



North Idaho State Fair 4-H



RULES AND DIVISIONS

Kootenai/Shoshone 2025

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GENERAL RULES

1. Entries can only be made in those projects for which the member was officially enrolled as a Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H Member. Entries must be in the proper unit and entered into the fair by the deadline to be eligible for top overall awards. All entries must be made/grown during the project year.
2. A member may only enroll in two units of any given project during the current 4-H year; only one entry may be made in a class. Extra exhibits may be entered in Open Class.
3. Exhibitors, parents, and leaders are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and sportsman-like manner at all times. Efforts are being made to ensure that the Fair is an enjoyable experience for everyone.
4. 4-H Members must meet all deadlines to be eligible for 4-H top awards.
5. 4-H Members must be in good standing in the Kootenai / Shoshone County 4-H Program to be eligible to participate at Fair.

4-H BUILDING/STILL LIFE EXHIBITS

6. Every 4-H Building exhibit shall have attached to it a 4 inch x 6 inch card (printed by the Extension Office) with first name and last initial of member, club name, project title, and member age division.
7. All exhibits (involvement reports, record books, posters, notebooks and displays) must meet the specifications set forth in the current Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Project Requirements and its "Glossary of Terms". This supersedes any conflicting exhibit specifications listed in project manuals or state level project requirements.
8. Selected project areas will be interview judged. These projects have been identified with {Interview Judged} next to the project category listing. These projects will be delivered to the 4-H Exhibit Area for display by the Extension Office after judging is completed.

4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

9. Completed record books of all Fair market, breeding, dairy, family flock and pullet/layer animal projects must be submitted electronically through Z-Suite to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on September 2, 2025.
10. Completed record books of all dog projects must be submitted electronically through Z-Suite to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on July 25th, 2025.
11. Completed record books of all horse projects must be submitted electronically through Z-Suite to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on August 1st, 2025.
12. If a member exhibits an animal during the Fair but then fails to complete all the project completion requirements associated with that exhibit by the established deadlines, they will be ineligible to enroll in the same project area the following year.

Should that member sell a market animal project during the Fair and then fail to complete all the project completion requirements, they will not be eligible to enroll in that species area or any market animal project the following year.

13. If any 4-H member is unable to compete in their showmanship class at the North Idaho State Fair due to their, or their animals' illness or injury, they may schedule a "make-up" showmanship competition. This request must be made in writing and submitted as soon as possible to the appropriate Kootenai / Shoshone County 4-H staff. The Kootenai/ Shoshone 4-H staff must approve and schedule these arrangements with the participant, to be completed prior to their showmanship class at the fair.
 - At the Fair, if an animal dies or is too sick to be shown in a class, the Kootenai / Shoshone 4-H staff, a veterinarian, appropriate superintendent, and YSSS member(s) need to verify the death or illness, and the member may complete the project by finishing the record book and providing an alternative showmanship event.
14. For any other livestock rules at the North Idaho State Fair, see "North Idaho State Fair Youth Stock Show and Sale official rules and regulations".

AWARDS

15. The Danish award system will be used. All completed exhibits will be divided into three ribbon groups according to the quality of project work exhibited at the Fair. Blue ribbons indicate excellent work. Red ribbons indicate very good work. White ribbons indicate fairly good work. Incomplete exhibits will not receive awards or be displayed. Only completed exhibits receiving a blue ribbon will be eligible for top overall awards, which will be given at the judge's discretion. Unless otherwise noted, premiums are: Blue: \$7, Red: \$5, and White: \$3 plus Kootenai/Shoshone Farm Bureau adds an additional \$2 per 4-H premium.
16. Cash premiums will be paid out during the Fair: Saturday, August 23, 2025 - 4 pm to 7 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 - 11 am to 4 pm out of **Building 8**. Premiums may also be picked up from the Fair office Tuesday, August 26 through Friday, August 29, 2025 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If not claimed by 4:00 pm on August 29, 2025, the premium will be considered a donation to the Fair's general fund.

EXHIBIT REMOVAL

17. Unauthorized removal of exhibits prior to scheduled release times will result in forfeiture of any and all premiums, awards and/or sale proceeds, and be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate.

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18. 4-H Building exhibit removal: All exhibits must be checked out with Superintendents on Monday, August 25, 2025 after 5:00 pm and before 7:00 pm. Organizational Leaders are responsible for picking up all 4-H Building exhibits for their Clubs and returning those exhibits to their members.

The Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H program strongly supports positive animal care and strongly opposes animal abuse. 4-H is also dedicated to the mission of developing youth and volunteers through "Learning by Doing" programs. 4-H animal projects teach life skills such as responsibility, information gathering, and decision-making.

DEPARTMENT 27 - 4-H CLASSES

SECTION I - 4-H ANIMALS AND LIVE EXHIBITS

4-H LIVESTOCK

All 4H Large and Small Livestock projects, including Exhibition showmanship classes (previously called "pet" showmanship) are entered through the Youth Stock Show and Sale – Department 26. Please reference the YSSS Department pages for correct divisions and classes.

DIVISION 2700 - 4-H HORSE

Premiums are only awarded in Showmanship. These events will be held at the County 4-H Horse Show.

Class	1	Showmanship
	2	Trail

DIVISION 2705 - 4-H DOG

These events will be held at the 4-H County Dog Show.

Class	1	Showmanship
	2	Obedience
	3	Rally
	4	Agility

SECTION II - 4-H ANIMAL RELATED PROJECTS AND STILL LIFE EXHIBITS

DIVISION 2710 - 4-H ANIMAL RELATED PROJECTS

Exhibits for this department must be entered in the 4-H Building. If a Pet Goat, Pet Rabbit, Pocket Pet, or Pet Poultry member would like to participate in optional Showmanship competitions, they must enter for such in the North Idaho State Fair Project Entry prior to the deadline.

4-H VETERINARY SCIENCE

Class		
	1	Veterinary Science Level 1
	2	Veterinary Science Level 2
	3	Veterinary Science Level 3

4-H PET CAT

Class		
	4	Pet Cat Display

4-H PET DOG

Class		
	5	Pet Dog Display

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4-H PET/PYGMY GOAT

Class		
	6	Pet Goat Display

4-H PET RABBIT

Class		
	7	Pet Rabbit Display

4-H SMALL ANIMAL

Class		
	8	Pocket Pets Display
	9	Cavy Display

4-H PET POULTRY

Class		
	11	Pet Poultry Display

4-H HORSELESS HORSE PROJECT

Class		
	12	Horses Are Fun

4-H Youth Producer Project

Class		
	13	Beef Youth Producer Display

SECTION III - 4-H FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

DIVISION 2715 – CLOTHING & TEXTILES

4-H CLOTHING {Interview Judged}

Class		
	1	Beginning Clothing, Sewing for Fun
	2	Advanced Clothing, Sew Wow

4-H CROCHETING {Interview Judged}

Class		
	3	Crocheting, Unit 1
	4	Crocheting, Unit Crocheting, Unit 2
	5	Crocheting, Unit 3

4-H KNITTING {Interview Judged}

Class		
	6	Knitting, Beginner, Level A
	7	Knitting, Beginner, Level B
	8	Knitting, Intermediate, Level A
	9	Knitting, Intermediate, Level B
	10	Knitting, Advanced, Level A
	11	Knitting, Advanced, Level B

4-H QUILTING {Interview Judged}

Class

- 12 Quilting

DIVISION 2720 – 4-H FOODS

For economic reasons, we advise perishable food exhibit size be limited. Foods requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.

4-H COOKING

Class

- 1 Cooking 101
- 2 Cooking 201
- 3 Cooking 301
- 4 Cooking 401

4-H DUTCH OVEN

Class

- 5 Dutch Oven Cooking, Unit 1
- 6 Dutch Oven Cooking, Unit 2

4-H BAKING

Class

- 7 Baking 1
- 8 Baking 2
- 9 Baking 3
- 10 Baking 4

4-H FOOD PRESERVATION

Class

- 11 Food Preservation, Dehydration
- 12 Food Preservation, Frozen Food
- 13 Food Preservation, Boiling Water bath Canning
- 14 Food Preservation, Pressure Canning

4-H DAIRY SCIENCE

Class

- 15 Dairy Food Science

DIVISION 2725 - 4-H CULTURAL LIFE SKILLS

4-H HANDWORK FROM OUR HERITAGE {Interview Judged}

Class

- 1 Embroidery or Crewel
- 2 Specialty Embroidery
- 3 Needlepoint
- 4 Appliqué
- 5 Rug Making
- 6 Macramé
- 7 Tole Painting
- 8 Ceramics
- 9 Beadwork
- 10 Wheat Weaving
- 11 Origami
- 12 Dried Flower Art Alternatives

