

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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WHAT IS 4-H? 4-H is the youth development component of the Cooperative Extension Service (CES). Its mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential while working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

WHO SPONSORS 4-H? The county Extension office in Palm Beach County is a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, and Palm Beach County.

4-H CLUB PLEDGE

**I pledge my head to clearer thinking;
My heart to greater loyalty;
My hands to larger service; and
My health to better living for
My club, my community, my country,
And my world.**

4-H PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

There are many opportunities for 4-H members to participate in 4H specific events at the South Florida Fair. They can serve as 4-H ambassadors during the fair, enter exhibits, and participate in large and small animal shows.

4-H AGE DIVISIONS

Cloverbud: 5-7 years old Junior: 8-10 years old Intermediate: 11-13 years old Senior: 14-18 years.

RIBBONS AND PREMIUMS

4-H YOUTH EXHIBITS

Grand Champion: Purple Rosette \$10.00 (Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions)

Reserve Champion: Lavender Rosette \$5.00 (Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions)

Blue Ribbon \$5.00

Red Ribbon \$4.00

White Ribbon \$3.00

Green Ribbon (Cloverbud Participation)

The South Florida Fair sponsors ribbons and premiums for 4-H youth competitions.

All 4-H premium vouchers must be cashed during the Fair. No vouchers will be accepted after the annual Fair ends.

Judging is based on the Danish system and the decisions of judges are final. Exhibitors are measured against defined standards, not against other exhibitors.

4-H members are also encouraged to participate in the other activities taking place at the South Florida Fair. There are community service and competitive opportunities in the areas of poultry, rabbits, horticulture, livestock, and several others. Please refer to the rest of the Premium Book for more details regarding the dates, times, rules, and regulations in these areas.

EXHIBITS

RULES FOR 4-H PROJECT EXHIBITS

1. Open to any Palm Beach and Broward Counties 4-H member 5-18 years of age who is officially enrolled by November 1 of the current 4-H year.
2. Youth must be enrolled in to exhibit entry. All entry information must be submitted to the 4-H office. Food entries must be **registered by November 23. General Exhibits must be registered by December 30.**
3. A 4-H member may enter no more than one exhibit per category including food and nutrition, for a total of eight exhibits. The only exception to this is vegetables. A youth may enter up to three different types of vegetables in the vegetable category, each as a separate exhibit. All exhibits must be entered by an individual, not a group.
4. All exhibits must be educational in nature, representing topics youth have learned from their project areas.
5. Project areas and their categories are listed on the following page.
6. All non-food exhibits must have an exhibit card securely attached and clearly printed or typed. The card must include name, club, exhibit category, and 4-H age.
7. Items must have been made or grown during the current 4-H year with the exception of horticulture exhibits.
8. All horticulture exhibits must have been planted or re-potted before October 13 of the current 4-H year. Horticulture exhibits must include both the common and scientific name of the plant(s).
9. All vegetable exhibits must have been planted or re-potted before December 1 of the current 4-H year.
10. In order to receive a Fair premium, youth must present their projects at designated judging event.