

4-H DEPARTMENT

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Location: Memorial Hall

Date	Time	Description	Location
Monday, July 20	4:00PM - 7:00PM	Entry Check-In (<i>See G in Rules</i>)	Memorial Hall
Thursday, July 23	8:30AM - 11:00AM	Entry Check-In (<i>See H in Rules</i>)	Memorial Hall
Thursday, July 23	6:30PM	4-H LifeSmarts Contest	Memorial Hall
Friday, July 24	9:00AM	4-H Poultry Judging	Memorial Hall
Friday, July 24	11:00AM	4-H Lawn Tractor Driving Contest	Quillen Arena
Friday, July 24	6:30PM	4-H Talent Show	Memorial Hall
Saturday, July 25	1:00PM	4-H Skill-A-Thon Contests	Memorial Hall
Sunday, July 26	2:00PM	4-H Public Speaking	Memorial Hall
Monday, July 27	9:00AM	4-H Livestock Judging	Kent Building
Monday, July 27	10:00AM	State 4-H Archery Contest	Thurman Adams Paddock
Tuesday, July 28	9:00AM	4-H Dairy Judging	Quillen Arena
Wednesday, July 29	9:00AM	4-H Horse Judging	Quillen Arena
Wednesday, July 29	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Entry Check-In (<i>See I in Rules</i>)	Memorial Hall
Wednesday, July 29	10:00AM	General and Plant & Environmental Science 4-H Demonstrations	Memorial Hall
Wednesday, July 29	11:00AM	4-H Tractor Driving Contest	Quillen Arena
Thursday, July 30	10:00AM	Family & Consumer Science 4-H Demonstrations	Memorial Hall
Friday, July 31	9:00AM	State 4-H Horse & Pony Show	Quillen Arena
Friday, July 31	10:00AM	Animal Science 4-H Demonstrations	Memorial Hall
Saturday, August 1	1:00PM	4-H State Avian Bowl Contest	Memorial Hall
Saturday, August 1	5:00PM	4-H Awards Ceremony	Quillen Arena
Sunday, August 2	8:00AM - 12:00PM	Entry Pick-Up	Memorial Hall

Department Rules and Regulations:

- A. Entries can only be made online via the Delaware State Fair's website beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2026 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2026.
- B. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair Board of Directors based on funding sources.
- C. In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair. All 4-H activities use January 1st in determining age. Young people must be age 8 and older for all competitive events.
- D. All youth enrolled in the Delaware 4-H program are eligible to exhibit articles made as a part of project or activity work and participate in demonstrations, judging programs and other 4-H competitions outlined in this department of the Fair. Following established 4-H enrollment guidelines, a 4-H online enrollment must be completed via 4-H Online for the current 4-H year.
- E. The Danish awards judging system will be used on all individual exhibits entered, except Section A, Section E (Class 95), Section I (Classes 154 & 155 only), Section O (Class 210), Section Q (Class 212), and Sections V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, and BB. All exhibits meeting the standards for first award will receive a blue ribbon and a cash prize. Exhibits receiving other placements will be given ribbons only.
- F. The building will be open between the hours of 9:00AM and 9:00PM daily during the Fair, **except for Saturday, July 25** when the building opens at 12 noon.
- G. Entries in the following exhibit areas must be delivered to the Fairgrounds between **4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Monday, July 20**
 - 1. Cloverbud
 - 2. Textile & Clothing
 - 3. Canning/Drying
 - 4. Computers
 - 5. Arts, Crafts & Needlework
 - 6. Floriculture
 - 7. Photography
 - 8. Conservation & Natural Resources
 - 9. Electric
 - 10. Entomology/Beekeeping
 - 11. Field Crops
 - 12. Woodworking
 - 13. Science
 - 14. Other 4-H Projects
 - 15. Place Setting Contest
- H. The following exhibit areas must be delivered to the Fairgrounds between **8:30AM- 11:00AM, Thursday, July 23.**
 - 1. Food
 - 2. Indoor and Outdoor Gardening
 - 3. Vegetables
 - 4. Cloverbud (Class 2 if live plant or vegetable and Class 8)
- I. The following exhibit areas must be delivered to the Fairgrounds between **10:00 AM- 12:00 NOON, Wednesday, July 29.**
 - a. Cut Flowers
- J. Each 4-H'er must use the Delaware State Fair website to enter their exhibit on-line when entering Exhibits, Demonstrations Events, Judging Contests, Consumer Bowl, Avian Bowl, Public Speaking, Tractor Driving, Lawn Tractor Driving, and Archery. Entry deadline is June 1, 2026. Completed entry tags

will be provided to the exhibitor to attach to exhibits. Please make sure your entry tag is **ATTACHED TO YOUR EXHIBIT** before entering the Fairground.

