

# JUNIOR Exhibit Guide



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## *Junior Natural Sciences ~ Department B16*

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**All exhibitors are expected to be familiar with and follow all expectations covered at the beginning of this guide: Topics include:**

1. Exhibit Guide: Use only this year's guide. Follow the schedule listed on page 1.
2. Method of Registration:
  - online at <http://nwsfa.fairwire.com>
  - Payment is required to complete registration.
  - A registration worksheet with fee details is available on the website.
  - All work must be created by the exhibitor since August 1 of the previous year (within the past 11 months).
  - By registering to exhibit at the Fair you authorize the use of your image (photo, audio, or video) for NWSF advertising and marketing.
3. Perks of Registering
4. Exhibit Tags: Should be attached to the exhibit prior to drop off.
5. Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.
6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:
7. Judging:
  - DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. Large classes may be divided.
  - The decision of the certified judge is final.
  - Junior Divisions will utilize the Danish system, with modifications as noted on specific department pages.
8. Premiums & Ribbons
  - a. Exceptional exhibits may receive a Judge's Choice ribbons per State Fair rules or a Best of Show ribbon for Departments that are not eligible for the State Fair.
9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
10. Removal of Exhibits
11. Camping
12. Leadership Structure
13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

**Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:**

- A. The exhibitor must be the one to take any pictures or photographs
- B. Tracings of commercial pictures from magazines or books is allowed.
- C. No weapons, live ammunition or powder allowed.
- D. Non-perishable items are State Fair eligible. Best of Show ribbon(s) may be awarded.

**Department Junior Natural Sciences #16**

**Premiums**

1<sup>st</sup> =\$2    2<sup>nd</sup> =\$1.75    3<sup>rd</sup> =\$1.50    4<sup>th</sup> =\$1.25

**Division A – Adventures - Class # - Description**

1. Poster showing proper clothing for an adventure activity. (Pick one activity)
2. Poster or display on building an outdoor fire.
3. Poster or display on camping safety.
4. Display on knot tying, 5 knots, explain what it is used for.
5. Poster or display on care and maintenance of camping equipment.

6. Homemade piece of adventure equipment.
7. Display showing the steps for planning an adventure trip.
8. Scrapbook, diary, or journal on a trip plan. Include location, equipment, clothing, food, and cost of trip.
9. Any other poster or exhibit reflected adventures.

**Division B - Natural Resources - Class # - Description**

1. Photos (by exhibitor) of 10 reptiles found in Chippewa County properly identified.
2. Photos (by exhibitor) of 10 Amphibians found in Chippewa County properly identified.
3. Poster showing parts of reptiles properly identified.
4. Poster showing parts of amphibian properly identified.
5. Poster shows 5 ways to conserve energy in the home.
6. A simple solar appliance made by exhibitor including description.
7. A solar snack made by the exhibitor with description on how it was made.
8. Simple energy experiment with results and conclusion.
9. Poster showing 5 sources of noise pollution illustrated with pictures, newspaper articles, etc. showing examples of each.
10. Poster showing 5 sources of air pollution and illustrating with pictures, newspaper articles, etc. showing examples of each.
11. Scrapbook illustrates poisonous plants properly identified.
12. Poster shows cycle of plant and animal succession in logged over areas.
13. Display of 20 properly labeled rocks, minerals, and/or fossils with correct name of specimen and whether metamorphic, sedimentary, igneous, fossil or mineral. Where it was found, and year identified.
14. Poster showing hardness scale of minerals, illustrating each mineral by photo, drawing, or cut out photo.
15. Jewelry or craft items made by exhibitors from rock.
16. Display of rocks polished by exhibitor with explanation of process.
17. Construct a terrarium and label the parts of the water cycle.
18. Scrapbook with photos and plans to reduce water runoff from the home.
19. Display shows how to conserve soil.
20. Scrapbook of at least 5 ways your family has conserved soil and water.
21. Poster illustrating cloud types, formations, and where they are found in atmosphere.
22. Weather station made by exhibitor.
23. Poster showing at least 5 ways plants and animals can predict the weather.
24. Chart weather and temperature at your home for 2 months and display it on poster.
25. Poster or plaster cast of 10 wildlife tracks properly identified.
26. Photos of at least 5 wild animals found in Chippewa County. Identify the animal, when and where the photo was taken, and habitat of each.
27. Photo collection of 10 plants properly identified which provide food and shelter to wildlife (identified).
28. Model or photos of at least 3 fur bearing animal traps (identified).
29. Butterfly house made by exhibitor.
30. A nesting box for squirrels or wood ducks made by an exhibitor.
31. Scrapbook with photos and plans to improve backyard habitat. Explain what is done and what wildlife it will attract.
32. Scrapbook with photos and plans to improve farm plot habitat. Explain what is done and what wildlife it will attract.
33. Photo collection from trail camera
34. Any other poster or display related to natural resources.

