

4-H MISSION STATEMENT

Michigan 4-H Youth Programs is a youth development program that involves volunteers in providing positive, experiential, educational opportunities for and with youth.

Our mission is to create environments, through collaboration, that build strong, healthy youth who are proactive in a complex and changing world.

WOW! WHAT DOES THAT REALLY MEAN?

"Involves Volunteers" Michigan 4-H recruits, trains and assists more than 30,000 adult and teen volunteers who work with young people, ages 5-19, in their communities.

"Experience Educational Opportunities" Michigan 4-H provides learning activities that are active, hands-on and kid directed. Volunteers' help kids understand, reflect on and communicate their experiences, and apply them to their lives.

"Create Environments" Michigan 4-H encourages keeping the needs of kids and families first and foremost in mind when creating caring, learning opportunities. A wide variety of settings are used including clubs, centers, school enrichment, camp and special activities.

"Through Collaboration" Creating youth-centered, caring environments for kids requires networking, partnerships and collaboration. Michigan 4-H networks and develops partnership with youth-serving organizations, educational, cultural and human service agencies, business, industry, government and other community groups.

"Youth Who Are Proactive" Michigan 4-H helps kids anticipate change, develop coping skills and plan positive futures.

MAINSTREAMING

The Sanilac County 4-H programs request leaders to encourage handicapped members to participate and compete without special regard as much as possible, in all project areas.

However, should a leader determine that a member is unable to effectively compete in a certain project area because of a mental emotional, physical, or learning handicap, it is the leader's responsibility to apply to the 4-H Educator for permission for that individual to exhibit under special status. When permission has been granted, the 4-H Office will communicate the information to the appropriate superintendent and judge.

4-H AND MSU EXTENSION SERVICE

A. That the 4-H program is a part of the MSU Extension Office of Michigan State University.

B. That funds for the support of the MSU Extension Office come from: Federal Government through the USDA, State Government through Michigan State University, and County Government through the Board of Commissioners and operating funds for Sanilac

4-H are a result of support from local patrons we receive much support through private business.

C. That the MSU Extension Office in Sanilac County offers education programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources; Children, Youth and Families, and Community and Economic Development.

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Sanilac County 4-H Fairboard for the great service you have performed at the fair.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibitors assume all risk in exhibiting livestock and other projects. The Sanilac County 4-H Fair, Fairboard, Agricultural Society Members or any other affiliates will not be held responsible for loss, death or injury to any project entered in the Sanilac County 4-H Fair. All exhibitors agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this fair book by entering projects in the Sanilac County 4-H Fair.
2. In a section an exhibitor cannot enter the same exhibit in more than one class or cannot enter two exhibits in the same class unless otherwise specified in the rules set up for each department.
3. No premium shall be awarded when an animal or article is not deemed worthy.
4. An exhibitor will be given 2 red tags per the cleanliness policy for not feeding and/or watering their animal(s). If after the 2 red tags the exhibitor fails to properly care for the animal(s), a decision will be made by a committee consisting of one 4-H Council member, one Fairboard member and the involved superintendent to determine if the exhibit will remain for the duration of fair week. If the exhibit is removed from the fair, all premiums and awards will be revoked. Stall or pen needs to be cleaned before removal of the animal from the barn and fairgrounds.
5. Premium ribbon or entry tags have no value as to payment of premiums, since premiums are paid only from the record on the judge's sheet.
6. The Boards of Directors shall have the power to make prorated deductions from prizes offered if in their opinion the financial condition of the Society renders it necessary.
7. All stalls, pens and other exhibit areas shall be kept clean. Failure by an exhibitor to comply with this rule permits the Superintendent in charge to have same done and charged to exhibitor.
8. It is the duty of the Superintendent and their assistants to arrange for and assign space to each exhibitor. Also to preserve order in their respective departments and assist the judges in lining up classes and attend to the necessary bookkeeping. Superintendents may adjust the class size.
9. The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject an exhibit when exhibitor fails to comply with the above regulations.
10. Any protests should be made in writing and be in the hands of the Project Superintendent before exhibits are released from the grounds.

