

Buffalo County Fair Exhibit Guide

A guide for exhibitors highlighting department requirements and guidelines. See Junior Fair Premium Book for detailed rules and requirements.

Dept. 1 Dairy

- Cattle must be shown and cared for by the exhibitor
- All Dairy exhibitors must complete YQCA training by July 1
- No horns are allowed on any dairy cattle
- Proof of Official Identified Grade Registry must be provided to Dairy Superintendent on entry day
- Acceptable bedding for livestock on non-concrete pens is straw or hay only
- Close-toed footwear must be worn by exhibitor while caring for or exhibiting animals

Dept. 2 Beef Cattle

- No animal exhibited in breeding classes can be entered in market classes
- Breeding classes must have proof of breed registry at the time of check-in on entry day
- All Beef exhibitors must complete YQCA training by July 1
- Market animal exhibitors must complete YQCA and one additional approved educational session by the Friday before the fair
- Weighed in at the Fair between 7:00am-1:00pm on Thursday, entry day
- Market steers must be grade, choice or better and weigh at least 1000 lbs. on entry day to be sold.
- Acceptable bedding for livestock on non-concrete pens is straw or hay only
- No horns are allowed on any beef cattle
- No leading aids beyond halters
- Close-toed footwear must be worn by exhibitor while caring for or exhibiting animals

Dept. 3 Swine

- An exhibitor may enter no more than 1 hog
- Health papers are required according to State Animal Health Rules
- Market animal exhibitors must complete YQCA by July 1 and one additional approved educational session by the Friday before the fair
- Weighed in at the Fair between 7:00am-1:00pm on Thursday, entry day
- Swine must grade a 1 or 2, weigh at least 230lbs on entry day to be sold.
- Should not be shaved
- Shavings are required for concrete pens (exhibitors are to provide their own)
- Close-toed footwear must be worn by exhibitor while caring for or exhibiting animals

Dept. 4 Sheep

- Breeding classes must have proof of breed registry at the time of check-in on entry day
- Market animals shall be shown with not more than 1 inch of fleece on any part of the body. All meat breeds shall have been completely shorn between two months and two weeks of the show date.

- All wool breed classes of sheep including registered Columbias, Corriedales, Rambouillets and Targhees shall be shown with two inches of wool or less.
- Must have official scrapie ear tags
- All Sheep exhibitors must complete YQCA training by July 1
- Market animal exhibitors must complete YQCA and one additional approved educational session by the Friday before the fair
- Market animals must grade prime or choice, weigh at least 100lbs on entry day, and have a rate gain of at least 0.4lbs per day to be sold.
- Weighed in at the Fair between 7:00am-1:00pm on Thursday, entry day
- Acceptable bedding for livestock on non-concrete pens is straw or hay only
- Close-toed footwear must be worn by exhibitor while caring for or exhibiting animals

Dept. 5 Goats

- Breeding classes must have proof of breed registry at the time of check-in on entry day
- All goats must be dehorned.
- Must have official scrapie ear tags in order to be shown
- All Goat exhibitors must complete YQCA training by July 1
- Market animal exhibitors must complete YQCA and one additional approved educational session by the Friday before the fair
- Weighed in at the Fair between 7:00am-1:00pm on Thursday, entry day
- Acceptable bedding for livestock on non-concrete pens is straw or hay only
- Close-toed footwear must be worn by exhibitor while caring for or exhibiting animals

Dept. 6 Equines (horse show)

- Do not unload until checked in
- Must have Coggins turned in before Day of show
- Identification papers must accompany the animal while in transport
- Premise ID numbers must be entered online and be available on day of horse show
- Check in 8:30am Saturday, July 21st
- All entry tags must accompany exhibitor on day of show (whether or not planning to participate)
- No stallion over one year old may be shown
- 4-H Horse safety and skills required, provided by the UW-Extension Office and 4-H Horse Council
- Must wear boots and a SEI approved helmet with safety harness securely fastened when mounted or driving an equine
- Must wear exhibitor number at all times

Dept. 7 Poultry

- Exhibitors must show proof of Pullorum-Typhoid Testing or be Wisconsin Certified
- All birds must be entered singly
- All exhibitors must be present at time of judging
- All Poultry exhibitors must complete YQCA training by July 1
- May NOT enter more than **8 animals** in poultry department

