

## Loudoun County Fair 2024 4-H Club and County Exhibitor Requirements

### **All Exhibitors**

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in their respective Loudoun County 4-H clubs via 4-H Online by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - Exhibitors must complete 1 County Level Fair Qualifier Activity prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair year. Please visit <http://loudoun4h.weebly.com/county-level-fair-qualifier-activities.html> to see the official list of Fair Qualifier Activities.
  - Exhibitors of all animal projects must submit an online Animal Project Declaration form prior to the form's listed deadlines. The online form(s) can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/4-HDeclaration24>.
    - a. **NOTE:** 4-H members whose project animals are housed somewhere ***other than their home address*** must also have the housing location's farmer/caretaker complete the supplementary form found here: <https://tinyurl.com/4-HFarmerDeclaration24>.
  - Exhibitors who are planning to **auction animals at the Fair** must attend a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification workshop prior to the start of the Fair. If the YQCA workshop attended was not held in Loudoun County, 4-H members must present their completion certificate to 4-H Extension Staff.
  - Each exhibitor showing at the Fair **AND** one of their parents will be required to attend a pre-Fair cleanup meeting with the Fair Superintendent and Fair Staff. This meeting is to perform cleanup activities, review policies, rules and expectations of youth and adults during Fair week. If a family does not comply with this rule, the exhibitor will not be permitted to exhibit or show at the Fair. If the exhibitor is over 18, their parent is not required to be at the meeting.
  - 4-H members must complete a project book for each club they are enrolled and active in. Completed project books must be turned in to the Extension Office **by 5:00pm on Friday, October 4, 2024** and **must** receive a 75% minimum score (red ribbon) in order to show at *the following year's Fair*. Even if the 4-Her does not show at the current Fair, a project book must still be submitted in order to qualify to show that species the following year.
    - a. Members are considered active if they are officially enrolled in a club and have attended at least 3 of that club's meetings between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.
  - Cloverbuds must complete the above requirements, with the exception of the project book.
1. All exhibitors are responsible for compliance with the Loudoun County Fair Rules and all club and county requirements specified for their projects.
  2. Exhibitors must abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and IAFE Code of Ethics ([IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics \(adga.org\)](#)) at all times. **Poor sportsmanship can result in forfeiture of all premiums and/or awards.**

3. Exhibitors are required to keep their exhibit area, pen, aisles in barns and areas around the barns clean and neat at all times. They are responsible for cleaning their own pens and feeding/watering their own animals, with minimal assistance from immediate family.
4. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their exhibit area and feeding and watering their animals by 8:30am each morning. Evening feeding and watering times will be established by the club leaders.
5. Exhibitors are required to be present and to take care of each of their project animals during Fair week. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a \$300 fine. Such exhibitor will not be permitted to show in subsequent Fairs until the fine is paid in full. Exceptions to this rule will be considered on an individual basis. A written request for exception must be submitted to the Agriculture Superintendent ([agsuperintendent@loudouncountyfair.com](mailto:agsuperintendent@loudouncountyfair.com)) and Fair Superintendent ([superintendent@loudouncountyfair.com](mailto:superintendent@loudouncountyfair.com)) at least 14 days prior to the start of the Fair. The Agriculture Superintendent will notify the requester and his/her club leader(s) in writing of the decision rendered.
6. Protective footwear must be worn at all times. Open-toed and/or open-heeled shoes are not allowed. All exhibitors must dress appropriately while showing their projects at the Fair. Clean clothing, with no holes or writing, must be worn. All shirts should be tucked in and have a collar. Club shirts are also permitted. Leather shoes or boots are highly recommended and no hats or chewing gum are allowed in the show ring.

### **Alpaca & Llama Club**

1. Exhibitors must attend at least 50% of club meetings from October to July of the current 4-H year. For a member's attendance to count, the member must sign in and be present within 10 minutes of the start of the meeting. If there are verifiable extenuating circumstances (traffic delays, etc.) club leaders can waive this rule.
2. Exhibitors are required to participate in at least 1 Alpaca & Llama Club fundraiser and/or sponsorship goals during the club year.
3. Exhibitors are required to participate in at least 1 community service activity during the club year.
4. Exhibitors must attend a minimum of 10 farm visits/work sessions and have the farmer sign off on the number of visits/work session attended. All farm visits/work sessions must be completed prior to the start of the Fair.
5. Exhibitors must participate in at least one of the following: (1) a solo project and presentation about an alpaca/llama related topic (i.e. anatomy, fiber), (2) a group project and presentation about an alpaca/llama related topic (i.e. anatomy, fiber), or (3) a young entrepreneur project.
6. Exhibitors must have their project book 70% done and approved by a club leader prior to the start of the Fair.
7. Exhibitors are expected to participate and aid the Alpaca & Llama Club during the Fair and adhere to assigned schedules. This includes helping with Fair and club activities, working the ice cream shack, working in the barn, monitoring alpaca and llamas' health during assigned stall duty, cleaning stalls & refreshing feed during their shift, greeting

the public and answering their questions, and participating in and leading scheduled educational presentations and demonstrations.