COMPLAINTS, CONFLICTS AND PROTESTS:
When there is a problem or conflict at the fair, the chain of command needs to be utilized.

STEP 1: YOUTH MEMBER- is to bring the situation, with facts, to their project leader.

STEP 2: If the leader, under his/her authority, is unable to handle this matter, he/she is to go with the youth and the youth's parent/legal guardian to the appropriate superintendent.

STEP 3: If the superintendent is unable to settle the conflict, together with the leader, the youth and their parent/legal guardian and the superintendent are to go to two Sanilac County 4-H Council members.

STEP 4: If the 4-H Council members cannot resolve the issue, all parties concerned will go to the Conflict Resolution Committee, which will consist of two 4-H Council members, two Fairboard members and the 4-H Extension Educator/Extension Director.

STEP 5: The formal protest must be made in writing and signed by the youth's legal guardian. The protest must also be filed with the fair management by noon of the following day. Protests/complaints must be filed, in writing, within 10 days of the completion of the fair. The person has 45 days from the date of the show to directly file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

11. Youngster's age for exhibit purposes will be determined by the age which the youngster was on **JANUARY 1** of the current year. Youth may participate from the ages 9- 19. In some project areas, classes for age 5- 8 year old youth are available. Check individual departments for details.

12. Get your entries in early. The Fair Society reserves the right to refuse any entry if no space is available.

13. State projects will follow state guidelines.

14. Judging will be conducted each day of the Fair by competent judges. The decisions of the judges are final. All leaders must check project placing before the close of the Fair. There will be no changes in records after the Fair. Only the person hired to judge will judge the classes. Apprentice judges will not be allowed to place classes.

15. All questions concerning 4-H activities at the Fair will be directed to the Superintendent in charge for a decision.

16. Ribbons and/or rosettes are to be awarded in all classes unless otherwise specified.

17. After awarding ribbons, the A ribbons should be judged for county honors. Sanilac County requires no set amount of county honor ribbons. Each county honor ribbon should be given to projects that stand out as something well done, meeting above and beyond standards used to determine a ribbon.

18. There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds.

19. All premiums shall be forfeited if any exhibitor is involved in improper conduct in any exhibit or activity area during the Fair. If deemed necessary, the persons or person will be sent home. The decision to be made by a committee consisting of one 4-H Council member, one Fairboard member, and the involved superintendent(s).

20. No fair exhibits may be advertised for sale except those qualified through the Livestock and Small Animal Sales.

21. No other animals except exhibit animals and leader dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds. Trainer and leader dog should report to the Fair Office.

22. No animal being shown or exhibited at the Sanilac County 4-H Fair shall be administered any drug, pain killer, stimulant, depressant, or tranquilizer, except by a doctor of veterinary medicine licensed to practice in the State of Michigan with the written consent of the superintendent of that department of the Fair. The definition of "drug" shall be set forth in Section 23 of Act 237 of the public Acts of 1980 and MCL 431.83. The administration of any substance in violation of this rule shall result in the forfeiture of all awards or premiums including the sales receipts received from the Sanilac County 4-H Livestock Sale. All animals being shown or exhibited may be subject to testing at the discretion of the superintendent of that department for violations of this rule. Failure of the exhibitor to submit the animal for testing as directed by the superintendent of that department of the fair shall result in the forfeiture of any awards, premiums or sale receipts received for that animal resulting from the livestock sale.

23. Premium check errors must be brought to the attention of the Fair Office by October 31.

24. **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK MUST BE OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR.**

25. 4-H exhibitors are expected to show sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring, as well as showing consideration towards others at the fairgrounds.

