

2023 UNION FAIR & MAINE WILD BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

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Union, Maine

4-H INFORMATION BOOKLET



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2023 Union Fair

4-H SCHEDULE

Please check the Fair Flyer for updated 4-H show locations

Monday, July 24

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Exhibits accepted at the 4-H Exhibition Yurt

Tuesday, July 25

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Exhibits accepted at the 4-H Exhibition Yurt

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 a.m.

4-H Horse Show (Riding Ring)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

1:00-3:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

Thursday, July 27

9:00 a.m.

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show (4-H Barn Area)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

1:00-3:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

4:00 p.m.

4-H Small Domestic Pet Show (Sherman Park)

Friday, July 28

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

1:00-3:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

Saturday, July 29

8:30 a.m.

4-H Working Steer Show (Pulling Ring)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

1:00-3:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

Sunday, July 30

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

12:00 p.m.

4-H Cloverbud Demonstrations (Livestock Show Ring)

1:00-3:00 p.m.

4-H Farm-to-Fair (4-H Barn)

2:00-6:00 p.m.

Exhibits must be removed from Yurt

KNOX-LINCOLN 4-H

2023 SHOW GUIDELINES

4-H GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GOALS

This packet has been written to familiarize 4-H members, 4-H leaders, parents, fair officials and 4-H animal show judges with the “big picture” of 4-H, and the knowledge, skills, and attitudes the program strives to develop in 4-H members. It is a brief description of the goals and anticipated outcomes of the 4-H program, the ways that 4-H livestock projects support those goals, and program expectations of all the people involved. We urge everyone to read this packet carefully so that we can make our animal shows as authentically 4-H as possible.

The 4-H program is centered around members learning 4-H Life Skills. The 4-H club setting and 4-H project work are opportunities for 4-H youth to develop 4-H Life Skills, such as: leadership, goal-setting, developing plans of action, record-keeping, cooperation, teamwork, and good character, etc., while expanding their knowledge and skills about the project categories in which they are involved, such as: horses, woodworking, computers, livestock, etc.

To achieve these goals kids need to feel successful, safe and positive about themselves and their experiences. We hope that this guide will help us all create the best possible experience for growth and learning for all our young people.

4-H LIFE SKILLS

The Maine 4-H program has adopted the “Targeting Life Skills Model” from Iowa State University as the set of life skills youth will practice and learn through all of their 4-H project and activity work. As you see on the wheel, life skills are arranged into skills related to the four H's: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

4-H members are expected to keep project records which document both the project skills and the life skills learned and used in the project.

GOALS OF 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H livestock program has three goals:

1. To provide opportunities for youth to learn and practice 4-H Life Skills and to develop good character.
2. To teach young people to raise, train, fit and show an animal using the best practices identified by university research and industry.
3. To provide educational opportunities for 4-H youth and the viewing public to learn about 4-H and all aspects of participation in the show.

MODIFIED DANISH SYSTEM OF 4-H JUDGING

The Danish system is a method of evaluation where a product or process is evaluated against a set of standards and recognition is awarded on the degree to which the standard has been met by each competitor. In Danish system judging, the exhibitors are not judged against each other. In a “true” Danish system the standard of excellence is the same for everyone regardless of age or experience. In 4-H, a “modified” Danish system is used that uses standards adjusted according to member's age and years of experience in the project. The Danish system is used in 4-H for 9 through 18 year olds (4-H age as of December 31, 2022), because it is a way to provide recognition to greater numbers of youth who may all be making significant progress in their projects. The Danish system is considered by National 4-H Policy to be a competitive form of judging and is therefore not to be used for 4-H members under the 4-H age of 9.

In Maine 4-H, ribbons traditionally awarded by the Danish system are:

- Blue – for excellence, exceeding the standards
- Red – for good work that meets the expected standard
- White – for work that falls below the expected standard

In Maine we have not created written standards. Therefore, the standards used in livestock shows are the generally accepted standards for good fitting and showmanship and for animal quality.

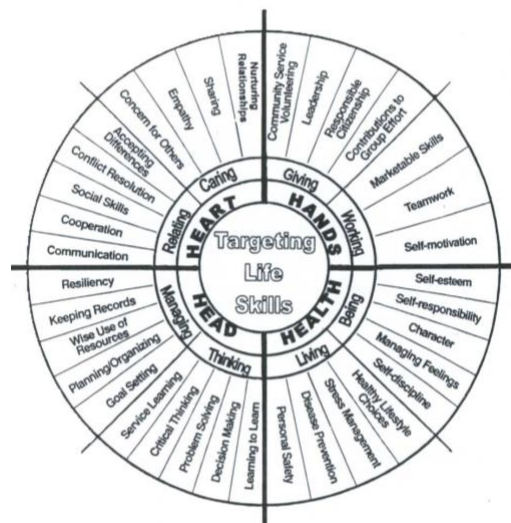
Evaluation of Cloverbud Activities

Cloverbuds, 4-H members ages 5 through 8 (4-H age as of December 31, 2022), are not ranked or judged competitively. Cloverbud members will receive identical forms of recognition of participation for work exhibited in exhibition halls or for participation in non-competitive animal demonstrations, skill-a-thons, clinics, or other educational events. Although Cloverbud exhibits or demonstrations are not ranked or scored, it is important for the children to receive feedback on their work. They may participate in a “show and tell” activity about their exhibit or receive written or oral feedback that includes positive encouragement and constructive suggestions for growth for their exhibits or animal activities.

UNION FAIR 4-H PASSES

Specific information regarding passes to the Union Fair will be available in early July. Check your email, the K-L 4-H newsletter and the Cooperative Extension website for updated information.