- K. 4-Hers—**age 5 to 7, Cloverbuds**, are eligible to enter **Section A ONLY**.
- L. **All articles exhibited must be made or grown by the 4-H member since last year's Fair.**
- M. A youth pass will be given to all 4-H Department exhibitors based on established guidelines list. In order for a **4-H youth exhibitor to receive a free exhibitor pass** for entry into the Delaware State Fair, they **must meet one** of the following levels in the 4-H Department:
 - a. **Enter five (5) exhibits in the 4-H Department**
 - b. **Participate in two (2) 4-H competitions that occur during the state fair**
 - c. **Participate in one (1) 4-H competition that occurs during the state fair AND enter three (3) exhibits in the 4-H Department**
 - d. **Exhibit one or more entries as a Cloverbud Exhibitor in the 4-H Department**
- N. No awards will be made for exhibits which do not meet minimum standards.
- O. Exhibitors may make only one entry in each class.
- P. No item should be entered by a 4-H member that cannot be displayed "as is" out on the display floor.
- Q. No premium will be awarded if an exhibit is not displayed.
- R. **Every article exhibited should be labeled with name, 4-H county, age, year in project, club and class, in addition to the entry tag, to eliminate errors and lost articles. Please attach in such a way that it is not noticeable.**
- S. Only exhibits designated in the premium book to be entered using the UD Dropbox can be submitted in that manner. These include Section D (Classes 56, 63, 64 and 65) and Section H (Classes 138 to 140).
- T. Any exhibit included **in a frame or on art canvas should include a hanger, wire or hooks for hanging**. Hangers are not necessary for exhibits on poster board or mat board.
- U. If an exhibit includes a poster, posters are evaluated based on the following guidelines:
 - a. Should be simple, not wordy and provide a quick message in a concise format
 - b. Should be easy to read and have a single message / fact / point of interest
 - c. Letters and words should be clear, legible and straight
 - d. Neatness
 - e. Colorful
 - f. Use of visual or graphic is important
- V. **All exhibits must be removed from the building between 8:00AM and 12:00 Noon Sunday, August 2. Every member MUST make arrangements for someone to pick up their exhibits if they are not able to do so themselves.** There should not be an expectation for your exhibits to automatically be taken back to your respective county 4-H office.
- W. Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not in any way hold themselves responsible for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.
- X. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Y. Questions regarding placing and/or premiums for the 4-H Department must be **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** after the conclusion of the state fair. Every effort will be made to eliminate errors during the payment of premiums. However, if an exhibitor finds an error, proof of such error must be communicated to the DSF office on or before November 1, 2026. After this date, corrections may not be considered. Checks not cashed AFTER 90 days from issue may not be reissued.
- Z. There are no separate classes for 4-H members for livestock or poultry. Please refer to the Junior Division of the various departments for making your entries. Livestock Judging adheres to code of ethics found in the Livestock General Rules.

SECTION A

CLOVERBUD: 4-H PREP

This section is for 4-H Youth ages 5-7 years old (as of Jan. 1, 2026). All entries receive participation ribbons. If the exhibit includes a poster, use a 14" x 22" poster board.

Classes 1 to 7 are due on Monday, July 20

Class 2 - Horticulture items **IF plant or vegetable** are **due on Thursday, July 23**

Class 8- **Food products** made by the member are **due on Thursday, July 23**

Awards
Participation Ribbon

Class

1. Conservation Exhibit
2. Horticulture Exhibit
3. Woodworking Exhibit
4. Craft Exhibit
5. Other Exhibit
6. Nutrition or Food Safety Exhibit
7. Clothing Textile Exhibit (Exhibit must be a no-sew fleece article (hat, scarf or blanket), no-sew pillow or a tie dye article).
8. Cookies, Cupcakes or Brownies (ONLY these Exhibits allowed).