- Poultry includes fowl, wild and domestic, including pigeons
- Poultry cages will be assigned
- No poultry allowed on fairgrounds prior to entry day

Dept. 8 Rabbits

- All Rabbit exhibitors must complete YQCA training by July 1
- May NOT enter more than **8 animals** in rabbit department
- Raised and shown by exhibitor
- Must be at least 8 weeks of age prior to show
- Rabbit cages will be assigned
- No rabbits allowed on fairgrounds prior to entry day
- Care for animals daily at Fair

Dept. 9 Dogs

- Exhibitor must be present and show their animal at the time of judging
- Exhibitor must bring all entry tags on day of show
- May NOT show more than 2 animals in dog department
- Must have rabies and distemper shots
- Dog must be on a leash on the day of the show. Dogs are to be taken home immediately after showing

Dept. 10 Animal and Veterinary Science, and Small Animals

- Fur-bearing animals showing evidence of specific disease cannot be exhibited at the Fair
- Exhibitor must be present for judging of small animals
- Exhibitor must bring all entry tags on day of show
- Charts and posters must be 14"x22"
- Place posters in Poster Cart in Crops building on entry day

Dept. 13 Cats

- Exhibitor must be present for judging of cats
- Exhibitor must bring all entry tags on day of show
- Must be vaccinated for rabies and distemper at least 15 days prior to the date of the show. Kittens under 6 months of age will not be required to have the rabies vaccination
- Proof of vaccination must be presented to the superintendent
- Claws should be clipped before the show
- Cats must be leashed for safety
- A kitten must be at least 4 months old at the time of the show
- Must bring cat to fairground in a cage. Cats must be taken home immediately after show
- LONG HAIR – hair coat more than one inch in length
- SHORT HAIR – hair coat one inch or less in length

Dept. 14 Plant and Soil Science

-Field crops

- Grain exhibits should be in a clear quart-size Ziploc bag or in a clear plastic bag closed with twist tie
- Exhibits if applicable should be tied in 3 places with string
- For ALL corn and soybean exhibits in Class A, attach a **3"x5" card** that includes the:
 - Type
 - Date planted
 - Maturity rating of the crop
- For ALL oats, barley, and wheat exhibits in Class A, attach a **3"x5" card** that includes the:
 - Variety of crop

-Vegetables

- Container trays for exhibiting will be available at the Fairgrounds
- Vegetables must be grown by exhibitor
- Prepare according to the guidelines outlined in "Exhibiting and judging Vegetables" available at Extension Office

-Vegetable Character

- Make a vegetable character using any of the larger vegetables (such as pumpkins, squash, potatoes, carrots, cabbage) using materials of your choice
- Characters will be judged on originality, creativeness and appropriateness of materials to vegetable

-Fruit

- Container trays for exhibiting will be available at the Fairgrounds

Dept. 15 Flowers/Potted Plants

-Flowers

- Flowers and houseplants must be in place by **5:00PM** on Thursday, entry day
- All cut flowers may be displayed in any suitable recycled container i.e: glass, plastic, Styrofoam, metal can, vase, etc...
- Bouquets and arrangements must be exhibited in a container, which becomes part of the arrangement

-Potted Plants

- Entries must contain the name of the plant along with a **3"x5"** card stating:
 - The growth
 - Conditions
 - Water
 - Light needed

- Insect problems encountered
- Potting procedure
- Attach card to container with string or use a straw or floral stick for placement of cards

-Plant & Flower craft

- Two-thirds of plant and flower materials used must be dried by exhibitor

Dept. 16 Natural Sciences

- All posters must be **14" x 22"** in size unless stated otherwise
- Exhibit must be the result of work done in current year
- Exhibits must have an attached 3x5 card explaining details of exhibit
- Place posters in Poster Cart in Crops building on entry day

-Shooting Sports

- The poster of target must be 28" x 22" and shall include:
 - The target
 - Photo
 - Age
 - Club
 - Shooting position of exhibitor

Dept. 17 Exploring

- Exhibitors who are in the 3rd grade enrolled in the Exploring project
- Exploring members will be scheduled for face-to-face judging
- Judging will be scheduled to begin at 10:00am on Thursday, entry day
- Ribbons received for project work will be blue, red, white, or pink
- Exploring exhibits will not be displayed in any other department at the Fair
- Scrapbooks should have a minimum of 4 pages and maximum of 10 pages
- Posters should be 14" x 22" tag board
- Bring brownies and cookies on a small disposable plate and place in a clear Ziploc Bag
- Perishable items will NOT be returned to the exhibitor
- Exploring member may not enter more than **5 items**