**Division C – Birding - Class # - Description**

1. A birdhouse or feeder made by the exhibitor with an information card explaining which birds would use it.
2. Scrapbook of 10 species of birds seen at your feeder. Include photo or traced drawing from a commercial source, with dates, places and number observed.
3. Bird migration poster with route taken. Pick 2 species.
4. Poster showing 10 birds' beaks properly labeled with species.
5. Poster showing bird banding and its purpose.
6. Poster on parts of a bird, external and internal labeling each part.
7. Display of 10 non-game birds with notes on habitat and feeding.
8. Poster explaining how to identify. Example: songbird, waterfowl, raptor, etc. Pick one species.
9. Any other poster or display related to birds

### **Division D - Bee Keeping - Class # - Description**

1. Jar of honey
2. Comb of honey
3. Chart of exhibit of steps in production of honey and beeswax by the bees
4. Exhibit on sources of honey
5. Exhibit illustrating body parts of a bee and functions
6. Bee or Honey Product
7. Any other item not listed

### **Division E – Fishing - Class # - Description**

1. Poster on external or internal parts of fish properly labeled.
2. Poster showing the life cycle of fish including habitat and food. Pick one species and label.
3. Poster identifying 10 game fish caught in Chippewa County.
4. Poster on 5 knots used in Fishing, label, and use of knot.
5. Poster on 10 kinds of hooks. Explain uses.
6. Poster on all kinds of rods, explain uses.
7. Poster showing how to clean a fish.
8. Display of 3 homemade lures or flies made by exhibitor. Explain uses. Cap or cover hook points!
9. Homemade tip-up.
10. Homemade worm box.
11. An exhibit or diagram of a structure in a lake.
12. A homemade fishing game or puzzle. Include solution.
13. Any other poster or display related to fishing.

### **Division F – Insects - Class # - Description**

- No live exhibits of insects will be accepted.
  - Collections of endangered or threatened species are not allowed.
1. Poster showing the life cycle of insects, their habitat, and food.
  2. Insect trap. Explain how it is used and what it attracts.
  3. Hand drawn insect with parts labeled. Grades 3-5 only.
  4. Collection of 10 beneficial insects identified with explanation.
  5. Collection of 10 harmful insects identified with explanation.
  6. Illustrated or photo display of plant damage done by insect. Identify plants, insects, and control methods.
  7. Plans for a butterfly garden with plants and butterflies attracted labeled.
  8. Insect display of 15 mounted insects from at least 3 different orders labeled with common name, order, and dates collected. 1st year.
  9. Insect display of 30 mounted insects from at least 5 different orders labeled with common name, order and dates collected. 15 can be from previous display. 2nd year.
  10. Insect display of 45 mounted insects from at least 7 different orders labeled with common name, order and dates collected. 30 can be from previous displays. 3rd year or more.
  11. Poster on understanding insect pesticide labels.
  12. Insect key.
  13. Spider web display.
  14. Any other poster or display related to insects.

### **Division G – Trees - Class # - Description**

1. Collection of 15 tree leaves (top and underneath) pressed, mounted, and identified by exhibitor.
2. Collection of 15 tree seeds mounted and identified by exhibitor.
3. Mount and identify 15 wood specimen cross-sections with bark of different native trees.
4. Poster of proper pruning techniques.
5. Poster showing different wood measuring systems.
6. Poster showing Christmas tree production from beginning to end.
7. One-pint maple syrup. Tell how it was made.
8. One half pound maple sugar candy. Tell how it was made.
9. Any other poster or display related to trees.

### **Division H - Wildflowers - Class # - Description**

- No protected or endangered wildflower species accepted, excluding photos.
1. Poster showing the life cycle of wildflower. Include habitat and dispersal.
  2. Poster with pictures of wildflowers that are protected by state law.

3. A homemade plant press made by exhibitor with explanation of how it is used.
4. Hand draw or collect, press, identify, label and mount 10 unprotected wildflowers; 1st year; 15, 2nd year; 20, 3rd year or more. May add to previous exhibit.
5. Photo collection of 10 wildflowers by exhibitor. Identify with common and scientific name, date, place found and habitat. 1st year.
6. Photo collection of 20 wildflowers by exhibitor. Identify with common and scientific name, date, place found, and habitat. Include at least 1 protected wildflower. 2nd year or more.
7. An original wildflower puzzle or game made by an exhibitor.
8. Photo or illustrated collection of 10 native shrubs, vines or ferns found in Chippewa County. Identify species, where found, date and habitat.
9. Illustrated poster showing medicinal property of 5 wildflower species, part of plant and uses.
10. Illustrated poster showing 5 edible wildflowers, species, part of plant used and preparation.
11. Any other related wildflower exhibit or poster.

