

FAIR INFORMATION FOR CLOVERBUDS

To show at the Marion County fair, Cloverbuds need to enroll in 4-H. This allows the administrative information to be recorded prior to the fair. Cloverbuds do NOT pay a membership fee to participate in 4-H.

- All exhibits you show at the fair must be completed by you in the current school year. A project can only be exhibited at the Marion County Fair one time.
- All Cloverbuds receive a Cloverbud ribbon for all exhibiting Cloverbud projects and conference judging.
- All Cloverbuds must read (or have someone read for you) all the exhibit rules and requirements for your projects.
- Pre-printed [exhibit tags](#) must be attached prior to the projects being brought to the fair. You may print off and copy as many tags as you will need for all your projects. Put an exhibit tag on all your projects that you bring to the fair. When possible, attach the exhibit tag to the lower right-hand corner of your project. You may tape it, punch a hole in it and tie it on with string, or use a safety pin to attach it. Make sure the exhibit tag is visible. Do not put it on the bottom or back of a project. If your project is a **SET OF ARTICLES** attach **ONE exhibit tag** to each item and indicate how many items there are in the set. For example, if you are exhibiting ceramic salt and pepper shakers, put an exhibit tag on each and mark the first one "1 of 2" and the second one "2 of 2." It helps us know what items are in the set and go together. It also helps to have items all secured together. Knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and other easily-soiled projects are best exhibited in clear plastic bags which can be opened for viewing by the judge or volunteers.

PROJECT CHECK-IN

See the e-mail, newsletter, or website for project check-in dates and times. You can also ask your 4-H Club leader. Cloverbud Projects are checked in at the 4-H Building at the Marion County Fairgrounds (located at 7300 East Troy Avenue (off Southeastern)) on check-in day. Cloverbuds will have a special door to bring their items for check-in.

Please note: the Marion County 4-H Fair Association will not be responsible for articles stolen or damaged while on display. We make every effort and take precautions to ensure the safety of your exhibits.

The Marion County Fair Board and Purdue Extension Marion County reserves the right to refuse the entry of 4-H projects that are considered inappropriate for public display or are objectionable.

PROJECT CHECK-OUT

See the e-mail, newsletter, or website for project check-out information dates and times. You can also ask your 4-H Club leader. Projects may not be checked out early. If you are unable to drop off and/or pick up projects at the given time, check with your club leader or another 4-H family to make arrangements for getting your projects to and from the fair.

OTHER CLOVERBUD OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO THE FAIR

- **Fashion Revue-** Cloverbuds who have made a wearable art or sewing item, or have completed a consumer clothing project may model in the fashion revue. See email, newsletter, or website for information about dates, times and locations. The fashion revue is held in two parts. The Private Revue is where judging will take place. Although cloverbuds are not judged, they still need to attend the Private Revue. This will give them a chance to practice modeling, get feedback from the judge that is judging the older 4-H'ers, and be added to the Public Revue script. The Public Revue is generally held at the fairgrounds, this is a chance for friends and family to see the cloverbud modeling their outfit. At the public revue the cloverbud will also receive their participation ribbon.
- **Foods Open Judging-** Any cloverbud who completes a foods project may bring it to open judging. This is generally held the week before fair check in at the County Extension office, Please see email, newsletter, or website for exact date, times, and location. Cloverbuds are not required to participate in open judging and may choose to take foods project directly to the fair instead. This can be very beneficial, especially to those who are in their last year of cloverbuds. At the open judging they will have a chance to speak with the judge that is judging the older 4-H'ers projects and get feedback about their project. Cloverbuds will still receive participation ribbons regardless of whether they participate in open judging.

- **Public Speaking and Demonstration Contest-** Public speaking and demonstration contest give 4-H'ers a chance to get comfortable speaking in front of groups of people and share their knowledge with the public. Since cloverbuds are younger and can sometimes be shy, they are not expected to write a speech or prepare a demonstration (but they are also not prohibited from doing so, as long as they are comfortable with what they are doing). Cloverbuds are encouraged to get up and say the 4-H pledge. Cloverbuds are not judged, but may be given feedback by the judge that will be present for the older 4-H'ers, and will receive a participation ribbon. Please refer to email, newsletter, or website for information about signing up for the contest, dates, times, and location.
- **Closing Ceremonies-** Cloverbuds are invited to attend the closing ceremonies and award program at the fair. Please see email, newsletter, or website for date and time. The closing ceremonies recognizes special awards, 10 year members, and graduating seniors in 4-H. This is a great chance for cloverbuds to see what they can look forward to as they advance through the 4-H program. Also there are usually door prizes for 4-H'er in attendance and free ice cream.
- **Building Host-** This is more of an opportunity for the family. The fair depends on volunteer support. Each township is asked to cover a certain day of the fair as building host. Parents are encouraged to sign up as a building host, and you are not limited to the day assigned to your township. Generally there is an activity or craft going on in each building that also needs people to sign up to help with. This would be a great chance for you and your cloverbud to help out at the fair and share your excitement about 4-H with the community. Cloverbuds cannot sign up to be a host, but can help out a parent that is signed up. Please see email, newsletter, or website for information about signing up as a building host.