - No Kits

Class

- 5376 Wire Art
- 5377 Hammered Metal
- 5378 Tin Punch
- 5379 Any Other Metal Craft

Section E - Creative Crafts - No Kits

Class

- 5367 Beading
- 5368 Miniature Rooms
- 5369 Silk/Fabric Flowers
- 5370 Any Other Creative Craft

Section I - Natural Crafts - No Kits

Class

- 5380 Rock
- 5381 Sand
- 5382 Shell
- 5383 Driftwood
- 5384 Any Other Natural Craft

Section F - Glass Craft - No Kits

Class

- 5371 Stained/leaded Glass
- 5372 Glass Etching
- 5373 Any Other Glass Craft

Section J - Paper Crafts - No Kits

Class

- 5385 Paper Tole
- 5386 Origami
- 5387 Gift Wrapping
- 5388 Any Other Paper Craft
- 5389 Scrapbooking–Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5390 Scrapbooking–Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5391 Scrapbooking–Advanced (5+ years in project)

Section K - Plasterware - No Kits**Class**

- 5391 Whiteware
- 5392 Steppingstones
- 5393 Plasterware Coasters
- 5394 Any Other Plasterware

Section L - Plastic Craft - No Kits**Class**

- 5400 Clear Cast
- 5401 Sun Catchers
- 5402 3-D Printed
- 5403 Any Other Plastic Craft

Section M - Recycled Craft - No Kits**Class**

- 5405 Any Recycled Craft

Section N - Stamp Art**Class**

- 5410 Any Stamp Art - Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5411 Any Stamp Art - Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5412 Any Stamp Art - Advanced (5+ years in project)

Section O - Wood Crafts, Woodworking, & Carving – No Kits**Class**

- 5420 Wood Burning- Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5421 Wood Burning -Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5422 Wood Burning - Advanced (5+ years in project)
- 5423 Wood Carving -Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5424 Wood Carving -Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5425 Wood Carving -Advanced (5+ years in project)
- 5426 Woodworking - Beginner (1-2 years in project)
- 5427 Woodworking - Intermediate (3-4 years in project)
- 5428 Woodworking - Advanced (5+ years in project)
- 5429 Any Other Wood Craft

Section P - Refinishing & Antiquing**Class**

- 5430 Beginner (1-2 years in the project)
- 5431 Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)
- 5432 Advanced (5+ years in the project)
- 5433 Reupholster 1 piece
- 5434 Cane 1 piece

Section Q - Any Other Craft - No Kits**Class**

- 5505 Any Other Craft

DEPARTMENT 64 – YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY

Complete Guidelines

All photographs must be taken by the exhibitor following the previous year's fair. Mount uncropped photo on cardboard/mat board. Do not put behind an open cut mat. The edges of photos are to show. Frames are permitted but not necessary (photo edges still need to show). First year exhibitors are recommended to enter class 5550. Workbooks are available through the links below or [Shop 4-H](#). Exhibitors entering the workbooks can enter any other classes of their choice. Exhibitors may have only one entry per class. Each photo may be entered in only one class.

Section A - Photography Education

Class

5550 [1st Year Workbook](#)

5551 [2nd Year Workbook](#)

5552 [3rd Year Workbook](#)

5553 Photography Educational Project

5554 College & Career Readiness

Section B - Color Photography

5555 3 Photos Color (5x7 or 8x10)

5556 4-H Photography

5557 Abstract Photography

5558 Action/Trick Shot

5559 Animal

5560 Architecture, Building, Statue

5561 Birds, Fowl

5562 Butterflies, Bees, Dragonflies, Moths

5563 Favorite Photo

5564 Flowers

5565 Foliage

5566 Insects, Larvae, Worms, Spiders

5567 Holiday (Any)

5568 Joiner Photography

5569 Landscape

5570 Macro-Photography

5571 Pets, Pets in Costumes

5572 Portrait, Self Portrait

5573 Snakes, Lizards, Reptiles

5574 Traveling Photography

Section C - Black & White Photography

5575 3 Photos B & W (5x7 or 8x10)

