

May 21, 2024

Dear 4-H Member:

The Vanderburgh County Fair is right around the corner! Now that you know the projects you plan to exhibit at the fair, we need you to complete one more step in the registration process. The Fair Entry system is designed so that you can enter the exact exhibit or animal you're planning to bring to the fair. For instance, you may have signed up for Photography in 4-HOnline. In the Fair Entry system, you will choose the exhibit that you're bringing to the fair, such as a Color Salon Print. This helps us to create labels, judging scorecards, and livestock show bills for the fair. Also, by letting us know which animals you plan to exhibit, livestock superintendents can have an accurate count for setting up animal pens.

Please follow the enclosed instructions to indicate which exhibits you will be bringing to the fair. Fair Entry is now open and will close on **July 1**. Enter at <http://vanderburghcountyin.fairentry.com>.

DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2024

Due to the timing of 4-H summer events, they may have a different deadline than July 1, as shown below. Please see the enclosed flyer for dates of all summer events. We ask that you register the following events in Fair Entry by the following dates:

- **Tractor Driving Contest by May 29** (listed under State Projects – you can choose any or all of the following: Lawn & Garden Tractor Operator Skills, Zero-Turn Radius Mower Operator Skills, and/or Tractor Operator Skills)
- **Speech & Demonstration Contest by June 14** (listed under State Projects – you can choose any of the following: Demonstration, Informative 4-H Presentation, Professional Persuasive Presentation, or Public Speaking)
- **Barbecue Contest by June 14** (listed under Exhibit: County Projects)
- **Shooting Sports Fair Shoot (listed under Exhibit: County Projects) by July 1**
- **Aerospace Flight Class (Rocket Launch) by July 1** (listed under Exhibit: County Projects)
- **Fashion Revue by July 8** (listed under State Projects – you can choose Fashion Revue, Sewing and/or Fashion Revue, Consumer Clothing). Be sure to answer the questions about the garment you will be modeling.
- **Again for 2024:** If you plan to participate in the Livestock Premium Auction, you do not need to enter in advance in Fair Entry. This year, you will have an auction card mailed to you that will be turned in at Livestock check-in that will allow you to participate in the Livestock Premium Auction. You will receive this card in late June or early July.

Some Helpful Tips as you enter your exhibits:

- When you begin the process, there will be a screen with an invoice. Please do not be alarmed by this. **There are NO additional fees to exhibit projects.**
- Projects that are eligible for State Fair are listed under State projects with the exception of Garden – this is listed under State Garden. If you will be taking single vegetable, please enter in the County Only Single Vegetable class. They are still eligible for State Fair; however, we do not require you to choose which type of vegetable you are bringing in

advance to the county fair. You can find if a project is State Fair eligible in the handbook at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/vanderburgh/docs/2024-handbook.pdf>

- All other projects that are not eligible for the State Fair will be listed under “Exhibit (County Projects).”
- If there are multiple 4-H members in your household, add each member BEFORE hitting submit. If you accidentally hit submit, let our office know and we can return your records for edit.
- Since you’ve already entered livestock through 4-HOnline, you will link the animal information to the class. This means you won’t need to re-enter the animal information you entered in 4HOnline. Follow steps 20-23 on the enclosed instructions to link your animal to the correct class. **Please only enter what you plan to exhibit – YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIST EVERY ANIMAL POSSIBILITY – only list the animals you plan to bring.**
- Poultry & Rabbits – Pair or Pens will be entered as a single entry. All animals of the pair or pens should be listed under the one entry.

Remember, it is very important that you enter your exhibits through Fair Entry by July 1 to ensure your ability to fully exhibit at the fair. As a reminder, we will be mailing out entry tags so they can be securely attached to your projects at check-in. We appreciate your help in completing this final step. If you need assistance or have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our office at 812-867-4935 or email Winnie (emcconne@purdue.edu), Tracy (shutt@purdue.edu), or Susan (englishs@purdue.edu). We are committed to Vanderburgh County 4-H as we all strive to “MAKE THE BEST BETTER!”

Sincerely,



4-H Youth Development Extension Educator

Enclosure: Fair Entry Instructions, 4-H Summer Event Dates