SECTION IV - 4-H MISCELLANEOUS

DIVISION 2730 - 4-H EXPRESSIVE ARTS

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PROJECTS

4-H ART

Class

- 1 Sketchbook Crossroads
- 2 Portfolio Pathways

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY

Class

- 3 Photography Basics, Level 1
- 4 Next Level Photography, Level 2
- 5 Mastering Photography, Level 3

4-H CAKE DECORATING

Class

- 6 Cake Decorating, Level 1
- 7 Cake Decorating, Level 2
- 8 Cake Decorating, Level 3

4-H LEATHERCRAFT

Class

- 9 Leathercraft, Level 1
- 10 Leathercraft, Level 2
- 11 Leathercraft, Level 3

DIVISION 2735 - 4-H ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

4-H ENTOMOLOGY

Class

- 1 Entomology, Level 1
- 2 Entomology, Level 2
- 3 Entomology, Level 3

4-H BEES

Class

- 4 Honey Bees
- 5 Native pollinators

4-H FORESTRY

Class

- 6 Follow The Path, Level 1
- 7 Reach For The Canopy, Level 2
- 8 Explore The Deep Woods, Level 3

4-H WILDLIFE

Class

- 9 Wildlife Science, Level 1
- 10 Wildlife Science, Level 2
- 11 Wildlife Science, Level 3

4-H SPORT FISHING

Class

- 12 Take the Bait, Level 1
- 13 Reel in the Fun, Level 2
- 14 Cast into the Future, Level 3

DIVISION 2740- 4-H TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

4-H AEROSPACE

Class

- 1 Lift-Off, Stage 2
- 2 Reaching New Heights, Stage 3
- 3 Pilot In Command, Stage 4

4-H ELECTRICITY

Class

- 4 Magic of Electricity, Level 1
- 5 Investigating Electricity, Level 2
- 6 Wired For Power, Level 3
- 7 Entering Electronics, Level 4

4-H ROBOTICS {Interview Judged}

Class

- 8 Robotics Beginner
- 9 Robotics Advanced

4-H SMALL ENGINES

Class

- 10 Crank It Up, Level 1
- 11 Warm It Up, Level 2
- 12 Tune It Up, Level 3

4-H WOODWORKING

Class

- 13 Making The Cut, Level 1
- 14 Nailing It Together, Level 2
- 15 Finishing Up, Level 3

DIVISION 2745 - 4-H PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

4-H CLUB OFFICER {Interview Judged}

Class

- 1 Secretary Record Book
- 2 Treasurer Record Book
- 3 Club Scrapbook submitted by Historian or Reporter
(Scrapbook Supplement form must accompany exhibit)

4-H SELF-DETERMINED {Interview Judged}

Class

- 4 Self-Determined, You Decide

4-H LEADERSHIP {Interview Judged}

Class

- 5 My Leadership Road Trip

4-H CITIZEN & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT {Interview Judged}

Class

- 6 Exploring Citizenship, My Government
- 7 Advanced Citizenship
- 8 Power of the Press
- 9 Exploring Citizenship, National Focus

4-H CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Class

- 10 Exploring the Treasures of 4-H

4-H GENEALOGY {Interview Judged}

Class

- 11 Family Treasures

DIVISION 2750 - 4-H PLANTS &

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SOILS PROJECTS

4-H GARDEN

Class

- 1 See Them Sprout, Level A
- 2 Let's Get Growing, Level B
- 3 Take Your Pick, Level C
- 4 Growing Profits, Level D

4-H GEOLOGY

Class

- 5 Geology Level 1
- 6 Geology Level 2
- 7 Geology Level3

DIVISION 2755 - 4-H SAFETY & RECREATIONAL PROJECTS

4-H BICYCLE

Class

- 1 Bicycling for Fun, Book 1
- 2 Wheels in Motion, Book 2

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Class

- 3 Archery
- 4 Hunting
- 5 Muzzle Loader
- 6 Pistol
- 7 Rifle
- 8 Shotgun

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Class

- 9 Outdoor Adventure Level 1
- 10 Outdoor Adventure Level 2
- 11 Outdoor Adventure Level 3

DIVISION 2760 – CLOVERBUDS

A non-competitive educational program for 5-7 year old youth.

Class

- 1 Cloverbuds