Passes are given out at the 4-H Union Fair Prep Party and at project take-in times just before the fair. A limited number will also be available at the extension office. Passes are given to members and family members who will be volunteering or otherwise participating at 4-H-sponsored events and shows. Volunteer opportunities include taking shifts in the Exhibition Yurt or at the 4-H Farm-to-Fair Exhibit, presenting an interactive demonstration or activity, scribing at an animal show, helping with clean-up before or after the fair, etc. To obtain fair passes to participate in non-4-H activities, such as open or youth livestock shows, please contact the Union Fair unionfair.org.



4-H CLOVERBUD POLICY

The following information was compiled with excerpts from the Maine 4-H Cloverbud Policy. Complete information regarding the Cloverbud Policy, is available at <http://umaine.edu/4h/volunteers/resources/policies-procedure-and-guidelines/table-of-contents/4-h-cloverbud-policies-c-3/>.

What is a Cloverbud?

The term Cloverbud is used to identify 4-H members who are 5 through 8 years old. Any Maine youth between the 4-H ages of 5 and 8 years old may join the 4-H program. 4-H age is the age of the member on December 31, 2022. Children in this age group are a distinct audience for 4-H with developmental and learning characteristics that are different from older members. Participation, safety, personal development, learning, and fun in a cooperative, non-competitive setting are the priorities of the Cloverbud program. Cloverbuds should experience programs that are developmentally appropriate, activity-oriented, involve cooperative learning and are focused on learning activity skills and life skills through a wide variety of topic categories.

Cloverbuds and Fairs

- While Cloverbuds may not participate as competitive exhibitors in any 4-H events, they are encouraged to participate in fairs and other county events in other ways.
- Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit their activities in 4-H Exhibition Halls. As exhibitors, they should receive a standard participation ribbon or other small token as designed or chosen by each county/fair. Cloverbuds may not receive premiums. However, a small honorarium may be paid to the club or the member in an amount to be determined by each county/fair.
- Although Cloverbud exhibits are not ranked or scored, it is important for the children to receive feedback on their exhibits. They may participate in a “show and tell” activity about their exhibit or receive written feedback that includes positive encouragement and constructive suggestions for growth.
- Each county/fair may determine how Cloverbud exhibits will be displayed, either in a separate area, within each club’s area, etc.
- Cloverbuds may not show any animals competitively in 4-H classes at Maine fairs or other 4-H events.
 - 8-year-old members may participate in a non-competitive demonstration show with one-on-one supervision with a rabbit, cavy, dog or other small domestic animal, poultry, kid goat or non-market, lamb, piglet, or small calf. (Volunteers should ensure that the calf is small enough to be handled safely and controlled by the adult or older youth.)
 - 5 through 7-year-olds may participate in a clinic, skill-a-thon or other educational activity with one-on-one adult supervision with adults or older teens with at least 3 years of experience maintaining primary control of the animal. This activity may occur in a show ring or other public area that is small enough to allow for good control of the animals being used.
 - Cloverbuds may receive standard participation ribbons or other identical tokens for participation in these events as determined by each county/fair. Premiums are not permitted. A small honorarium in an amount to be determined by each county/fair may be provided to the club or the member in an amount to be determined by each county/fair, but this should not be comparable to premiums received by older youth showing in competitive 4-H shows.

Any Maine Agricultural Fair age participation rules more restrictive than those of this policy, take precedence.

4-H CHARACTER AWARD

During the Union Fair, a few outstanding 4-Hers may be chosen to receive the 4-H Character Award. This honor may be awarded to a 4-Her who carries out his or her project and who treats other 4-H members, fair colleagues, spectators, and their animals (when applicable) according to the Six Pillars of Character.

Nominations for the 4-H Character Award, may be submitted to Knox-Lincoln Extension Office, 377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro, ME 04572 or via email at cynthia.rogers@maine.edu. Nomination cards will also be available at the Union Fair. Look for the 4-H Character Award Display in the 4-H Exhibition Yurt. All 2023 nominations must be received by September 30, 2023.

The Six Pillars of Character

1. Responsibility

- Recognizes that any project gives the 4-Her an opportunity for personal growth and development.
- Is accountable for on-time paperwork.
- For animal projects, feeds animals on time and provides clean, fresh water at all times; follows recommended procedures for fitting and grooming.

2. Trustworthiness

- Never gives up.
- Submits accurate and truthful information.

3. Respect

- Is helpful and thoughtful toward other exhibitors and fair-goers.

4. Caring

- Teaches and assists younger 4-H members.
- For animal projects, handles and treats animals properly and humanely; as authorized by a veterinary professional, uses only approved drugs in accordance with directions for use on the label.

5. Fairness

- Accepts winning and losing with grace.

6. Citizenship

- Demonstrates and maintains a high standard of personal behavior and conduct.

4-H CLUB EXHIBIT RULES

1. 4-H Club Exhibits may be submitted by 4-H members enrolled in Knox or Lincoln Counties. Any club or sub-group within a club can enter a club exhibit. Independent members can work together with other independents on one exhibit. To be assigned exhibit space, please contact Cindy Rogers at 207-832-0343 or cynthia.rogers@maine.edu by **July 15, 2023**.
2. Clubs/groups are urged to use their members' projects done during meeting times, or a project that members worked on together as their major display items. Other decorations may be used sparingly to enhance the overall appearance of the display.
3. Exhibit must fit into a 4x4x4-foot space. There may not be walls defining the space, so design your display accordingly. Club/group must supply a table (if needed). If an electrical outlet is needed, specify that when you reserve your space.

Exhibits will be judged using the Danish system as follows:

- 25 points – Exhibit expresses and carries out a central idea or theme.
- 25 points – Exhibit educates the public or shows evidence of learning by the members.
- 25 points – Quality and size of lettering and articles on display are recognizable at distance of six feet.
- 15 points – Club/group name with town prominently displayed.
- 10 points – Exhibit title is prominently placed with large lettering.

Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded based on score earned. Premiums will be awarded as follows:

Top three scores: \$35

All other participating clubs/groups: \$10

4-H INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITION RULES

1. Entries are open to all enrolled 4-H members aged 9 to 18 (4-H age) in Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties. 4-H members aged 5 to 8 (4-H age) are considered Cloverbuds. 4-H Cloverbuds in Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties may submit entries for non-competitive display to the exhibition hall if they are currently enrolled in 4-H. See the General Information portion of our booklet for more about our Cloverbud policy.
2. 4-Hers may exhibit only those items that are produced and/or prepared by him/her during the current 4-H year. NO KITS will be accepted, except in "Building Models", and "Fiber & Needlecraft" project categories. By a "KIT", we mean articles made of pre-cut or pre-formed pieces that are only assembled by the 4-Her.
3. **NEW Members may enter up to 12 exhibits total in any combination of project categories.**
4. Completed exhibition hall entry forms should be sent to UMaine Extension, Knox-Lincoln Office, 377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro ME 04572 and be **postmarked by June 30, 2023**. Contact Pamela Doherty at the Knox-Lincoln Extension office for assistance or extra forms at 1-800-244-2104 or pameladoherty@maine.edu.
5. Each entry must have a completed **4-H Exhibit/Judging Card** and **Life Skills Card** securely attached to it and should be obtained from the Extension office **before the fair**. Attach the card with **string long enough for the card to be easily tuned over** (do not tape the card directly to the project). The cards must be filled out neatly by the 4-H member ***before** entering the item for competition.
Notice to Leader or Parent: Any special circumstances, such as a learning or physical disability, should be noted by an explanation attached to the Exhibit Card.
6. Exhibits must conform to entry requirements. The fair will afford the best protection possible for project exhibits. However, UMaine Extension and the Union Fair distinctly disclaim any liability for loss or damage to exhibits. There is no security.
7. ***Poster and artwork sizes cannot exceed 24" x 36" due to space limitations. No 3-panel displays accepted. Artwork and photography items must have hanging hardware securely attached. Makeshift hangers, such as string attached with tape, do not work well.**
8. Exhibits will be accepted on **Monday, July 24 between 5 pm and 7 pm OR Tuesday, July 25 between 5 pm and 7 pm ONLY**. Entries will not be accepted for judging at any other time. Items not submitted during this time period will not be considered for premiums or Cloverbud honorariums.
9. Judging will be done using the "Danish System". Each worthy exhibit will be awarded a ribbon and premium based on how well it displays the appropriate skills for a member's age and skill level, with the exception of Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon and honorarium for every item they exhibit in the Exhibition Hall. Cloverbuds will not be included in the judging process. No premiums will be awarded to 4-H members in this age group. Keep in mind that quality is being judged, not quantity.
10. Exhibits must be taken from the 4-H Yurt between the hours of **2 pm – 6 pm on Sunday, July 30**.

Awards and Premiums for individual exhibits will be paid as follows:

Blue Ribbon/First Place – \$5.00 – awarded to those projects which meet or exceed the product standards for the age and development of the 4-H member; the work is of high quality.

Red Ribbon/Second Place – \$4.00 – awarded to those projects which meet minimum product standards and exhibit requirements; overall work is of average quality.

White Ribbon/Third Place – \$3.00 – awarded to those projects which are deficient in meeting product standards, exhibit requirements and/or the product is incomplete.

Special Judge's Choice Ribbons will be awarded to recognize a unique or outstanding project which exemplifies an unusually high degree of creativity, care, time, or research by the 4-Her.

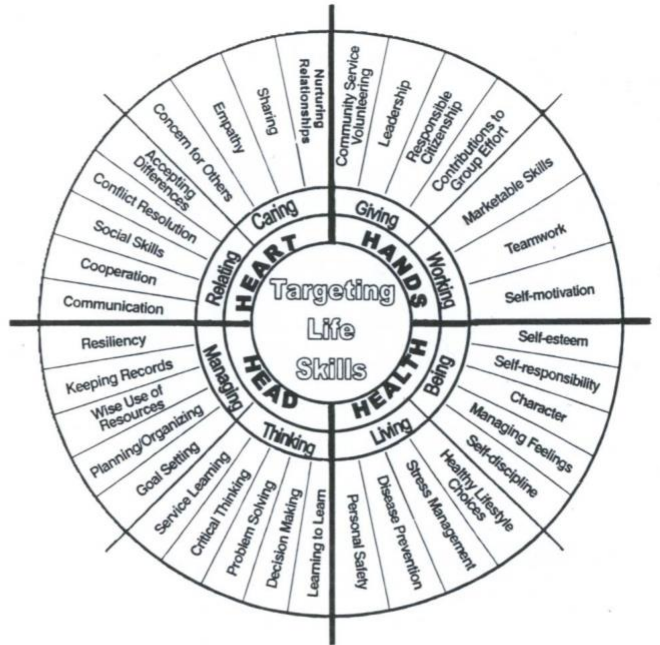
4-H Cloverbud Exhibits will all receive a participation ribbon and a \$3.00 honorarium.

Life Skills Cards & Judging Cards for Exhibition Hall items are available at the office. Below is a scan of the life skills card. Completed cards must be attached to your project at the time of check in. Ask your club leader or contact Extension staff if you need help completing cards.

Name _____ Project _____

Project skills I used to complete this project: (List)
 (Example: Woodworking - nailing, sanding, varnishing)

What I learned in this project:



Description of Targeting Life Skills Wheel:

- Section 1 - Hands, Heart, Head, & Health
- Section 2 - Caring, Giving, Working, Being, Living, Thinking, Managing, Relating
- Section 3 - Skills listed on outer wheel

Instructions: Contact your County Staff for specific rules for highlighting your life skills accomplishments (Use a Highlighting Marker)

- Ages 5-8: Highlight Section 1.
- Ages 9 and Up: Highlight as directed by your county staff
- Fill out reverse side.