Dept. 17 Cloverbud

- Exhibitors who are in kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade
- Cloverbuds will be scheduled for face-to-face judging
- Judging will begin at 10:00am on Thursday, entry day
- All Cloverbud exhibitors will receive one rosette ribbon for participating (one per child)
- Posters should be on 14"x22" tag board
- Bring food items on a small disposable plate and place in a clear Ziploc bag
- Perishable items will NOT be returned to the exhibitor
- Exhibits shall not be displayed in any other departments at the Fair
- Cloverbud member may not enter more than **5 items**

Dept. 18 Cultural Arts

-Arts and Crafts

- All articles to be made by exhibitor in current project year.
- Scrapbooking pages must be front and back and have a clear plastic protective cover

-Ceramics

- Exhibits must be the result of work done in current project year.
- All ceramic exhibits should be kiln fired with ceramic glazes applied. Greenware (unfired clay) is NOT acceptable
- Exhibits may be of original design and crafted ceramic projects or commercial mold unfired class items may be used and then painted, stained, decorated, glazed, and fired as the item calls for. Items must be dated and signed
- Absolutely no air brushing of exhibits will be allowed
- Judging will be based on the following
 - Quality of finished product
 - The work and effort of the 4-H member
 - Knowledge, skills and experience of the 4-H club member as demonstrated in the development of the exhibit

-Drawings

- Exhibits must be the result of work done in the current project year
- All drawings must be ready for display. Framed, stretched, mounted, or matted
- NO construction paper as matting!

-Fabric and Fibers

- Example of fiber item: tie dyed, fabric painted, batik, stencil painting, block printing, silk screen, appliqué, woven, braided or soft sculpture, homemade paper, friendship bracelet

-Leathercraft

- Pre-cut kits or original design

-Paintings

- Exhibits must be the result of work done in the current project year
- All paintings must be ready for display. Framed, stretched, mounted, or matted
- NO construction paper as matting!

Dept. 20 Photography

- All photos must be taken by the exhibitor, after entry day of the proceeding Fair

- Each lot will consist of one photo. Exhibitors may enter black and white and/or color photos
- Photo must be **4"x 6"** in size and mounted on one white or black colored poster board, **7"x11"**, except where noted otherwise.
- Photo must be firmly attached so that it will not fall off backing. The use of rubber cement is recommended
- The exhibitor's entry tag must be securely attached flat to the front side of the 7"x 11" tag board and no part of the entry tag should extend past the tag board backing
- Art corner mountings, headings, captions, and other decorations are NOT allowed
- The same photo may NOT be used in more than one lot number
- **Exhibitors are limited to 10 total entries in the photography department!**

Dept. 21 Computers

- All exhibits must be done by the exhibitor.
- All digital exhibits will be uploaded to a Buffalo County Fair Google Drive. Please contact the Buffalo County Extension Office a week in advance of the Fair to gain access to the shareable link.

Dept. 22 Woodworking

- Woodworking projects may be painted, stained, varnished or a sealer applied to protect the wood. All finishes must be dry at time of entry
- Attach a **3" x5" card** that includes the following: list of materials, cost estimated, source of design and use of exhibits
- Entry tag must be firmly attached
- All exhibits larger than 3' squared and/or need a special display space must contact the UW- Extension office by July 15th.

Dept. 23 Electricity

- Attach a **3"x 5" card** to all displays explaining how exhibit works or what was done (not needed on posters)
- All posters must have a title and be 14"x 22"
- Place posters in Poster Cart in Crops building on entry day

Dept. 24 Mechanical Science

-Tractors

- All posters and charts should be **14" x 22"**
- All posters and charts must have a title
- Exhibits must have an attached 3x5-inch card explaining details of exhibit
- Place posters in Poster Cart in Crops building on entry day

-Bicycling

- Exhibits must be work of exhibitor
- Each exhibitor may exhibit 3 posters (14" x 22" maximum size)
- All posters must have a title
- Exhibits must have an attached 3x5-inch card explaining details of exhibit
- Place posters in Poster Cart in Crops building on entry day