5576 4-H Photography

5577 Abstract Photography

5578 Action/Trick Shot

5579 Animal

5580 Architecture, Building, Statue

5581 Birds, Fowl

5582 Butterflies, Bees, Dragonflies, Moths

5583 Favorite Photo

5584 Flowers

5585 Foliage

5586 Insects, Larvae, Worms, Spiders

5587 Holiday (Any)

5588 Joiner Photography

5589 Landscape

5590 Macro-Photography

5591 Pets, Pets in Costumes

5592 Portrait, Self Portrait

5593 Snakes, Lizards, Reptiles

5594 Traveling Photography

Section D Film Photography

5595 35 mm Color Film

5596 35 mm Black and White Film

5597 Any Other Film Photography

Section E Digitally Altered

5598 Digitally Corrected

5599 Digitally Modified Photos

5600 Any Other Digitally Altered Photo

Section F Photo Album/Journal

5561 Digital Photo Album/Journal

5562 Physical Photo Album/Journal

Section G - Alternative Photo processes

5563 Camera less Photographs

5564 Cyanotypes

5565 Image Transfers

5566 Chlorophyll Prints

5567 Pinhole

5568 Any Other Alternative Photo Process

DEPARTMENT 66 – YOUTH AGRICULTURE

Complete Guidelines

Section A - Small Grains

Class

- 5600 Wheat – 4 Quarts
- 5601 Oats – 4 Quarts
- 5602 Any Other Small Grain

Section B - Field Crops

Class

- 5603 Corn – 4 Stalks or 10 Ears of Previous Year's Corn
- 5604 Soybeans – 4 Quarts or 12 Stalks
- 5605 Hay – 1 Whole Field Bale of Alfalfa, Clover or Mixed
- 5606 Any Other Not Listed Above

Section C - Crop Science

Class

- 5607 Exhibit 20 Labeled Mounted Weeds
- 5608 Exhibit on Lawn Management or Crop Production Showing Samples of Crops, Soils, Fertilizers, Etc.

Section D - Soil Science

Class

- 5609 Educational Exhibit

DEPARTMENT 67 – YOUTH FLORICULTURE

Complete Guidelines

FLORICULTURE

Section A - Cut Flowers

Stem length and diameter must be in good proportion to blossom size. Stem must include some attached foliage.

Class

- 5625 Annuals - same species present 1bloom if it measures over 3.5” diameter, 3 blooms if they measure under 3.5” diameter
- 5626 Annuals - mixed or of 1 variety of any size, 5 or more blooms
- 5627 Gladiolus - 1 spike
- 5628 Dahlia - over 3.5” diameter-1 bloom under 3.5” diameter 3 blooms
- 5629 Any perennial flower, one variety, stem/spray/spike over 3.5” diameter-3 blooms
- 5630 Perennial mixed or of 1 variety of any size 5 or more blooms

Section B - Arrangements

Class

- 5631 Flower Arrangement-fresh cut plant material grown by exhibitor
- 5632 Corsage (homemade)
- 5633 Arrangement-natural dried plant material
- 5634 Plaques or framed dried flower picture made from natural plant materials
- 5635 Wreaths or special occasion decorations from natural, dried plant material collected and/or preserved by exhibitor

Section C - Indoor Plants

Class

- 5636 Any flowering house plant in bloom
- 5637 Any foliage plant
- 5638 Specialized horticulture exhibits
- 5639 Dish Garden, terrarium or planter (1)
- 5640 Hanging containers - 1 or more indoor/house plants
- 5641 Hanging containers –Annuals - One or more Plants
- 5642 Patio pot of flowering or non-flowering annual plants

DEPARTMENT 68 – YOUTH HORTICULTURE

Complete Guidelines

VEGETABLE GARDENING

Section A - Garden Notebook

Class

- 5700 Novice Notebook
- 5701 Advanced Notebook
- 5702 Master Notebook
- 5703 Container Notebook

Section B - Plate Exhibit

Class

- 5705 Novice Gardener - 3 or more vegetables
- 5706 Advanced Gardener - 5 or more vegetables
- 5707 Master Gardener - 7 or more vegetables

Section C - Master Gardener Exhibit

Class

- 5708 Education exhibit on experiment affecting yield of 1 vegetable
- 5709 Educational exhibits demonstrating a good gardening practice

Section D - Container Gardening

Class

- 5710 Three containers of 3 or more varieties, container volume - 5 gallon maximum
- 5711 Three containers of 3 or more herb varieties plus poster showing use of herbs, container volume – 5 gallon maximum