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PROJECT CATEGORIES FOR INDIVIDUAL 4-H EXHIBITS

No 3-panel displays accepted.

*Poster, photography & artwork sizes cannot exceed 24" x 36" due to space limitations.

Artwork, photography items etc., that need to be hung, must have hanging hardware securely attached.

Makeshift hangers, such as string attached with tape, do not work well.

Class A – Animal Care & Veterinary Science

- Lot 1 – Depict your project about the care of an animal (livestock or pet; e.g., photo story)*
- Lot 2 – Any item made for an animal (e.g., tack box)
- Lot 3 – Any animal product (e.g., 6 clean eggs or a sheepskin vest)
- Lot 4 – Depiction of the parts of an animal, animal health, genetics and/or nutrition

Class B – Aquatic Life

- Lot 1 – Project concerning aquatic life (freshwater or marine)
- Lot 2 – Aquaculture/Aquaponics—Rearing aquatic animals and/or cultivating aquatic plants for food. Projects in this category should reflect work in this category.

Class C – Art & Craft—2-D & 3-D

- Lot 1 – Any original drawing or painting, suitable for hanging, any medium. Must be framed or matted properly on poster board appropriately sized for the work* (**Items must have hanging hardware attached**)
- Lot 2 – Any original sculpture
- Lot 3 – Any item hand-crafted by 4-Her including (but not limited to) the use of skills in: Candle/Soap Making, Decorative Painting/Tole Painting, Paper Mache, Basketry, Ceramics/Pottery, Jewelry Making, etc.

Class D – Building Models

- Lot 1 – *Kits*: Model built with store bought kit (lego, lincoln logs, k'nex) following kit instructions.
- Lot 2 – *Freestyle*: Model built using existing blocks to create your own design or masterpiece.

Class E – Citizenship, Community Service, & Leadership

- Lot 1 – A project in citizenship, community service or leadership

Class F – Computer Science

- Lot 1 – 2-D digital art appropriately framed or matted*
- Lot 2 – A 3-D printed object
- Lot 3 – A poster or display illustrating something the member learned related to computers (hardware, software coding, web design, etc.)*

Class G – Conservation, Ecology & Natural Resources

- Lot 1 – Mounted drawings or photos that tell a story illustrating conservation or ecological issues*
- Lot 2 – A labeled display or model showing conservation practices (e.g., recycling project, forestry, fisheries, water quality)*
- Lot 3 – Item made from something found in nature (e.g., log made into a birdhouse or bench)
- Lot 4 – A collection relating to forestry or forest conservation
 - *Beginner*: Collection of leaves, needles or twigs of at least 10 different species, labeled with common names
 - *Intermediate*: Collection of 10 seeds of tree species labeled with common names
 - *Advanced*: Collection of 4 disease, insect or animal damaged specimens

Class H – Energy

- Lot 1 – Demonstrate a type(s) of energy, such as solar, geothermal, nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, coal, fuel oil, renewable, etc.
- Lot 2 – A product, such as a lamp, built and properly wired by the member.
- Lot 3 – Research energy efficiency.

Class I – Engineering

- Lot 1 – A poster or display explaining how an existing process or product works.*
- Lot 2 – A poster or display illustrating a plan for a new process or product (or an improvement on an existing one) created by the member.*
- Lot 3 – A new product prototype (or an improvement on an existing product) built by the member or team of members. Include an explanation of the problem-solving process to create it.

Class J – Entomology

- Lot 1 – A poster or display of what has been done in an Entomology project over the current 4-H year (e.g., butterfly garden, bird diets)*
- Lot 2 – Specimen exhibit neatly mounted in a case protected by a see-through cover and labeled with specimen's name, date and location collected
 - *Beginner*: Minimum of 15 different mounted species labeled with common names

- *Intermediate*: Minimum of 25 different species from at least 5 different orders listed with common names
- *Advanced*: Minimum of 35 different species in at least 5 different orders listed with common and scientific names
- *Master*: Minimum of 45 different species in at least 7 orders with common and scientific names

Class K – Fiber Arts

- Lot 1 – Crocheted item
- Lot 2 – Knitted item
- Lot 3 – Macramé
- Lot 4 – Rug
- Lot 5 – Weaving
- Lot 6 – Spinning
- Lot 7 – Felted item

Class L – Flower Arrangements

- Lot 1 – Fresh flower arrangement displayed in a vase
- Lot 2 – Dried flower arrangement in an appropriate container

Class M – Food – (Perishable food items will be removed from the hall after judging. A photo will be taken of the items to display during the fair.) No refrigeration is available in the yurt. Plan your entry accordingly.

- Lot 1 – **Specific Food Item** – Any food item such as bread, bars or cookies made by the 4-H member. A recipe card (3x5 inches) must be included. Small food items should be displayed in threes.
- Lot 2 – **Menu Planning**
 - *Beginner* – Present a written menu that is nutritionally balanced.
 - *Advanced* – Meal Management: In addition to a nutritionally balanced menu, time management for meal preparation should be included (e.g. What time does chicken need to be started to be cooked in time for meal?). Recipes written on 3x5 inch cards for all food items should be included.