SECTION B

TEXTILES and SEWING EXHIBITS

SEWING: All exhibits for Class 9 through 37 **must use hand or machine sewing or textile techniques.**

No plastic covering is permitted on any clothing exhibits when displayed. **NOTE:** Any item which cannot be fully identified as to what has been sewn must have a description provided on the back of the exhibit tag to explain the project.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

9. Sewn apron
10. Sewn skirt or skort
11. Sewn blouse, shirt, top, or vest
12. Sewn shorts, capris or pants
13. Sewn sleep wear or lounge wear
14. Sewn fleece item
15. Any Sewn clothing accessory
16. Any Other Sewn wearable item not listed in Classes 9-15 (**exhibitor must identify what the item is on the exhibit tag**)
17. Sewn pillow
18. Sewn patchwork pillow or tote
19. Sewn tote bag, backpack or duffle bag
20. Sewn purse or cell phone carrier
21. Hand or machine stitched doll or toy
22. Sewn item using a towel or placemat

23. Sewn home environment item (i.e. curtains, placemats, tablecloth, pillowcase, etc.)
24. Sewn recycled item – repurposed item by redesign (**exhibit must provide explanation identifying completed project on the exhibit tag**)
25. Machine embroidered item
26. Appliquéd item, hand or machine
27. Quilted item, hand or machine
28. Knitted item (not by loom), hand or machine
29. Loomed knitted item
30. Crocheted item
31. Counted cross stitch item on fabric, cloth, wood, paper, etc.
32. Hand embroidery, crewel or cross stitch item (transfer design)
33. Fabric covered photo album, sewn and/or fused
34. Needlepoint item

1st	2nd	3rd
\$12.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

35. Sewn gown, dress, or jumper
36. Sewn coat, jacket or hoodie
37. Sewn cape

The following exhibit classes do not require any hand or machine sewing.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

38. No-sew fleece item (hat, scarf, bag, etc.)
39. No-sew fleece pillow
40. No-sew fleece blanket
41. Wearable item using beads
42. Tie-dyed item
43. Silk dyed item

SECTION C

CANNING / DRYING EXHIBITS

Class 44 - Dried foods include fruits, fruit leathers, vegetables, herbs and dried beef, venison, poultry or fish (jerky). Each entry consists of at least 1 cup of product in an appropriate storage container. Label all entries with product, date of preparation, pre- and/or post-treatments, and method of drying.

All canning entries must be in standard canning jars. **Please remove rings from jars before leaving exhibits.** Each entry (classes 45 to 54) consists of **TWO JARS** of like products. One jar will be opened by the judge. Arrangements can be made to return the opened jars of food. Contact your 4-H educator for details by July 1. Foods will be disqualified if only one jar is submitted and/or current USDA recommendations are not followed. Label all entries with product name, date of processing, type of pack, and method of processing. Incorrectly labeled exhibits will be rejected. Please use the following website as a resource for information on canning: http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 44. Any dried food (1 cup)
- 45. Snap beans
- 46. Grape jelly
- 47. Strawberry jam or preserves
- 48. Any other jams or preserves
- 49. Pickles
- 50. Relishes
- 51. Tomatoes
- 52. Salsa
- 53. Applesauce
- 54. Peaches

SECTION D

COMPUTER EXHIBITS

On the back of the entry describe the program application used. Exhibits should be mounted on a 14" x 22" poster board or in a notebook unless otherwise noted.

Class 56, 63, 64 and 65 only

Entries should be submitted by July 13th using the University of Delaware Dropbox Service that can be found on the State 4-H Website using the following instructions:

Name your file using the following convention: Class number - 4-H'er full name - presentation title

Example: Class 56 - Ryan Fields - An Apple a Day May Keep the Doctor Away

- Send via [UD Dropbox](#)
 - Click the "Drop-off" button.
 - Box 1: Enter your information.
 - Box 2: Recipient email, enter: de4h
 - Box 3 Upload your file. Then hit the "drop-off the file" button.