Section E - Commercial Gardening

Class

- 5712 Exhibit one or more vegetables from garden and consumer fact sheet

Section F - Basic Plant Science

Class

- 5713 Horticultural experiments
- 5714 Plant propagation
- 5715 Any other horticulture science

WILDFLOWERS

Section G - Collections

Class

- 5725 1st year
- 5726 2nd year
- 5727 3rd year
- 5728 4th year
- 5729 Continued collections

Section H - Parts of Flowers

Class

- 5730 Inflorescence
- 5731 Leaf types and arrangements
- 5732 Flower parts

Section I - Habitat

Class

- 5733 Compare habitats
- 5734 Study of soils
- 5735 Study on effects of sunlight or water

Section J – Creativity with Wildflowers

Class

- 5736 Make a craft using wildflowers
- 5737 Creative displays

Section K - Advanced Educational Project

Class

- 5738 Advanced projects

Section L - Wildflower Related Project

Class

- 5739 Any other Wildflower related exhibit

DEPARTMENT 69 – YOUTH SCIENCES

Complete Guidelines

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Section A - Veterinary Science

Class

- 5750 Unit I-Educational exhibit
- 5751 Unit II-Educational exhibits
- 5752 Unit III-Educational exhibits
- 5753 Scientific Study-Educational exhibit

MECHANICAL SCIENCE

Section D - Automotive

Class

- 5765 Educational exhibits

Section E - Electrical Science

Class

- 5770 Beginner
- 5771 Intermediate
- 5772 Advanced

Section F - Electronics

Class

- 5780 Beginner
- 5781 Intermediate
- 5782 Advanced

Section B - Meat Science

Class

- 5754 Beginning Educational exhibits
- 5755 Intermediate Educational exhibits
- 5756 Advanced Educational exhibits

Section C - Animal Science

Class

- 5757 Miscellaneous Educational exhibits

Section G - Small Engines

Class

- 5785 (2 cycle) poster showing ideas learned.
- 5786 (4 cycle) poster showing ideas learned.
- 5787 Engine plus story telling what happened
- 5788 Engine power application (show project worked on - grinder, generator, saw, compressor, etc.)
- 5789 Completely overhauled engine

Section H - Tractor

Class

- 5795 Educational exhibits

Section I - Welding

Class

- 5800 Apprentice-3 types of welds
- 5801 Handyman-2 useful articles
- 5802 Craftsman-1 completed article

AEROSPACE

Section J - Rocketry

Class

- 5825 Beginning
- 5826 Novice
- 5827 Intermediate
- 5828 Advanced
- 5829 Scaled
- 5830 Expert
- 5831 Educational Exhibit
- 5832 Rocketry Notebook

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Section K - Engineering & Technology

Class

- 5835 Educational Exhibit
- 5836 Creative Engineering Designs

Section L - Computers

Please notify the 4-H office if you will be entering this class. Youth will need to provide 4-H staff with a flash drive with information on it at least 2 weeks prior to the fair to have it exhibited during the fair. Youth will need to provide their own computer for judging during the Still Project Day.

Class

- 5840 Computer Programming
- 5841 Computer Art/Graphics
- 5842 Educational Poster
- 5843 Special project or display
- 5844 Computer Hardware
- 5845 Web Design

LIFE SCIENCES

Section M - Archaeology

Class

5850 Study the remains of past human life and cultures

Section N - Astronomy

Class

5851 A study which could include star charts, astrological observations, the making of a telescope, etc.

Section O - Biology

Class

5855 Exhibit a study of life process and living organisms

Section P - Paleontology

Class

5865 Exhibit a study of fossils, dinosaurs, etc.

Section Q - Physics & Chemistry

Class

5870 Exhibit a study of matter and energy

5871 Exhibit a study of the composition structure, etc. of matter

ORNITHOLOGY

No wild bird feathers, parts, nests or eggs are allowed in any exhibit.