8. Parents are encouraged to participate and help their children as much as they can throughout the Fair week (i.e. ice cream shack, gate duty, and alpaca/llama stall duty) and during pre and post Fair clean-ups.

### **Beef Club**

1. All exhibitors must attend 50% of the club meetings from October through July of the current 4-H year. If a club member is more than 10 minutes late for a meeting, the member will not be counted as present.
2. All exhibitors must participate in at least 1 community service activity by July 1. Club leaders will outline requirements.
3. All exhibitors must participate in at least 1 fundraising activity by July 1. Club leaders will outline the requirements. In lieu of the required fundraiser, an exhibitor may acquire a club sponsor for the Fair.
4. Project books must be 70% complete in order to show at the Fair. They will be checked at the July meeting by a club leader.
5. During Fair week, all exhibitors are required to work a Beef Club ice cream shack shift and assist with the Beef Club dinner. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of premiums.
6. Parents of exhibitors are strongly encouraged to assist with clean up after the Beef Club dinner.
7. All beef exhibitors selling market animals are expected to assist with preparation and clean-up of the show pavilion and beef barn before and after the livestock auction.
8. At the conclusion of the Fair, all exhibitors must participate in the Fair clean up in order to receive their premiums.

### **Canterlopes Horse Club**

1. Exhibitors must be positive representatives of the club at all times while on the fairgrounds.
2. In order to show in the Gambler's Choice Mounted competition, all exhibitors must:
  - a. Meet the horse declaration deadline put forth by the State Show Committee
  - b. Attend at least 3 meetings between Jan. 1 and the County Fair
  - c. Meet General Fair & Extension qualifications, including submitting the Animal Project Declaration
  - d. Help with Gambler's Choice setup and/or help with the Gambler's Choice competition the day of the event
3. In order to show in the Gambler's Choice "Stick Horse" (unmounted) competition, all exhibitors must:
  - a. Attend at least 3 meetings between Jan. 1 and the County Fair
  - b. Meet General Fair & Extension qualifications, excluding the project book requirement
  - c. Help with Gambler's Choice setup and/or help with the Gambler's Choice competition the day of the event

### **Dairy Club**

1. Exhibitors must attend at least 50% of club meetings between December and July of the current 4-H year.
2. Exhibitors are required to participate in at least 1 club fundraiser or 1 community service activity during the club year.
3. Exhibitors must sign up for the required number of cow duty shifts prior to the start of the Fair.
4. All exhibitors are required to work a Dairy Club ice cream shack shift as needed and assist with the Dairy Club dinner.
5. A parent or guardian must be present at the cow duty shift of any exhibitor under the age of eighteen. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate and help their children as much as they can throughout the Fair week (i.e. ice cream shack duty, club dinner, gate duty and cow duty).
6. Exhibitors must arrive each morning at the designated time to clean and care for their animals.
7. Exhibitors are required to interact with the public, monitor cows during their assigned cow duty and clean up after the cows during their shift.

### **Poultry Club**

1. Exhibitors must attend 50% of club meetings from October to July of the current 4-H year.
2. Exhibitors must participate in 1 community service project by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to show at the Fair.
3. Exhibitors must participate in 1 fundraising event for the Poultry Club in order to show at the Fair.
4. Exhibitors are expected to volunteer for (and perform) an equal share of work during the Fair to aid the 4-H Poultry Club. This includes:
  - Club and Fair activities such as working the ice cream shack or any fundraising activities
  - Working the barn by greeting the public, monitoring poultry and answering questions
  - Participating in Poultry Club demonstrations
5. All exhibitors and at least 1 parent from each family are expected to volunteer for the chicken dinner. Duties include: food preparation, supply/food purchasing, serving, selling tickets, cooking and clean up. Failure to meet these expectations will result in a loss of premiums.

### **Rabbit & Cavy Club**

1. Exhibitors must attend at least 50% of club meetings or clinics since the time of enrollment.
2. Exhibitors must participate in 2 club or county-sponsored community service activities and 1 club-sponsored fundraiser.

3. Exhibitors are required to participate and aid the Rabbit & Cavy Club each day during the Fair. This includes Fair and club activities, such as working the Ice Cream Shack, gate duty, cleaning in the barn area, greeting the public and answering their questions, monitoring rabbits' health, and participating in educational presentations.
4. Exhibitors must help with the required fairgrounds clean up before and after the Fair or make approved arrangements with the Fair Superintendent for a special exception.