Class N – Food Preservation *Note: Low acid foods must be pressure canned.*

- Lot 1 – **Canned:**
 - *Beginner* – 1 jar of either vegetable, fruit, jam, jelly, pickles, or preserves
 - *Intermediate* – 3 jars, each different produce
 - *Advanced* – 5 jars, each different produce
- Lot 2 – **Dried:**
 - *Beginner* – 1 sample of dried fruit, vegetable, or meat (can be smoked)
 - *Intermediate* – 3 samples of dried food
 - *Advanced* – 5 samples of dried food

Class O – Games & Toys

- Lot 1 – A safe toy made by the 4-H member
- Lot 2 – An age-appropriate game made by the 4-H member. A note card should be attached including the age group for whom the toy or game is made, plus an explanation of how the item is to be used*

Class P – Geospatial/GIS/GPS

- Lot 1 – A poster, journal or illustration describing your geocaching or GPS adventure*
- Lot 2 – A map, report or chart created using GIS technology*

Class Q – Human Health & Nutrition

- Lot 1 – A project promoting health and wellness, such as nutrition, benefits of exercise, emotional health, sports health, etc.*
- Lot 2 – Project about first aid and/or emergency preparedness.

Class R – Mechanical Science

- Lot 1 – A poster*, or a 3-dimensional display of a part or entire mechanical system; labeled, with explanation of the item's function. (e.g., a car exhaust system, a starter, etc.)
- Lot 2 – A poster*, report (written or illustrated with photos, drawings, video), 3-dimensional display, or some combination depicting a piece of machinery or mechanical system that the member built, renovated, repaired, or is in the process of doing so. (e.g., a car exhaust system, a string trimmer, an entire tractor, etc.)

Class S – Metal Working

- Lot 1 – Any object made primarily from metal using a process such as metal machining, welding, forging, etc.

Class T – Music

- Lot 1 – Poster about a music project
- Lot 2 – An original song written by the 4-H member, presented as sheet music, with or without lyrics.**
- Lot 3 – An audio or video recording of a musical performance featuring the 4-H member. Submit on a DVD or portable USB drive using software that is playable in Microsoft Media Player (pc), iMovie, or iTunes (Mac). Equipment for showing the video will be provided at the yurt.**

***Project must include the name of the piece and credit the composer (even if it's an original piece that the 4-Her created themselves.)*

Class U – Photography/Video & Film

- Lot 1 – Photo: Entry may be black and white or color. Single photo of high quality, illustrating techniques of photography (rule of thirds, good lighting, special effects, etc.) sized up to 8x10 inch print or panorama. Photos must be mounted, matted or framed.*
- Lot 2 – Video/Film: An original animated or live-action short film or documentary. Film may be submitted for judging loaded on a DVD or portable USB drive using software that is viewable in Microsoft Media Player (pc) or iMovie (Mac). Equipment for showing the video will be provided at the yurt.

***All photos must be framed or mounted on mat or poster board and ready to hang** (must have hanging hardware attached). **The matting should complement the photo and be prepared by the 4-H member.**

Class V – Plant Science & Crops/Botany – *(Very perishable fruits & vegetables will be removed from the hall after judging. A photo will be taken of the items to display during the fair.)*

- Lot 1 – Displays of specific vegetables, crops or fruits:
 - Berries or grains – 1 pint
 - Small vine crops (e.g. beans or peas) – 10 specimens
 - Large vine crops (e.g. cucumbers, pumpkins or squash) – 1 specimen
 - Root crops (e.g. potatoes or carrots) – 3 specimens
 - Vegetables grown in heads (e.g. broccoli or cabbage) – 1 specimen
 - Other vegetables (e.g. corn, tomatoes, or peppers) – 3 specimens
 - Forage crops
- Lot 2 – Flower gardening and house plants—include a card with variety identified
 - Garden flowers
 - Potted house plants
 - Potted herbs
- Lot 3 – A poster or display about plant science or farming. *

Class W – Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle

- Lot 1 – An object created using mainly items that have had a previous purpose (e.g., a shelf made from old barn boards, a handbag from a feed bag)
- Lot 2 – A restored object, such as a small piece of furniture that has been repaired and/or refinished.

Class X – Rocketry

- Lot 1 – A model rocket or rocket design demonstrating operation, safety considerations, ignition or fuel systems
- Lot 2 – A space or airplane model

Class Y – Sewing & Needlecrafts – *(Articles of clothing should be brought with a hanger for display.)*

- Lot 1 – Any item sewn or quilted completely by the 4-H member
- Lot 2 – Any item embellished with embroidery, cross stitch, crewel or other needlecraft

Class Z – Wildlife Biology

- Lot 1 – A project about wildlife that you studied*
- Lot 2 – Casts of tracks you made
- Lot 3 – Items made for wildlife use (e.g., birdhouses or feeders)
- Lot 4 – A display of collected items, labeled*

Class ZA – Woodworking

- Lot 1 – Project built from wood
- Lot 2 – Carved project
- Lot 3 – Wood-burning project
- Lot 4 – Detailed woodworking plan*

Class ZB – Writing Sampler

- Lot 1 – Poetry
- Lot 2 – Journal
- Lot 3 – Short Story
- Lot 4 – Illustrated Story*
- Lot 5 – Script for theatrical production (play, film)

Class ZC – Creativity Unlimited—With Staff Approval

- Lot 1 – Exhibit made entirely by 4-Her during the current 4-H year that is not covered under another project category in these rules. **The project must have the approval of 4-H staff at Knox-Lincoln UMaine Extension.**

2023 4-H EXHIBITION HALL (YURT) UNION FAIR ENTRY FORM

Completed Entry Forms must be received in the office by **June 30, 2023**. Entry forms may be dropped off or mailed to:

UMaine Extension, Knox-Lincoln Office, 377 Manktown Rd., Waldoboro, ME 04572

Projects will be accepted at the 4-H Yurt on the Fairgrounds **Mon. July 24th** from **5-7pm** or **Tues. July 25th** from **5-7pm**.

