

Isabella County 4-H Achievement Booths

Guidelines and Criteria

5/2010

Fair Entry: All booth exhibitors must check in with the superintendent on the 1st Saturday of fair week to reserve booth space. Booths must be in place and be ready for public viewing by 12 noon on Monday. Repairs and necessary adjustments may be made during the week.

Interviews (required) will take place on Friday by scheduled appointment and will be conducted by at least two judges.

Criteria:

Senior category: completed 3 years in 4-H; 15-19 years of age; currently enrolled in an Isabella County 4-H club

Junior category: 12 -14 years of age; enrolled in an Isabella County 4-H Club

Purpose: Achievement booths are designed to allow 4-H'ers an opportunity to tell about their involvement in 4-H in a creative manner. School and community involvement is not considered. The booths also publicize the 4-H program during fair week and tell the 4-H story to the public.

Recognition: For the 4-H'er who does an achievement booth, recognition is given in several different ways:

- ★ Everyone who visits the fair exhibit building looks at the booths and learns about your participation in 4-H
- ★ One 4-H'er (ages 15-19) will be selected by the booth judges as the Senior winner. They will have a choice of: \$300 toward a trip to CWF (Citizen Washington Focus) in Washington, DC next summer; National Club Congress held next November in Atlanta, GA; or scholarship toward higher education; OR \$300 savings bond.
- ★ One 4-H'er (ages 12-14) will be selected as the Junior winner. They will have a choice of: \$125 towards a 3 day trip to WOW (Wonders of Washington) in Washington, DC; or a \$250 savings bond.
- ★ If opportunities to promote or represent 4-H arise during the year, you will be asked to participate.

Guidelines for design and assembly:

1. The booth will be provided. It is 2 (24 inches) feet deep, 4 feet high, and 4 feet wide at the back. The sides and back are plywood on which you can staple or tape background covering. The bottom of the booth is a table top which you can cover or attach things with tape (no staples).
2. Your booth should show your participation and accomplishments in 4-H. If you have many, just highlight the important ones. Your interview will allow you to tell about the rest and elaborate on your 4-H participation.

3. Keep your design simple! Use color to catch attention. Lettering should be no larger than 6 inches. Lettering can be easily read if it is 2 to 4 inches in height.

4. Materials to use: try to avoid crepe paper as it sags in the heat and humidity. Use craft paper, fabric, plastic or paper table covering, etc.

5. Your first step will be to choose a theme for your booth. Think creatively about how you can use this theme throughout your booth to tell about your 4-H involvement. Two examples are attached.

6. A typical arrangement of information in a booth is:

- Back: place the theme in large letters with some artwork or decorations to compliment the theme
- Left side: tell how many years you have taken each of your 4-H projects
- Right side: tell what awards you have received or what special events you have participated in at either the county, regional, or state level
- Bottom : (this is the table top) place a photo of yourself along with a 4-H notebook, example of projects you have done, awards you have received, or a special decoration to emphasize your theme. Remember to keep it simple and uncluttered.

7. The interview counts for 40% of your score. Be prepared to brag a little about what 4-H has done for you! How would you explain 4-H to another youth or adult who does not know what it is? What role will 4-H play in your future life? If you can answer these questions with conviction, you are a winner!

Score Card for 4-H Achievement Booth		
	<u>Maximum points</u>	<u>Points received</u>
Interview: eye contact, ability to express thoughts, language, listening & responding skills	40	_____
4-H Participation: in projects, activities, regional & state events	30	_____
Booth Presentation: theme, colors, lettering, organization	30	_____
	Total points:	_____

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