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\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

55. Computer generated greeting card mounted on 8 1/2" x 11" poster board, with description of steps taken to create
56. Video, made and edited by 4-H'er, 1-3 minutes in length **(See Instructions Above for Submitting Exhibit)**
57. 4-H Project Income and Expenses utilizing Excel (program must use calculations), any 4-H Project
58. Flyer (8 1/2" x 11") promoting 4-H, mounted on 11" x 14" poster board
59. Tri-fold brochure promoting 4-H, using Publisher: paper copy mounted on 14" x 22" poster board showing both sides
60. PowerPoint Exhibit: Explaining a 4-H Community Service Project, minimum 10 slides, paper copy in a notebook
61. PowerPoint Exhibit: Explaining a 4-H Project, minimum 10 slides, paper copy in a notebook
62. PowerPoint Exhibit: Promoting 4-H, minimum 10 slides, paper copy in a notebook
63. 4-H – Why I Love Science Video, 1-3 minutes in length **(See Instructions Above for Submitting Exhibit)**
64. Prevention Video, 1-3 minutes in length. Video topics can include drug prevention, alcohol prevention, vaping, tobacco prevention as well as other prevention topics where you present a message to an audience as to why it is important to abstain from these negative actions. **(See instructions Above for Submitting Exhibit)**
65. Health Promotion Video, 1-3 minutes in length. Video can present any health topic and present a positive message and action to an audience on how healthy habits and actions can be beneficial and positive to one's well being. **(See Instructions Above for Submitting Exhibit)**

SECTION E

ARTS, CRAFTS, & NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITS

All Needlework must have appropriately finished edges and/or backing. Any exhibit **included in a frame or on art canvas should include a hanger, wire or hooks for hanging**. Hangers are not necessary for exhibits on poster board or mat board.

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\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

66. Article made from Paper (i.e. handmade paper, marbled paper, origami paper, etc.)
67. Latch hook or plastic canvas article
68. Handmade basket (basket must be woven)
69. Calligraphy invitation, poem or announcement (exhibit cannot be standard writing; must use calligraphy method)
70. Any other Home Décor article accessory (an item to help enhance the feel of the room - trashcan, tablecloth, placemats, bulletin board, picture frame, wall art, etc.)
71. Handmade Pottery (done on wheel or hand formed)
72. Camp craft from any 4-H camp **(include name of 4-H camp on exhibit tag)**
73. Club craft (must be project completed with your 4-H club)
74. Painting or drawing, max size with mat or frame not to exceed 11" x 17", mounted on canvas, Poster board, mat board or in a frame **(NOTE: Any painting done on canvas should include a hanger)**
75. Duct Tape exhibit (Note: The exhibit must be made entirely from duct tape.)
76. Handmade Soap – 1 bar submitted in a plastic storage bag; indicate scent and shape of soap on back of exhibit tag.

77. 4-H wearable art article: with a 4-H Theme (using paint, iron-on design, appliqué buttons, jewels, decorative stitches or beadwork)
78. Leather craft
79. Beaded article (**identify what the beaded article is on the exhibit tag**)
80. Decorated theme Tree: Max 4', all handmade ornaments by up to three (3) 4-H members (entry should be made under only 1 team member name)
81. Handmade Clay article, original design (no molds)
82. Tin Punch article (must be made from tin – not foil)
83. Hand painted or decorated Dried Gourd
84. Jewelry article
85. Tole Painted article (trays, furniture, canisters, chairs, etc.)
86. Recycled Arts/Craft article - attach explanation of what is recycled and impact it has
87. Individual 4-H Scrapbook showing 4-H activities and events; minimum 5 pages and maximum 15 pages (one side equals one page)
88. Set of 6 different handmade Christmas Ornaments, Refrigerator Magnets or Tray Favors (exhibit should be submitted in a Ziploc bag in order for the items to stay together; consider delivery packaging used when you bring to fair for judging in order to avoid items from getting broken)
89. Ceramic article, glazed or stained
90. Stenciled or etched article
91. Rubber Stamped Art article (put article in bag)
92. Hand Decorated Egg (real – not plastic); must be hand blown out (display stand provided by 4-H Department)
93. Embellished flip-flops (**NOTE: After embellishments have been added to flip flops, the flip flop must still be able to be worn on feet**)
94. Decorated Cake; cake or Styrofoam form; 8"-9" round or square or 9" x 13" decorated. Only decorations and decorating ability will be evaluated.
95. Delaware 4-H Foundation **Holiday Greeting Card** (See rules below)

The Delaware 4-H Foundation is gearing up for the holiday season by holding a holiday greeting card contest. All children ages 8 to 19 years of age are encouraged to submit an original design that celebrates the holiday season and Delaware 4-H.