EXHIBIT EARLY REMOVAL POLICY

Early removal of exhibits from the Sanilac County 4-H Fair is not permitted. However, there may be circumstances that could occur when an exhibit must be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release time on Sunday.

Approval must be given for 4-H Fair exhibits if removed prior to the Sunday release time. Premiums will be revoked for any exhibits removed from the 4-H Fairgrounds prior to the release time unless a request for exhibit early removal is completed and approved.

In all instances, the **General Superintendent** for the project area must be notified to initiate the request. After discussing the situation with the Superintendent, an early removal request form must be picked up at the Fair Office to proceed with the request. **RETURN TO THE 4-H OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNING.**

TROPHY POLICY

Trophies are purchased each year to recognize youth in a variety of project areas. Trophies are sponsored from a variety of sources including individuals,

businesses, organizations, committees, and the 4-H Fairboard. Each year a significant cash outlay is made for trophy sponsorship to recognize exhibitors' achievements.

It is important to keep all trophies on display during the entire week of fair. Many people have interest in viewing the trophies.

The trophies are kept on display in the 4-H Eatstand or barn display area during fair week. Exhibit Superintendents are in charge of the trophies for their respective areas. Exhibit Superintendents may pick up trophies for use during their department's show and for the 4-H Sale for picture taking and promotion purposes. Trophies are to be returned to the 4-H Eatstand or barn display area at the conclusion of the show or sale to remain on display.

Release time from the Eatstand for trophies is at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night of fair week to the Superintendents. Superintendents will then release the trophies at 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH EXHIBITS REGULATIONS

1. Due to uncertain funding the Sanilac County Fairboard reserves the right to change all premium and entry fees at a later date.

2. Any youth will be allowed to make entries for cash prizes in the Sanilac County 4-H Fair.

3. Entries may be made either by group (club) or as an individual. Exhibitors are encouraged to enter through their 4-H Club Leader, or FFA Advisor.

4. Youth may not be enrolled in the same project area in more than one county. Youth may not exhibit in the same project area in more than one county.

5. Only regular project work may be exhibited in this department.

6. Each exhibit will receive an A, B, or C award ribbon according to judge's determination.

7. Each Superintendent will be in charge of the exhibits in their Department. 4-H Superintendents will also be in charge of Exhibit Buildings.

8. Members may make an educational exhibit where a class is designated. The educational exhibit should show the "What" and "Why" which the member has learned in the project. It should consist of a poster with the item on display further explaining or describing what has been learned and done by the member.

9. Registration papers must be presented in the show ring to the clerk in charge. In the event of the State club show selection papers will be taken up as animals leave the ring.

10. There is no separate division for 4-H or FFA. All 4-H and FFA members use the same departments, sections, class numbers and must comply with the 4-H age.

11. The Sanilac County 4-H program requests leaders to encourage handicapped members to participate and compete without special regard as much as possible.

12. No Fair exhibits may be advertised for sale except those qualified through the Livestock and Small Animal Sale.

13. All trophies MUST remain on exhibit until Saturday evening release time.

LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All species must be in stalls by 3:00 p.m. Monday.
2. All exhibitors are to have their animals fed, watered and stalls cleaned by 10 a.m. each day.

3. All exhibitors, leaders and parents are strongly encouraged to attend the 4-H Livestock Exhibitors meeting, on Monday of fair week, at 4:00 p.m. in the Livestock Arena. The Small Animal Exhibitors meeting for all exhibitors, leaders and parents, **which is mandatory**, is on Monday of fair week at 3:00 p.m. in the Dairy Barn. Each club should be represented.

4. All exhibitors are expected to do their own feeding, grooming, stall cleaning, and other preparation for show ring. All professional and excessive adult help will lead to disqualification.

5. Club herd for all species will be judged first on judging day.

6. Large animal homebred class for all species will be judged as the last market class of the show.

7. Use of DRUGS/MEDICATION must be cleared through the Superintendent. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the project. (See rule 22 under General Rules & Regulations)

8. All livestock barns are to remain locked until noon on Sunday of fair week. No decorations will be put up until after this time.

