WOOD SCIENCE

Superintendent: Jerry Nedimyer

WOOD SCIENCE PROJECT RULES

- a) Articles in this section must be made and selected according to standards from project curriculum and consistent with CCE Risk Management Guidelines.
- b) Articles in this section must be made by the exhibitor during the current project year and since the last Fair.
- c) If power tools are used by the youth in making projects, youth must be 12 years or older.
- d) Articles used prior to exhibit should be clean and in presentable condition when exhibited.
- e) There is no maximum number of entries per class in this section. However, if there is more than one entry, each must be of a different variety and be distinctly different designs.
- f) Provide a hanger if the article is intended to be hung.
- g) Plans must be submitted if the exhibit is not a designated 4-H Project.
- h) Exhibits will be evaluated on the merits of all skills/techniques used, not just woodworking skills/techniques.

Some woodworking entries may also fit the classification described in **Home Environment and Furnishing. Exhibitors should consider the criteria in Home Environment and Furnishing to determine where their project will potentially do better. For example, a wooden foot stool that has been assembled and elaborately finished/decorated may get a higher grade being evaluated for its artistic creativity instead of its wood workmanship.

AWARDS:

Blue \$3.50 Red \$2.50 White \$1.50

Classes 1A & 1B

Class

1A. Wood Science Hand Tool Class – any article that was cut out, assembled, and finished with hand tools only. **1B.** Wood Science Power Tool Class – any article that has been partially or totally completed with power tools.

AWARDS:

Blue \$2.50 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00

Class #2, #3, & #4

Class

- 2. Wood Science Kit Class article made from materials pre-cut by an outside resource (i.e., the 4-H leader, commercial supplier, or 4-H office) but is assembled and finished by the exhibitor. The evaluator will place emphasis on the quality of workmanship performed by the exhibitor. No commercial names on the exhibit.
- Woodscience Shopwork- Project made in woodscience class that uses tools and process other than listed above.
 Judges will place emphasis on quality of woodworking performed by exhibitor.
- 4. **Open Class** Must be preapproved by 4-H Educator.

NOTE: Special Requirement for 4-H exhibitor who will not be talking with the Fair Evaluator

For any 4-H member who is unable to bring his/her exhibits/entries to the 4-H Youth Development Building on Saturday, August 2, 2025, to speak personally with the evaluator, the following Exhibitor Information Statement is required to be completed for each exhibit/entry. The evaluator will be requiring this in order to accept the exhibit/entry. (Cloverbuds should complete this information to the best of their abilities; regular 4-H'ers (ages 8-18 as of January 1st) should complete these statements fully in their own handwriting if possible. Age and experience will be taken into consideration.)

- What is the Kind _____ and Variety ____ of your exhibit (relates to vegetables, flowers, etc.)
- 2. Describe what you did to complete this project. Provide a list of materials, products and/or equipment used and why they were selected. Briefly explain your methods of construction process and your source of ideas. (3-5 sentences is sufficient)
- 3. In approximately 3 5 sentences, describe your feelings about this project: what you learned, what challenged you, and /or how you would improve your exhibit in the future.
- 4. Additional information requested in the Section for this class (Be sure to read complete guidelines in the section)
- 5. Additional information or special needs to be noted by the evaluator.

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