**Division I - Any Other Natural Science - Class # - Description**

- No protected or endangered wildflower species accepted, excluding photos.

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| 1. Any Exploring your Environment exhibit                          | 9. Any Weather Exhibit           |
| 2. Any Winter Travel Exhibit                                       | 10. Any Wildlife Habitat Exhibit |
| 3. Any Canoeing Exhibit  | 11. Any Recycling Exhibit        |
| 4. Any downhill Skiing Exhibit                                     | 12. Any Home Energy Exhibit      |
| 5. Any Cross-Country Skiing Exhibit                                | 13. Any Water Exhibit            |
| 6. Any Backpacking and Hiking Exhibit                              | 14. Any Boating Exhibit          |
| 7. Any Conservation Exhibit  | 15. Any Water Safety Exhibit     |
| 8. Any Taxidermy Exhibit   | 16. Any Astronomy Exhibit        |
| 17. Any Natural Science Exhibit not listed above                   |                                  |
| 18. Any taxidermy item (small enough to fit inside a display case) |                                  |

**Division J – Archery - Class # - Description**

- No weapons allowed.

1. Poster showing various parts of a bow and arrow.
2. Poster showing different type of bows or arrows and uses.
3. Poster on archery safety.
4. Display of arrowheads and feathers (in enclosed locked case only).
5. Homemade archery accessory.
6. Poster showing improvement in target progress. Include score cards, dates distances, etc.
7. Any other related archery exhibit or poster.

**Division K - Pistol - Class # - Description**

- No weapons, live ammunition or powder allowed.

1. Poster of different pistol types with name, action design.
2. Poster showing various parts of pistol, properly labeled.
3. Display of pistol ammunition types.
4. Homemade accessories made by exhibitor.
5. Safety poster related to pistol.
6. Poster showing proper pistol stances, advantages, and disadvantages.
7. Poster or scrapbook, showing improvement in target shooting technique, includes pictures, score sheets, ammunition, dates etc.
8. Any other poster or exhibit related to pistol.

**Division L - Rifle - Class # - Description**

- No weapons, live ammunition or powder allowed.

1. Poster showing parts of a rifle.
2. Poster showing actions of a rifle.
3. Poster or display showing rifle sights.
4. Poster showing rifle care and maintenance.
5. Bullet display, properly labeled, no cased bullets.
6. Cartridge display properly labeled. Empty cartridge only.
7. Poster showing trajectory of selected bullet.
8. Challenge program target.
9. Poster showing proper shooting stance.

10. Poster showing proper rifle handling in field, transport, home.
11. Poster or scrapbook showing improvement in target shooting techniques. Include pictures, score cards, ammunition used, dates, firearm type, etc.
12. Any other poster or display related to rifle.

**Division M – Shotgun- Class # - Description**

- No weapons, live ammunition or powder allowed.

1. Poster showing parts of shotgun.
2. Poster showing actions of shotguns.
3. Poster showing common carry positions of shotgun.
4. Poster showing shotgun shell parts.
5. Display of spent or empty shell cases with gauges, usage, shot sample.
6. Accessory for use with shotgun made by exhibitor.
7. Display or poster explaining spread patterns and use.
8. Poster showing uses of various loads.
9. Shotgun safety poster.
10. Poster or scrapbooks, showing improvement in target shooting, include pictures, score cards, ammunition, dates, firearm, etc.
11. Any other poster or exhibit related to shotgun.

**Division N – Muzzleloading - Class # - Description**

- No weapons, live ammunition or powder allowed.

1. Poster shows different muzzleloading types.
2. Poster showing parts of muzzleloader.
3. Display of cartridges/shells used in muzzleloading & their uses.
4. Poster on muzzleloading safety.
5. Poster or display of muzzleloading accessories. (No powder allowed)
6. Poster showing proper muzzleloader handling while in field, transporting, cleaning, and at home.
7. Poster explaining how powder types and amounts affect the shot.
8. Poster or scrapbooks, showing improvement in target shooting, include pictures, score cards, ammunition, dates, firearm, etc.
9. Accessory used for muzzleloading made by exhibitor.
10. Any other poster or exhibit related to muzzleloading.