Section V - Bird Identification

Class

5875 Ornithology notebook

5876 Drawn, colored or collected pictures of birds

5877 Observe and record birds seen for a designated period

5878 Any related topic

Section W - Habitat

Class

5880 Wetlands

5881 Residential

5882 Vanishing Habitats

5883 Any other related topic

Section X - Distinctive Characteristics

Class

5884 Nests/eggs

5885 Feeds

5886 Topography of a Bird

5887 Monitoring specific bird during nesting season

5888 Any related topic

Section Y - Avian Groups

Class

5895 Study of 1 of 18 Avian Groups

5896 In-depth study of specific birds

5897 Any related topic

Section Z - Environmental Education

Class

5900 Food Chain

5901 Effect of birds on their environment

5902 Endangered species

5903 Any related topic

Section ZA - Travel

Class

5905 Migration

5906 Residency

5907 Bird Banding

5908 Any related topic

ENTOMOLOGY

Section ZB - Basic Entomology

Class

- 5910 Entomology 1
- 5911 Entomology 2
- 5912 Entomology 3
- 5913 Entomology 4
- 5914 Entomology 5
- 5915 Entomology 6
- 5916 Entomology 7
- 5917 Entomology 8

Section ZC - Entomology Science

Class

- 5920 Special Collections
- 5921 Economic Entomology
- 5922 Entomological Studies
- 5923 Entomological Experiments
- 5924 Educational Exhibit

Section ZD – Beekeeping

Members must attend at least 70 percent of the hive checks in their area and fill in hive observation sheets for each visit. Members may only exhibit one item in each class. Members must keep honey from one hive separate to show in classes 5930-5936. Project book is due on Still Project Day.

Class

- 5929 Beekeeping Notebook
- 5930 Extracted Light Honey
- 5931 Extracted Amber Honey
- 5932 Extracted Dark Honey
- 5933 Honeycomb/Spreads Section
- 5934 Honeycomb/Spreads Creamed Honey
- 5935 Honeycomb/Spread Chunk Honey
- 5936 Honeycomb/Spread Frame of Honey
- 5937 Beeswax Single Block
- 5938 Beeswax Jar Candle
- 5939 Beeswax Pair Taper Candles
- 5940 Beeswax Pair Votive Candles
- 5941 Beeswax Novelty Candle (single or pair)
- 5942 Hand Cream/Lotion
- 5943 Soap Bars
- 5944 Lip Balm
- 5945 Baked Good (3 tablespoons honey)
- 5946 Non-Cooked Food
- 5947 Beverage (Non-alcoholic, ½ tablespoon/12 oz)
- 5948 Display Educational Photos (minimum of 5)
- 5949 Display Educational Poster or Collage (22" x 28" max)

DEPARTMENT 71 – YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Complete Guidelines

Section A - Leisure Recreation

Class

6041 - Bicycling
6042- Fishing
6043 - Rollerblading
6044 - Roller-skating
6045 - Ice skating
6046 - Skiing
6047 - Snowmobile
6048 - Other

Shooting Sports

Section C - Gun & Hunter Safety

A notebook is required to be exhibited in all classes.

Class

6065 Firearms safety, marksmanship & types of guns
6066 Upgrade marksmanship
6067 Notebook

Section D - Archery

Class

6070 Educational exhibit
6071 Notebook

Section B - Sports

Class

6049 Baseball
6050 Bowling
6051 Competitive Cheer
6052 Football
6053 Golf
6054 Gymnastics
6055 Hockey
6056 Karate
6057 Soccer
6058 Softball
6059 Swimming
6060 Tennis
6061 Other

DEPARTMENT 73 – YOUTH DEMONSTRATIONS

Complete Guidelines

All other demonstrations: public speaking, etc. will be judged on TBD Day and time. Members may compete in two demonstrations or performances as long as they are not in the same class (i.e. a demonstration plus a speech, a team plus an individual demonstration, a speech plus a performance, a solo plus a duet, or two solo performances on different instruments). There will be a limit on all team demonstrations. When registering for a team (limit of 4 members) or group demonstrations (more than 4 members) each youth will register for the class and then communicate with the performance/demonstration project leader who is on the team or in the group. Performances and demonstrations should not last more than five minutes.

Section A - Public Speaking & Still Demonstrations

Class

- 5950 Individual Demonstration
- 5951 Team Demonstration
- 5952 Individual Speech
- 5953 Storytelling

Section B - Live Animal Demonstrations

Judging schedule will be posted. For group demos, all youth should enter the class and then communicate with 4-H staff and demonstration coordinator.

