

4-H Boys and Girls Entries

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REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR 4-H EXHIBIT ENTRIES

The 2026 Crawford County Fair will utilize an enrollment system called FairEntry.

There will be NO paper registration forms!

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Participants will go to <http://crawfordcountymo.fairentry.com/>
2. Find your fair – Crawford County, Missouri
3. Go to the 4HOnline Registration Portal – you will need your 4-H family log in and password - DO NOT CREATE A FAIRENTRY PROFILE

Registrations for 4-H Exhibit Hall Entry will run from June 16, 2026 until end of day of July 8, 2026. Please register early and do not wait until the last minute! Contact the Extension Office at 573-775-2135 if you need assistance.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All participants must be active 4-H members in good standing of a 4-H club in Crawford County including any adjoining county or Maries County and must be enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting. This must be verified by the County Extension YEA or Youth Specialist.
2. Items made by 4-H member should reflect these areas – the skills they have learned in their 4-H project, the needs and interests of the youth and quality workmanship. Use 4-H literature for exhibit ideas and criteria.
3. ALL entries must be registered by Wednesday, July 8, 2026 by end of day. Packets (printed exhibit tags) will be available in the Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds the afternoon of Sunday, July 12, 2026.
4. Registered entries will be accepted on Sunday, July 12, 2026 from 2-7 p.m. No exhibits accepted after 7 p.m. Exhibits will be judged on Monday, July 13th. Country Cured Bacon will be judged on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 12 p.m. The 4-H Exhibit room will remain closed until after the bacon judging.
5. All items made must have been made by the 4-H member since September 1, 2025.
6. Items made and graded as part of schoolwork cannot be entered as 4-H exhibits.
7. Only 4-H members assisting with data clerking will be allowed in the exhibit hall while ribbon placing is in progress, the exhibit hall will remain closed until after the bacon judging.
8. Entries will NOT be released before 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2026 and **must be picked up by 6:30 p.m. Entries leaving before 6 p.m. will forfeit all premium monies.**
9. Prize monies will be figured at \$.25 per point. All prize monies, award(s) and ribbons are supplied by the CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR BOARD.
10. Entries left will be discarded into trash.
11. Out-of-county exhibitors will be limited to a total of 5 entries per member. Each exhibitor must have written verification from their county office for projects they are enrolled in with their registration sheet.

AWARDS:

The Crawford County 4-H members will be the only 4-Hers eligible for additional awards. Members wanting to participate must see Tara Hamilton or Sarah Woods to get signed up. The member is responsible for setting up the exhibits into a display on Tuesday, July 14th between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. with a committee member present. The display **MUST** be arranged by the 4-H member – **NO PARENTAL HELP PLEASE**. The display will be judged Wednesday evening, July 15th. **Clover kids are ineligible for additional awards.**

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS:

Educational displays are a method of telling the story of project learning. They interpret a project to viewers and arouse individual and community interest in the meaning and achievement of the 4-H program. Theme and titles of educational displays should focus on learning gained in the project. They should challenge the viewers to study the exhibit more closely. The display should be 3D and capable of **STANDING ALONE**. Dimensions are 11" high x 12" deep x 14" wide.

PROJECT NOTEBOOKS:

Project notebooks will be notebooks for the project that will include the project book, records, receipts and/or photos to tell others what they have learned this year in their projects.

Plaque Sponsors:

Grand Champion Bacon – Mary's Valley Meat Processing LLC

Reserve Grand Champion Bacon – Cottrell Farms

Best Single Project – Boy – Four Mile Fabrication LLC

Best Single Project – Girl – Tara Hamilton Real Estate Agent

Junior Division – Boy – Muddy Boots Coffee Co

Junior Division – Girl – Hutson Funeral Home

Intermediate Division – Boy – Booker Embroidery & Printing

Intermediate Division – Girl – Peoples Bank

Senior Division – Boy – Shelter Insurance – Ben Martin

Senior Division – Girl – Reining Trails LLC

Best Single Overall Exhibit Hall Project – Tara Hamilton & Sarah Woods

Best Project Notebook

Meats – Country Cured Hams and Bacon Slabs

The following guidelines should be followed:

1. All hams and bacons must have been cured by 4-H members during the 2025-2026 club year.
2. Any meats receiving a blue, red or white ribbon will be eligible to be sold. Members selling a meat MUST pay \$30 Buyers Luncheon fee at entry of meat with a completed project record sheet.
3. Any meat determined by the judge to be spoiled will NOT receive a ribbon or premium and will NOT be sold.
4. 4-H members are allowed to participate in ONE sale one Saturday.
5. Grand Champion Bacon and Reserve Champion Bacon will be determined, but will not be required to be sold.
6. 4-H members enrolled in Country Cured Meats are encouraged to exhibit in the Youth Class of the Ham and Bacon Department at the State Fair in Sedalia.
7. The meats will be judged on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to be present for ham and bacon judging needs to arrive 15 minutes prior to judging start time.