9. All exhibitors must exhibit their own project in their respective market class to be eligible to sell. Extenuating circumstances must be cleared with the superintendent prior to the start of the show.

10. As an exhibitor, you must sell your own animal in the sale. If extenuating circumstances exist, alternate arrangements must be submitted to the superintendent in writing by Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

11. The handlers of a pen of lambs or hogs must both be 4-H members of Sanilac County and participants in a livestock project area.

12. If an exhibitor chooses not to sell their animals in the Livestock Sale they must notify the Superintendents by the end of the beef, prospect beef, and sheep show. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must be sold.

13. Livestock exhibitors are limited to sell a total of 2 species. Examples: beef and prospect beef; beef and swine; sheep and swine; etc.

14. Exhibitors are not permitted to show both a prospect beef and a dairy veal calf.

15. A signed Livestock Cleanliness Policy is due to the 4-H office by 5:00 p.m. Monday of fair week or the animal will not be sold. Small Animal Cleanliness Policies are due on July 1st with the Premium Sheet.

16. All stalls, pens and other exhibit areas shall be kept clean. Failure by any exhibitor to comply with this rule permits the Superintendent in charge to have same done and charged to exhibitor.

17. All animals must look presentable to the public.

18. A licensed veterinarian will inspect animals deemed unfit for public viewing before the animal may cross the scales.

19. If an exhibitor does not show their small animal (of any species) during the fair, they are not allowed to exhibit any specie of small animal the following year.

LIVESTOCK CLEANLINESS POLICY

As a 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor, I agree to maintain a clean pen and provide appropriate care for my animal(s) from their arrival to the fairgrounds until their departure from the fairgrounds. At 10:00 a.m. each project area superintendent will do a barn check and a warning (may be with a red or yellow tag) will be issued at this time if pen(s) and care are found to be unsatisfactory, which includes feeding, watering, and cleaning pens. Any pen that was issued a warning at 10:00 a.m. will be re-checked at noon and if found to be still be unsatisfactory a red tag will be issued and will result in a \$25.00 fine for the exhibitor. Everyday there after pen(s) and care are found to be unsatisfactory will result in an additional \$25.00 fine. The fine(s) will be deducted from my market livestock sale proceeds. Red tags will be issued by agreement of the involved project area superintendent and the Executive Board of the 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee.

I will also ensure that my pen(s) are stripped to the satisfaction of the project area superintendent by 2:00 p.m. the last Sunday of the fair.

All members exhibiting livestock at the fair must turn in a signed LIVESTOCK CLEANLINESS POLICY by 5:00 p.m. Monday of the fair to the 4-H Office. Those 4-H/FFA members who do not turn in a signed Livestock Cleanliness Policy will not be able to participate in the 4-H/FFA livestock sale.

FOR LIVESTOCK ANIMALS ONLY!

Signed by:

_____,
4-H/FFA Exhibitor

Signed by:

_____,
4-H/FFA Exhibitor's parent

Addendum: An exhibitor will be given 2 red tags per the cleanliness policy for not feeding and/or watering their animal(s). If after the 2 red tags the exhibitor fails to properly care for the animal(s), a decision will be made by a committee consisting of one 4-H Council member, one Fairboard member, and the involved superintendent to determine if the exhibit will remain for the duration of fair week. If the exhibit is removed from the fair, all premiums and awards will be revoked.

GENERAL RED TAG RULE

An exhibitor will be given 2 red tags per the cleanliness policy about not feeding and/or watering their animal(s). If after the 2 red tags the exhibitor fails to properly care for the animal(s), a decision will be made by a committee consisting of one 4-H Council member, one Fairboard member and the involved superintendent to determine if the exhibit will remain for the duration of fair week. If the exhibit is removed from the fair, all premiums and awards will be revoked.

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2009 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR *LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN

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