

American Heritage

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State Fair Entry: Not eligible for State Fair

Project Check In: Saturday, July 5, 2025; 4:30PM-5:45PM, Antique Display, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Judging: Saturday, July 5, 2025; 6:00PM, Antique Display, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Purpose: To encourage the interest of young people in learning about and preserving the history of our American Heritage.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work.

Goals: This 4-H project will allow youth to:

1. Identify antique items and their use.
2. Research any unique history of item in project.
3. Learn how to restore antiques.
4. Interact with the "older" generations to research uses and to secure help in identification
5. Interact with others with a similar interest and to share with others what they have learned.

Project Categories:

1. Household – furniture, kitchen, pottery, glass, etc.
2. Hand tools
3. Horse drawn and related items
4. Farm tractors
5. Implements and other farm machinery
6. Lawn tractors
7. Stationary engines
8. Miscellaneous

Project Divisions:

Junior Division: Grades 3-8

Senior Division: Grades 9-12

Project Classes:

1. Original – In its current state of condition. Items may be cleaned up for exhibit
 - Senior division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon awarded in each category.
 - Junior Division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon awarded in each category.
2. Restored – Item should be refinished, painted, rewired, etc. To be in like new condition
 - Senior division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon awarded in each category.
 - Junior Division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon awarded in each category.

Project Judging:

1. Projects must be accompanied with a complete description of the project and exhibit (for both originals and restored) in a notebook. The notebook must contain information about your American Heritage project, pictures and all research, your MY AMERICAN HERITAGE PROJECT form and an itemized list of all expenses. Pictures should have captions that show and explain how you were involved in your project and the work that was completed. Before and after pictures are highly encouraged.
2. On your MY AMERICAN HERITAGE PROJECT form tell your story about your project, where your item came from, history you have learned about, and all of the research you have done. You should also tell how you plan to share your knowledge of your project with others and how your appreciation of history has changed.
3. Projects will be judged on the notebook, research/history, workmanship (if restored) and the judge's interview about the 4-H member's knowledge of his/her project.
4. Any work performed on restoration and repair of project that is not completed by the 4-H member must be noted in the notebook.
5. The 4-H member must be present for the judge's interview to be eligible for Champion.

6. Exhibits on display at the county fair will be on display at the 4-H member's own risk. Valuable items can be taken home after judging, but the notebook must be left for display.