### **Sheep & Goat Club**

1. Exhibitors must be active club members in good standing.
2. Exhibitors must attend at least 50% of club meetings from October to July of the current 4-H year. In order for a meeting to count, the member must sign in and be present within 10 minutes of the start of the meeting. Arrival after 10 minutes from the start of the meeting will not count and the member will not be allowed to sign in.
3. All senior exhibitors (age 16+) are required to give an oral presentation at a club business meeting.
4. Exhibitors are required to participate in at least 1 Sheep & Goat Club fundraiser and 1 club-sponsored community service activity during the club year. These events will be announced at the December meeting. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of all Sheep & Goat Club premiums and prize awards.
5. Each exhibitor must secure 1 sponsorship by the second Fair clean up.
6. Project books must be up to date (75% complete) and checked before you bring an animal to the Fair. Project books will be checked and signed on the goals page at the regularly scheduled July club meeting. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure it is 75% complete by the time of signing. The front page of the project book will be signed at the September club meeting.
7. Exhibitors must be at the Fair at least once in the morning and once in the evening to care for their animals. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of any prizes or premiums awarded by the club or the member's show eligibility for the next Fair year. Consequences will be handled by the Agriculture Superintendent and the club leaders. Exhibitors are encouraged to stay at the Fair as much as possible during the week to look after their animals and participate in club and Fair activities.
8. All exhibitors are required to work a Sheep & Goat Club ice cream shack shift. Penalty for failing to do so may result in forfeiture of all sheep & goat premiums. If a Sheep & Goat Club member cannot help with ice cream shack due to scheduling conflicts or health reasons they must complete an alternative assignment assigned by the club leader. It is strongly encouraged that these members seek out a Sheep & Goat Club leader for their alternative assignment early in the Fair week.
9. All exhibitors are required to help keep the sheep and goat areas clean. This includes the aisles in front of the sheep and goat pens in the green barn and the area in the vicinity of the entrance/exit to the show ring. Additionally, members will need to make sure the scales and area around them are cleaned in the Swine Barn after weigh-in.
10. Exhibitors intending to sell at the LCF Livestock Auction must compose a minimum of 5 buyer letters for prospective buyers. A list of addresses and a copy of the letter must be given to the club leader(s) at one of the pre-Fair clean ups. Exhibitors who fail to provide

their letters will forfeit their right to sell a goat and/or sheep at the LCF Livestock Auction.

11. Exhibitors are required to hand copies of auction thank you letters addressed to their buyers to club leaders by the post Fair clean up. Failure to fulfill this requirement may result in forfeiture of all Sheep & Goat Club premiums and/or prizes.
12. Exhibitors are required to sign thank you cards to the club's sponsors for their support. Failure to attend or make arrangements with the leader(s) to sign these cards may result in the forfeiture of all Sheep & Goat Club premiums and/or prizes.

### **Sprout Horse Club**

1. Exhibitors must be positive representatives of the club at all times while on the fairgrounds.
2. In order to show, all exhibitors must:
  - a. Meet the horse declaration deadline
  - b. Attend at least 3 meetings between Jan. 1 and the County Fair
  - c. Have 2 club points
  - d. Meet general Fair & Extension qualifications

### **Swine Club**

1. Exhibitors must attend 50% of the Swine Club meetings throughout the current 4-H year. If a member is more than 10 minutes late to a monthly meeting that meeting will not count.
2. Each Swine Club member will be required to participate in at least 1 fundraiser during the year.
3. All exhibitors must participate in at least 1 community service activity by July 1. Club leaders will outline requirements.
4. Each exhibitor must obtain at least 1 sponsorship.
5. Project books must be 70% complete prior to the July meeting before the Fair.
6. Exhibitors must participate in ice cream shack duty during the Fair.
7. Every exhibitor must help with the BBQ dinner. If the aforementioned duties are not fulfilled, the exhibitor will forfeit premiums.

### **Temple Hall Club**

1. Exhibitors must attend 50% of club meetings between October and the Fair of the current 4-H year. In order for a meeting to count, the member must sign in and be present within 10 minutes of the start of a meeting.
2. Exhibitors must have the project book pages listed under "Project Work" done and approved by a club leader prior to the start of the Fair. The project goals page must be complete by the January club meeting.
3. Exhibitors must complete 8 farm work sessions.
4. Exhibitors must complete 8 project animal work sessions with their show sheep prior to the Fair. You must get farmer permission for any overlap between a farm work session and a project animal work session (limited to two).

5. Exhibitors must have given a solo or small group presentation to the club prior to the Fair.
6. Exhibitors must meet the fundraising goal set up and voted on by club members.
7. Exhibitors must participate in at least 1 club community service activity.
8. Exhibitors must complete project work and service activities as specified below:
  - Project Work
    - Complete all total (sheep and non-sheep) work sessions at host farm
    - Complete the following sections in the Project Book by the last Fair Clean-up date and obtain a leader signature:
      - Project Planning and Goal Setting
      - Animal Care and Management
      - Farm Work Session Learning (October – June)
      - Sheep Information (with current work dates)
      - Feed Tag Information
      - 1 PAR
  - Service
    - Work a shift in the ice cream shack at Fair

**4-H Extension Staff reserve the right to interpret all requirements and rules to resolve situations which may arise and are not restricted by the lack of a requirement or rule. They have the right to amend requirements and rules at any time.**