Entries are open to all 4-H members aged 9-18 (age as of Dec. 31, 2022) in *Knox, Lincoln or Waldo Counties* who are currently enrolled in an approved 4-H Project. Please complete the entry form completely with specific **Project Class/Category** (e.g., Class J – Crafts), **Years in Project Category** (e.g., How many years in crafts?), **Lot #** and **Item Description** (e.g., Lot 1 – Goat’s milk soap) and **Level** (Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced).

Cloverbuds: 4-H members ages 5-8 (age as of Dec. 31, 2022) may submit entries on this form, for non-competitive display to the exhibition hall. (See individual Exhibit Rules for more information on Cloverbud participation)

NEW — Members may enter up to 12 exhibits total in ANY COMBINATION of project categories.

Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Club:** _____

Address: _____ **Town & Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **County:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

EXAMPLE: **Project Class/Category:** Class C – Art & Craft **Years in Project Category:** 1 yr
Lot # & Description: Lot 1 – Molded duck beeswax candle **Level:** **Beginner** Intermediate Advanced

1 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

2 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

3 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

4 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

5 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

6 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

7 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

8 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

9 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

10 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

11 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

12 Project Class/Category: _____ Years in Project Category: _____
 Lot # & Description: _____ Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

4-H GENERAL LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMAL RULES

(Rules change each year, so please read carefully)

In order to participate in the fair, health regulations of the State of Maine must be met by all animals. Please refer to the Livestock Rules in the [Premium Book section](#) of the Union Fair website for details.

The following rules apply to all 4-H animal shows and non-competitive Animal Demonstrations (e.g., Cloverbud Demonstrations). Also see specific rules relating to the show or demonstration in which you are participating.

- All entrants must submit a 4-H Working Steer, Small Domestic Animal & Pet, Rabbit & Cavy, or Horse Show entry form, along with a copy of proof of livestock insurance**, to UMaine Extension, Knox-Lincoln County Office at 377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro, ME 04572, **by June 30, 2023 (July 12, 2023 for the Horse Show only)**. Contact Pamela Doherty at the Knox-Lincoln Extension office for assistance or extra forms at 1-800-244-2104 or pamela.doherty@maine.edu. Entrants will be accepted on first come, first serve basis as space permits.
- To participate, entrants are expected to provide the following papers at check-in before the show:
 - *Approval Form for 4-H Animal Show** – This may be obtained from your Extension office or online <http://extension.umaine.edu/4h/forms>. The form submitted must be a double-sided, embossed official copy. **NOTE: Rabbits, cavies, poultry, and small pets (except dogs) NO NOT need to be listed on animal approval forms.** Members must follow all fair rules concerning the number of animals permitted in shows and will be required to present to fair officials any licenses, registration papers, or certificates of health required by fairs or the state of Maine.
 - *Registration papers** (if animal is registered)
 - *Lease Papers** (if animal is leased)
 - Health Records** (if available and as required where indicated)
 - Proof of Livestock Insurance** (send a copy with your entry) **NOTE:** Per the Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors: "When a 4-H'er leases an animal; both the person leasing the animal and the owner of the animal should belong to the ME Association of Livestock Exhibitors or have proof of other liability insurance. If anything happens and there is a claim, most likely the person in control (4-H'er) and the owner will be liable. This is something you may want to pass along as when fairs ask for proof of insurance, usually only the person showing the animal shows proof. However, it is advisable for the owner to be aware that they also should have coverage."
- In order to participate in county/state fairs, re-enrolling members must meet the **December 31, 2022** deadline, and new members need to be enrolled by **April 1, 2023**. See the county 4-H staff for additional details.
- "4-H Age" is defined as the age of the 4-H member as of December 31st of the current 4-H year (October – September). All ages listed below and listed in individual 4-H livestock show rules are 4-H ages:
 - 4-H exhibitors must be 4-H age 9 to 18 in order to show in any 4-H animal show.No intact males may be shown with the exception of ram lambs, rabbits, and cavies. Collars and/or halters are required for large animals. A lead line is permitted in the show ring. Poultry, rabbits, cavies, and other small domestic animals must be in appropriate carriers.
- 4-H youth are responsible for fitting their animals. Adults should not prepare member's animals for showing.
- 4-H members are allowed to assist other member's animals when an exhibitor is showing more than one animal in a class, or with 4-H novice exhibitors. Assistants must be at least 9 years old as of December 31st of the current 4-H year (October – September). Adults (other than judge and scribe) should refrain from entering the ring during the livestock shows.
- Leased animals will be permitted in the 4-H shows.
 - There may be only one 4-H member per leased animal with the exception of horse, for which two members are permitted to lease the same horse. Up to two members who are not in the same family are permitted to lease the same horse or more than two family members if they reside in the same household.
 - No more than 20 animals of each type may be leased by one 4-H'er. All leased animals should be listed on the lease form and the animal approval form.
 - 4-H members must fit the animal that they show.
 - It is expected that a 4-H member with a leased animal project will assist with the care, maintenance, and training of that animal. Documentation of this commitment should be noted in the youth's 4-H Project Record.
- All animals must be under the control of the 4-H member (or, for Cloverbud activities, an adult/experienced teen member) at all times. Use of a halter, collar, or lead line is acceptable for large animals. Poultry, rabbits, cavies, and other small domestic animals must be in appropriate carriers.

9. Health regulations of the State of Maine must be met by all animals **Please refer to the Livestock Rules in the [Premium Book section](#) of the Union Fair website for details.**

10. *From the Maine State 4-H Office:* 4-Hers attending 4-H horse events in 2023 must provide proof of current, annual vaccination for rabies as well as a current Coggins test done by a veterinarian. EVH-1 and Equine Influenza are also required, horse owners may, however, administer their own EVH-1 and Equine Influenza inoculations and a sales receipt will be sufficient evidence for proof of vaccination. EVH-1 and Equine Influenza are considered effective for six months. Plan the timing of your inoculations with your last event in mind. It is recommended (but optional) that your horse is current on EEE in consultation with your local practicing veterinarian. *Current EEE protection is required for participation in ESE events.*

11. Exhibitors should be neatly dressed in solid-colored pants and white shirts or blouses. Horse entrants should dress according to their show standards.