Class

- 5955 Individual Animal Demonstration
- 5956 Team Animal Demonstration
- 5957 Group Animal Demonstration

Section C - Performances

(Performances may include ballet, dance, pantomime, dramatic readings, skits, instrumental or vocal music, etc.)

For group performances each youth should enter the class number and communicate with the performance and demonstrations coordinator who they are performing with. Performances should not last more than five minutes.

Class

- 5965 Solo Performance (8-13 yrs. old)
- 5966 Solo Performance (14-19 yrs. old)
- 5967 Duet Performance
- 5968 Group Performance

DEPARTMENT 79 – YOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES

Complete Guidelines

Natural Resources

Section A - Recycling

Class

- 6000 Beginner
- 6001 Intermediate
- 6002 Advanced

Section B - Fish & Reptiles

Class

- 6005 Study of Fish
- 6006 Marine Biology
- 6007 Aquatic Science
- 6008 Reptiles-Notebook or poster

Section C - Geology (Rocks & Minerals) & Geography

Class

- 6015 Beginner Geologist
- 6016 Junior Geologist
- 6018 Senior Geologist
- 6019 Geology Educational Exhibit
- 6020 Geography Educational Exhibit

Section D - Challenge

4-H Wilderness Survival Experience

Activities participated during the preceding year: camping, skiing, climbing, caving, confidence course, etc. Explain techniques, equipment and safety precautions with a brief summary of each outing.

Class

- 6025 Educational exhibits
- 6026 Outdoor meals
- 6027 Make miniature model of reflector oven
- 6028 Orienteering

Section E - Science Fair Exhibit

Class

- 6030 Any other science exhibit

DEPARTMENT 82 – YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Complete Guidelines

HEALTH & SAFETY

Section A - Health/Physical Fitness

Class

- 6050 Beginners
- 6051 Intermediate
- 6052 Advanced

Section B – First Aid/Safety

Class

- 6055 Beginners
- 6056 Intermediate
- 6057 Advanced
- 6058 Technology Safety

PASSPORT

Section C – International Studies and Communication

Class

- 6074 Country Study (correspondence, history, maps, customs, food, etc.)
- 6075 United Nations (information on UNICEF or related UN organizations)
- 6076 Crafts Around the World
- 6077 Holiday traditions
- 6078 Games Around the World

Section D - Languages

An educational exhibit dealing with the actual learning of a second language.

Class

- 6079 Foreign Language
- 6080 Sign Language

Section E - American Heritage

Class

- 6081 United States (information on part or all, past or present)

Section F - Social Receptions

Class

- 6082 Any Folk Patterns
- 6083 Collection

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Section G-Leadership

Class

- 6083 Junior Leader
- 6084 Teen Leadership
- 6085 Member Record Book (8 - 11 years old)
- 6086 Member Record Book (12-19 years old)

Section H - Integrated Project

A learning experience that combines two or more project areas into one exhibit. Creativity is encouraged. Members must show knowledge in each area presented. Goal cards must accompany the project.

Class

- 6087 Individual
- 6088 Group exhibit

Section I - Independent Study

Entries under this division will be those projects which do not apply under any other division. Please identify each project on your entry sheet.

Class

- 6090 Poster
- 6091 Exhibit of articles
- 6092 Notebook
- 6093 3-D Exhibit
- 6094 Educational display other than above

Section J - Group Exhibits

Open to any 4-H team or group other than community clubs. A fun way to exhibit what you have learned on field trips, clinics, during a community service activity, etc. Suggestions: 3-D exhibit, photo display, articles made by group or team (total exhibit size not to exceed 3' X 3'). Fair entry is to be made under the club president or member who made the display.

Class

- 6100 Exhibit including appropriate articles
- 6101 Community Service Exhibit

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Section K - Community Club Displays

Each 4-H Club is eligible to enter all classes, entry to be made under the name of the youth holding that position. Exhibits will be judged according to the guidelines that are available at [Educational Projects - Kalamazoo County](#) for all classes.

