

FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING FESTIVAL OF ARTS MONROE CO. 4-H

Face-to-Face Judging will give 4-Hers of Monroe County the opportunity to sit down and talk with a judge about his/her exhibit. Anyone exhibiting at the County Festival of Arts will be judged in the face-to-face format. This will include photography and marketing. There will be tables for the judges to use while conferring with the exhibitor. Adults from the club will be responsible for removing the item from the club display for the youth. Exhibited items will be handled with utmost care.

Youth will stand in line at the appropriate table for their time to sit with the judge. Once the youth has spoken with the judge about the exhibit, the judge's helpers will affix the appropriate ribbon sticker and return the exhibit to the club table. Each 4-Her is allotted 3-5 minutes per exhibit. If a youth has more than one exhibit he/she will have more time with the judge. The time spent in line depends on the number of items entered.

Youth are asked to be patient, to keep talking to a minimum, and to respect one another and the judges.

Questions asked by the judges:

1. Tell me how you made your exhibit
2. How did you get the idea?
3. What did you learn as you made your project?
4. What would you do differently next time?
5. What did you enjoy most in completing your exhibit? What was the worst part?

**Question 6 is for youth 9th grade and older.*

- *6. Do you have ideas of what you would like to do in the future to expand upon your exhibit work?*

The youth will be the only one talking to the judge during the allotted time.

Parents and leaders are welcome to listen in on the face-to-face judging experience, but are asked not to participate or intrude upon the youth/judge interaction.

Exhibits should have the 3'x 5' card with the required information from the county rules attached to the item.

Face to face (conference) judging has been implemented in Monroe Co. for added educational value. In the past, one of the most often asked questions (and biggest complaints) is that youth bring their items to the Festival of Arts (or the Co. Fair) and receive very little feedback on why it was placed as it was (blue, red, white, etc.) Using the face-to-face judging, 4-Hers will receive comments (what was good and what could be improved) from the judge during the conference. Interviewing skills will also be enhanced by the face-to-face judging experience for all ages of 4-Hers.

Judging will begin shortly after 9:00 AM. There will be no time assignments. Participants are asked to be courteous to one another when waiting to be judged.

If a youth is unable to make it to the Festival of Arts they will be required to write a statement answering the 5 or 6 questions listed above and attach it to the exhibit. If the item is brought to the Festival of Arts without the exhibitor and no write-up, the item will be judged, but will be dropped one ribbon placing. If the participant does not answer the questions in written form they cannot receive a merit or advance to the Area Festival of Arts.

The judges will base their opinion on two main criteria: 1.) How well a youth can explain and tell about their project, and 2.) The workmanship of the exhibit. Emphasis will be placed on the 4-Her's age, knowledge of the exhibit and how it was completed. If a youth tried something new and it didn't work as well as he/she hoped, that's okay. It is the process that is important more so than the end product or outcome.

Release time for Arts & Craft items will be announced at event.

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(All youth will be asked the same 5 questions by the judges)

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Each project is given 3-5 minutes for questioning.

**It is important to keep within the time frame.
Youth should answer each question with enough
knowledge to show their understanding of what
is involved in completing the article.**

*Youth should come prepared with answers
that are straightforward.*