-Scale Models

- Exhibits must be work of exhibitor
- Exhibits must have an attached 3"x5" card explaining type of material used, type of paint used and number of hours required for assembly

-Legos and K'Nex

- Exhibits must be work of exhibitor
- Materials used can be Legos, K'Nex, or similar building materials

-Aerospace

- A recovery parachute must be included with all rockets
- All models must have an attached 3"x5" card explaining type of material used, type of paint used and number of hours required for assembly

-Engineering

- Exhibits must have an attached 3x5-inch card explaining details of exhibit

-Robotics

- Exhibits must have an attached 3x5-inch card explaining details of exhibit

-Automotive

- Exhibits must have an attached 3x5-inch card explaining details of exhibit

Dept. 25 Foods and Nutrition

- **Only one entry per lot number.**
- Foods exhibited at the fair should be well cooled, prepared and ready for judging
- Attach entry tag to side of plate - visible from top
- Place exhibit on 6" - 8" white disposable plate and place in clear Ziploc bag.
No plastic wrap, Please!
- Do not grease the top of breads or rolls
- Do not frost any food product
- Food should be baked in tin only, with no paper liners
- Perishable food products will not be returned
- Must have a **3"x5" card** with recipe attached to plate

-Food Preservation

-Canning

- Exhibit only under appropriate age group
- Must be in standard mason jars. Any product preserved since the close of the previous fair is acceptable. Jar rings must be taken off. Any item not meeting the requirements will be rejected.
- All jars must be labeled as follows

Product:_____Date Canned:_____.	
Method of Packing (Check one)	Method of Processing (Check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Pack	<input type="checkbox"/> Boiling water Canner
<input type="checkbox"/> Cold Pack	<input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Canner
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lb. of pressure
Processing Time:_____ Quart _____ Pint	
Literature Source and Publication Date:	

- All canned products must be properly processed. All vegetables must be pressure canned. All tomatoes if not pressure canned must contain lemon juice or citric acid
- Attach entry tag and label to neck of jar with string. DO NOT attach to canning lid

-Dried Foods

- All dried foods must be exhibited in a sandwich-size Ziploc bag and labeled as follows:

Product _____ Date Processed _____.
Kind of dryer _____.
Was antioxidant added _____ what kind? _____.
How long was food in dryer? _____

Dept. 26 Clothing

- Garments must be placed on a hanger with hanger facing left shoulder of the garment (when worn)
- Entry tags must be placed securely to upper right-hand portion of garment (when worn). If pin will damage garment, tie entry tag to hanger
- Each (except purchased ensemble with accessories) must have a **3"x5" card** attached with the following information:
 - Fiber content
 - Care
 - Intended use
 - Interfacing description and where used
 - Preparation of fabric and notions (pre-shrunk)
 - Pattern name and number

- Changes made in pattern
- Exhibits will be judged on:
 - Total look
 - Pattern/fabric coordination
 - Supporting fabric/notions
 - Clean, well pressed
 - Information card
- Garments will be judged on neatness and appropriateness of seam finish regardless of type of machine used
- Purchased ensemble with accessories. Cost not to exceed \$75.00. Complete with “purchased garment form” (available at the Extension Office or online) and attach to the ensemble with a photo of exhibitor wearing garment

Dept. 27 Knitting and Crocheting

- Articles must be accompanied by a **3”x5” card** with the following information
 - Fiber content
 - Care requirements
 - Intended use
 - Size of needles used
 - Number of years in the project
- All exhibits must be made by the exhibitor in the current year

Dept. 28 Home Environment

- All exhibitors must include a **3” x 5” card** with the project that contains a description of the room or area where the article will be used and statement of work done
- All exhibits must be made by the exhibitor
- Machine Quilting may be done by the exhibitor or professional

Dept. 29 Family Living/Child Development

- Attach a **3”x5” card** to each exhibit with age and brief description of the particular child for which the article is intended. Tell why the article is appropriate for this child
- All posters must be 14”x22”

Dept. 33 Youth Leadership

- A display may be a poster, outline, chart, actual article, photos or a combination of any of them. Posters should be 14”x22”

Dept. 34 Health, Social, and Political Science

- Scrapbooks should have a minimum of 6 pages and a maximum of 12 pages
- All posters must be 14”x22”