Class

- 6110 Club/Chapter Educational exhibit
- 6111 President/Vice President exhibit
- 6112 Secretary's exhibit
- 6113 Treasurer's exhibit
- 6114 Historian's exhibit
- 6115 Reporter's exhibit
- 6116 Community Service Poster or display
- 6117 4-H Club Banners
- 6118 4-H Club Banners (previously displayed)
- 6119 Club Display Booth (educational or promotional) No larger than 6' wide X 6' deep
- 6120 Decorated Litter Barrel (club only)
- 6121 Club Planters

DEPARTMENT 90 – CLOVERBUDS
4-H CLOVERBUDS 5-7 YEARS OLD DIVISION
(by January 1 of program year, September 1-August 31)
[Cloverbud Snapshot Sheets](#)

Section A - Still Exhibits

It is suggested that Cloverbuds members enter their exhibits as follows:

2 to 5 exhibits if they are 5 years of age

2 to 6 exhibits if they are 6 years of age

3 to 7 exhibits if they are 7 years of age

All Cloverbuds leaders should have a Cloverbuds Guideline Book, which is available at: [Cloverbud Resources \(age 5-7\) - Kalamazoo County](#). Members should see guidelines for their specific project. Cloverbud ribbons only will be awarded. See Cloverbud Judge during Still Project Day.

Class

7000	Art	7022	Member record book (cloverbud)
7001	Basic Computer	7023	Models
7002	Bicycling	7024	Money Management
7003	Bird Study	7025	Natural Sciences
7004	Ceramics	7026	Needlecraft
7005	Collections	7027	Outdoor Meals
7006	Crafts	7028	Performances
7007	Crochet	7029	Photography
7008	Cut Flowers	7030	Plant Science
7009	Demonstrations	7031	Recreation
7010	Educational Exhibits	7032	Recycling
7011	Entomology	7033	Sculpture
7012	Fashion Revue	7034	Sewing
7013	Fish	7035	Sign Language
7014	Fitness	7036	Sports (catch the team spirit)
7015	Foods	7037	Story Telling
7016	Foreign Language	7038	Travel (wander the world)
7017	Friendship	7039	Vegetable Gardening
7018	Imagination	7040	Vet Science (pets, other animals)
7019	Kite Making	7041	Weather
7020	Knitting	7042	Wildflowers
7021	Latch Hook	7043	Woodworking

Section B - Cloverbud Animals

Cloverbud animal exhibitors will participate in non-competitive classes and are not allowed to sell their livestock at the auction. Cloverbuds will only receive a ribbon for their animal projects. Notebooks and science exhibits will be entered on Still Project Day in the Youth Exhibit area. See the Cloverbud specific judges during the judging. Questions may be answered by the Superintendent of each livestock department (see rules under each department).

Class

7050	Cat Show	7102	Poultry-Cornish Hens
7051	Cat Showmanship	7103	Poultry-Breed or Show Chicken
7052	Cat Science	7104	Poultry-Turkey
7060	Beef Feeder Calf	7105	Poultry-Waterfowl
7061	Dairy Feeder Calf	7106	Poultry Showmanship
7062	Dairy Feeder Calf Showmanship	7107	Poultry Science
7063	Dairy Feeder Calf Science	7108	Poultry-Eggs
7064	Dairy Calf	7110	Pet Rabbit
7065	Dairy Showmanship	7111	Breeding Doe
7066	Dairy Science	7112	Breeding Buck
7070	Dog Family Living	7113	Rabbit Showmanship
7071	Dog Rally	7114	Rabbit Science
7072	Dog Agility	7115	Rabbit Agility
7073	Dog Science	7116	Rabbit Show Jumping
7080	Goats	7120	Cavies (Guinea Pigs)
7081	Goat Driving, Harness only	7121	Cavy Showmanship
7082	Goat Showmanship	7122	Cavy Science
7083	Goat Science/Education	7123	Pocket Pets
7084	Goat Packing	7124	Pocket Pet Showmanship
7085	Goat Costume Class	7125	Pocket Pet Science
7086	Goat Milk Production	7126	Reptile/Amphibian
7090	Horse Science (horse, draft, miniature)	7127	Reptile/Amphibian Science
7091	Horse Notebook	7128	Pet Birds
7092	Horse-Buckaroo	7129	Pet Bird Science
7093	Horse-Miniature Fitting & Showing	7130	Sheep
7094	Horse-Miniature Costume	7131	Sheep Showmanship
7095	Horse-Miniature In-Hand Trail	7132	Sheep Science
7100	Poultry-Broiler	7140	Swine Science
7101	Poultry-Roaster		

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