12. **Exhibitors must participate in the Fitting & Showmanship class to be eligible for premiums in other classes.**

13. All placements are based on the Danish System of Judging. Equal honorariums will be awarded for Cloverbud activities.

***Please refer to the Maine 4-H Policies, Procedures & Guidelines @ <http://umaine.edu/4h/volunteers/resources/policies-procedure-and-guidelines/> for complete details.**

EXPECTATIONS OF 4-H ANIMAL SHOW PARTICIPANTS

In keeping with the goals of learning life and project skills and exercising good character, 4-H members in any animal project are expected to follow these guidelines:

- The member must have worked with the animal enough to minimize disruption in the show ring. The member must be able to safely control his or her animal at all times.
- Members will treat their animals humanely and meet their needs for food, water, and shelter.
- The member is expected to have or be developing the knowledge and skills to fit the animal.
- The member is expected to personally fit their animals for each show entered. No adults are allowed to fit or care for the animals after arrival on the grounds.
- Members raising market animals must document all medications and adhere to all label and withdrawal time requirements.
- Members are expected to follow all requirements for dates of possession and completion of lease and animal approval forms.
- Proof of Rabies and other required animal vaccinations and/or testing must be dated appropriately (see the General Livestock Rules) prior to the livestock show or Cloverbud demonstration.
- Members will be respectful at all times.
- Members, volunteers, and parents must exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.

4-H HORSE SHOW

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 9:00 am

1. Entries are open to all 4-H members, 4-H ages 9-18, in the State of Maine who are enrolled in a 4-H Horse Project. See 4-H General Livestock and Other Rules for additional requirements.
2. A negative Coggins Test dated 7/27/20 or later, Rabies Test, EHV-1 and Equine Influenza Vaccinations, Animal Approval & Lease Forms and copy of proof of livestock insurance must be mailed with the entry form. You will be required to provide all of these papers at check-in before the show.
3. Exhibitors must check in with show officials at 8:00 am on the day of the show.
4. No Stallions allowed.
5. ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required of all riders.
6. Courses for classes will be posted at the secretary's booth prior to the start of the show.
7. There will be a maximum of five minutes hold for clothing and tack changes. You must notify the secretary's booth if you want a hold.
8. Trophies will be awarded to top placers in the following classes: Senior Fitting & Showmanship and Junior Fitting & Showmanship.
9. Premiums for Horse Fitting & Showmanship classes are: First - \$13, Second - \$11, and Third - \$9.00. Premiums for all other classes (except for games) are: First - \$12, Second - \$11, Third - \$10. All placements are based on the Danish System of Judging.
10. Age groupings are as follows: Seniors (ages 14-18), Juniors (ages 9-13)
11. Exhibitors must participate in the Fitting & Showmanship class to be eligible for premiums in other classes.

Class Z	Lot 1: Senior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 14-18)
	Lot 2: Junior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 9-13)
Class A	Lot 1: Judging Open Halter (required for all participants)
Class B	Lot 1: Walk-Trot Trail Class
Class C	Lot 1: Open Trail
Class D	Lot 1: Walk-Trot Equitation
Class E	Lot 1: Senior Stock Seat Equitation
	Lot 2: Junior Stock Seat Equitation
Class F	Lot 1: Senior Western Pleasure
	Lot 2: Junior Western Pleasure
Class G	Lot 1: Walk Trot Western Pattern
Class H	Lot 1: Western Pattern Class
Class I	Lot 1: Walk-Trot Pleasure
Class J	Lot 1: Senior English Equitation
	Lot 2: Junior English Equitation
Class K	Lot 1: Senior English Pleasure
	Lot 2: Junior English Pleasure
Class L	Lot 1: Walk Trot English Pattern
Class M	Lot 1: English Pattern Class

4-H RABBIT & NEW! CAVY SHOW

Thursday, July 27, 2023 – 9:00 am

1. Entries are open to all 4-H members, 4-H ages 9-18, in the State of Maine who are enrolled in a 4-H Rabbit or Cavy Project. See 4-H General Livestock and Other Rules for additional requirements.
2. Exhibitors are limited to any combination of **8** rabbits or cavies total (not 8 of each).
3. Rabbits and cavies must be caged and participants checked in by 8:30 am on the day of the show. Participants must supply their own cage and food. Water is available.
4. Please do not bring your animal if it has a runny nose.
5. Rabies vaccination is NOT required for rabbits or cavies. Neither rabbits nor cavies need to be listed on animal approval forms.
6. Premiums are: First – \$8, Second – \$7, Third – \$6

RABBITS

- Class Z** **Lot 1:** Senior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 14-18)
 Lot 2: Junior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 9-13)
 Lot 3: Novice Fitting & Showmanship (any youth showing for the first time)
- Class A** **Lot 1:** Doe Breed
 Lot 2: Buck Breed
 Lot 3: Fleece Breed
 Lot 4: Fur Breed
 Lot 5: Market Rabbit
 Lot 6: Pen of three; family of Doe, Buck, and Bunny – judged for genetic characteristics

CAVIES

- Class Z** **Lot 1:** Senior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 14-18)
 Lot 2: Junior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 9-13)
 Lot 3: Novice Fitting & Showmanship (any youth showing for the first time)
- Class A** **Lot 1:** Sow Breed; Senior, Intermediate, Junior
 Lot 2: Boar Breed; Senior, Intermediate, Junior
 Lot 3: Pen of three; family of Sow, Boar, and Pup – judged for genetic characteristics

