



# 2008 DOOR COUNTY FAIR ENTRY DAY AND JUDGING INFORMATION



## Pre-Registration Information

Parents can help make the Fair a positive experience for their children. Some suggestions:

- **Encourage** your child to enter in the Fair. Check with your General Leader for a copy of the Premium List and entry forms.
- **Help** your child to complete the entry form, which is due **on or before July 2**. If you need help filling out entries, ask your project or general leader or contact the Extension Office at 746-2260. **Remember -- you may only enter items from projects in which you are currently enrolled.**
- **Check** on the progress your child is making with his/her fair entries. Ask for the project leader's assistance, if necessary.
- **Accompany** your child to the Fair on Entry Day, **August 7**. If your child is scheduled for face-to-face judging, be sure you allow enough time for entries to be judged. Check judging times on the Judging Schedule.
- **Attach Entry Tags** to your project entries. If you pick your tags up before Thursday, please have them attached to your projects. You may use tape, staples, etc., but please make sure they are attached so they will be visible after judging. **Exhibits must be on display by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7.**

## How to Enter Exhibits

- Exhibitor tags will be available Monday-Wednesday, August 4-6 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in the Government Center, and Thursday, August 7, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Exhibit Office in the Jr. Fair Building at the Fairgrounds. Check entry tags for accuracy. Tags must be attached to the projects with tape, string, staples, rubber bands, etc. Please bring supplies with you to the Fair if you need to attach tags there.
- If you are an animal exhibitor, check with the department superintendent to show health and registration papers, as appropriate. Superintendents can help you locate pen and stall areas. **Parking Permits for Animals:** Permits are with your entry tags ... one per family.

## Judging Procedure

- When you arrive at the Fair, come to the Jr. Fair/Home Arts Building. Bring your project entries (with tags attached if you picked them up earlier); pick up your entry tags and attach them to your projects. Be sure to bring necessary supplies to attach tags (stapler, tape, etc.)
- Proceed to your judging area. Judges will be at tables with signs. Pick up a number in each department. When your number is called, turn it into the clerk when your exhibit is to be judged.
- If an exhibitor's number is called but the exhibitor is not present, the number will be called periodically until the exhibitor is present.
- Judging takes a few minutes per item per exhibitor.
- All judges will take a 30-minute lunch break. Time will be posted.

## Removing Exhibits

- All exhibits must remain on display until **Sunday, August 10 at 4:00 p.m.** No Exceptions. *Early removal of exhibits will result in the loss of all fair premiums.* The exhibit building will close at 6:00 p.m.
- Exhibitors are responsible for removing their exhibits from the fairgrounds on Sunday between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Have your claim checks ready. If you cannot be there to remove your exhibits, please ask a neighbor or friend to do it for you.
- Exhibits remaining after 6:00 p.m. will be left in the building and can be picked up on Monday morning before 9:00 a.m. After that time, exhibits will be at the Extension Office in the Government Center. They will be kept for a week, and then disposed of.

## Volunteers are Needed!

Contact the Extension Office to volunteer to clerk during judging times or to monitor the building and promote Door County 4-H.

***Getting involved as a volunteer is one of the best ways to meet other 4-H families and recruit new families!***

*Questions? Contact Dawn, Judeen or Donna at the Extension Office - 746-2260.*



# JUDGING METHODS STICKERS AND RIBBONS



## JUNIOR FAIR FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING

This type of judging allows for more flexibility on the part of the judge and the exhibitor. Exhibitors bring all their exhibits in that department to be judged at one time and talk to the judge about the exhibits. Exhibits are **not** compared with other exhibits in the same lot number, but judged on their own merit.

### ➤ What if an exhibitor cannot be present for their face-to-face judging?

It is preferred that another exhibitor sit in for that person's discussion with the judge; however, a leader or parent may sit in if necessary. There is no automatic penalty for exhibitors who are not present for their judging. It is up to each judge and superintendent to determine how the exhibitor's absence will affect the placing awarded.

### ➤ General Face-to-Face questions you may be asked:

- What do you like most about your project?
- What do you like least about this project?
- What have you learned in this project?
- What would you like to learn more about in this project?
- Where did you get the idea for this exhibit? Who helped you?
- What was the easiest part of making this exhibit?
- What was the most difficult or challenging part?
- What would you do differently if you made another exhibit?

## GROUP (DANISH) JUDGING

This is the traditional system whereby all exhibits of the same lot number are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each exhibit but is permitted to give a maximum of 25% ribbons to each group (blue, red, white & pink). Exhibitors do not need to be present for this type of judging.

## RIBBONS OR STICKERS

Because of the increasing cost of ribbons, Door County puts ribbon "stickers" on projects.

Regular ribbons are awarded to animal projects only.

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Blue) = Excellent
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Red) = Very Good
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (White) = Good
- 4<sup>th</sup> (Pink) = Needs Improvement

## STATE FAIR EXHIBIT RIBBONS

If you receive a State Fair ribbon from the judges, this means your project was exceptional and has been selected to be entered in the Wisconsin State Fair the following year. Please keep your project in a safe place. In May you will receive a postcard explaining how you can enter your item in the State Fair.

## HONORABLE MENTION STICKERS

If you receive an honorable mention sticker on your project, the intent is to recognize a group of the most outstanding articles from a department. This selection is done at the close of judging in each department and stickers are placed on items which most closely exemplify "standards of perfection."

## OPEN CLASS JUDGING

Open class entries are open to all residents of Door County, youth and adult. 4-H members may enter additional exhibits in open classes. The open class entry sheet must be used and the deadline to register is July 23. Open class entry forms and Premium Lists are available at the Extension Office and on-line at: [www.doorcounty.org](http://www.doorcounty.org) (follow the Door County Fair links).

- **Stickers for awards (except animals): 1<sup>st</sup> - Blue; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Red; 3<sup>rd</sup> - White; 4<sup>th</sup> - Pink**
- **Judges do not have to award a ribbon for each placing.**
- **Exhibits may be disqualified if entered incorrectly or rules are not followed.**