4-H SMALL DOMESTIC ANIMAL & PET SHOW

Thursday, July 27, 2023 – 4:00 pm

1. Open to all 4-H members, 4-H ages 9-18, in the State of Maine who are enrolled in 4-H. Rules listed under 4-H General Livestock and Other Animal Rules apply.
2. Participants must check in with their pets at 3:30 pm on the day of the show.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class. Exhibitors must be able to handle/control their animals to the satisfaction of the show supervisor, judge, or Extension staff. Any exhibitor who cannot control their animal may be disqualified.
4. Exhibitors must be able to answer the judge's questions regarding the general care and health of the animal.
5. Cats and dogs must have proof of vaccination for rabies. Any other state and local license requirements must be met. Rabies vaccination is NOT required for Rabbits or Cavies. Poultry must have been pullorum tested.
6. Premiums for both classes are: First – \$8; Second – \$7; Third – \$6. One trophy for each Fitting & Showmanship class will be awarded.

- Class Z** **Lot 1:** Senior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 12-18)
 Lot 2: Junior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 9-11)
 Lot 3: Novice Fitting & Showmanship (any youth showing for the first time)

Demonstration – 4-H youth demonstrate care and knowledge of their pet, or the learned skills of their trained pet.

- Class A** **Lot 1:** Senior Demonstration (12-18)
 Lot 2: Junior Demonstration (9-11)
 Lot 3: Novice Demonstration (any youth showing for the first time)

Animals may be exhibited in the following categories:

- Birds, Poultry
- Amphibians
- Rabbits, Cavies, Gerbils, Hamsters, Rats, Mice, etc.
- Non-stinging & non-venomous insects & arachnids
- Reptiles (No venomous or endangered species)
- Fish
- Cat
- Dog

4-H WORKING STEER

Saturday, July 29, 2023 – 8:30 am

1. Entries are open to all 4-H members, 4-H ages 9-18, in the State of Maine who are enrolled in a 4-H Working Steer Project. See 4-H General Livestock and Other Rules for additional requirements.
2. Exhibitors may have only one entry or pair per class.
3. If more than 5 pairs of one breed are in the Matched Class, breeds will be shown separately at the judge's discretion.
4. Exhibitors must check in with show officials at 8:00 am on the day of the show.
5. Premiums for Fitting and Showmanship are: First – \$21, Second – \$17, Third – \$13. Premiums for all other classes are: First – \$15, Second – \$11, and Third – \$9.

Class Z	Lot 1: Senior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 14-18)
	Lot 2: Junior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 9-13)
Class A	Lot 1: Senior Working Class (ages 14-18)
	Lot 2: Junior Working Class (ages 9-13)
Class B	Lot 1: Matched Class Calves
	Lot 2: Matched Class Yearling Steers
	Lot 3: Matched Class 2-year-old Steers
	Lot 4: Matched Class 3-year-old and older Steers

4-H CLOVERBUD DEMONSTRATIONS

Sunday, July 30, 2023 – 12:00 pm

Cloverbud 4-H members (4-H age 5-8 years) may participate in a non-competitive **animal or non-animal** “demonstration show” in the Livestock Show Ring. Please contact the Extension Office to sign up for demonstrations by **July 15, 2023**.

1. Entries are open to all 4-H members, 4-H ages 5-8, in the State of Maine. See 4-H General Livestock and Other Rules for additional requirements.
2. Participants must check in at 8:30 am on the day of the show. Participants with animals must supply their own cage, carrier or halter.
3. Please do not bring a rabbit or cavy if it has a runny nose.
4. Exhibitors should be able to answer the judge's questions regarding the general care and health of the animal.
5. Cats and dogs must have proof of vaccination for rabies. Any other state and local license requirements must be met. Rabies vaccination is NOT required for Rabbits or Cavies. Poultry must have been pullorum tested (<https://extension.umaine.edu/veterinarylab/additional-resources/independent-poultry-testers/>).

Animal Demonstrations: Cloverbud animal demonstrations may be done with a rabbit, cavy, dog, poultry, kid goat, non-market lamb, piglet, or small calf. One-on-one supervision by an adult or older teen with at least 3 years of experience maintaining primary control of the animal is required. Older 4-H members or adults will interview the younger children while they are demonstrating.

All animal and non-animal demonstrations must be approved by 4-H staff prior to the fair. Please contact the Extension Office to sign up for demonstrations by **July 15, 2023**. Children who participate in a Cloverbud demonstration will receive a participant ribbon along with a \$5.00 honorarium.

4-H ANIMAL SHOW ENTRY FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- Please print legibly and clearly.
- Make sure your mailing address is complete. Premium checks cannot be sent to you otherwise.
- Remember to bring all appropriate papers for your animals (*e.g.*, Coggins, Rabies, Pullorum, etc.) and embossed copies of your animal approval and lease forms. These papers and proof of livestock insurance need to be available for possible Fair and State inspection at any Maine 4-H show you may participate in. These should be part of your animal's project record.
- From the Maine State 4-H Office: 4-hers attending 4-H horse events in 2023 must provide proof of current, annual vaccination for rabies as well as a current Coggins test done by a veterinarian. EVH-1 and Equine Influenza are also required, horse owners may however administer their own EVH-1 and Equine Influenza inoculations and a sales receipt will be sufficient evidence for proof of vaccination. EVH-1 and Equine Influenza are considered effective for six months. Plan the timing of your inoculations with your last event in mind. It is recommended (but optional) that your horse is current on EEE in consultation with your local practicing veterinarian. *Current EEE protection will be required for participation in ESE events.*
- **Rabbits, cavies, poultry, and small pets (except for dogs) DO NOT need to be listed on an animal approval forms.** Members must follow all fair rules and will be required to present to fair officials any licenses, registration papers or certificates of health required by fairs or the State of Maine.

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