Rules:

1. Submissions should be on 8.5 x 11 paper using landscape orientation. **Exhibits must use the entire space on the page.**
2. Any medium or combination of media may be used, including crayons, line drawings, watercolor, paint, etc.
3. No coloring book or traced drawings please.
4. Computer generated images **ARE NOT** acceptable.
5. Design **must** include the use of a 4-H Clover(s).
6. Do not fold entries.
7. Artwork may not be returned.
8. Avoid use of glitters or sparkles.
9. Please note that the design should celebrate the holiday season and not be specific to any religious celebrations.
10. Members may only submit one entry.
11. Artwork must be the artist's original creation.

12. The Delaware 4-H Foundation will award \$50.00 to the overall winner of this class; all other exhibits will receive a participation ribbon.
13. NOTE: Please be aware that the winning design IS NOT used to actually produce cards. This event is conducted only for the youth to have the experience of designing a card.

SECTION F

INDOOR / OUTDOOR GARDENING

Plants must have been **in the care of the exhibitor for at least 60 days**. Plants should be clean, free of insects, dead leaves, blossoms or broken stems. All containers should be cleaned. Plants are judged on plant health and overall appearance. All propagated plants should be **propagated on or before May 1st**.

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\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

96. Propagated House Plant, with tag indicating date of propagation (see note above)
97. Propagated African violet, with tag indicating date of propagation (see note above)
98. Dish Garden
99. Terrarium
100. Container Garden, Houseplant Foliage or Flowering Plants
101. Container Garden, Vegetable and/or Herb
102. Hanging basket, with hanger, 10" maximum, not greenhouse grown

SECTION G

FLORICULTURE EXHIBITS

NOTE: Fresh Flowers or Fresh Wreaths are NOT permitted

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Class

103. Wreath, dried and silk materials permitted
104. Corsage, dried and silk materials permitted
105. Nosegay, dried and silk materials permitted
106. Swag or Wall hanging (any shape, type or material) dried and silk materials permitted
107. Flower arrangement, dried and silk materials permitted
108. Snowball Express: A wreath or flower arrangement entered around snow/snowman/winter theme, any media permitted
109. A Walk on the Beach: A wreath or flower arrangement centered around a beach theme, any media permitted
110. 4-H: A wreath or flower arrangement centered around a 4-H theme, any media permitted
111. Celebrating the Holidays: A wreath or flower arrangement centered around a holiday theme, any media permitted

SECTION H

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS

ALL PHOTOS in this section MUST be taken by the 4-H exhibitor. The 4-H exhibitor **SHOULD NOT** be in any of the photographs.

4-H siblings SHOULD NOT submit the same photo in any class. If this is done, the photographs will be marked down.

Mount individual photos on poster board, card stock, mount board or mat board; **not to exceed 6" x 8"** except where noted. Do not use foam board or construction paper. **Do Not Staple photographs** to your mounting board. **Do Not Glue exhibit tag** to your mounting board. Use tape so it can be easily removed for displaying. On the back of each exhibit include if the photo was taken with a digital camera or phone type. Also, please note anything unusual about your picture (e.g. mounting, focus, subject etc.) that you think will help the judges to better understand your picture. For example, if you enter a picture of yourself or a picture with you in it, explain how you did that.

Judges will be asked to assess the entire exhibit. This includes not only the photograph, but also the mounting and any titles that are attached. Sloppy writing, glue on the mat, a poorly cut mat or crooked mounting all can detract from the photograph and lower the overall score.

Photographs in classes 112 -137 and 138-144 may be taken using a phone, digital camera, color film or black and white film (Classes 141-144 Only). Only one entry per class is permitted and each photograph may be entered only once in this entire section, including photos entered in the portfolio classes. The exception to this rule is in classes 138-140 (Digital Slide Shows), where only 50% or more of the images must have been taken during the past year. Photos entered in the digital slide show may also have been entered in other classes. Also, photos entered in class 130 (Best Photo Album) may have been entered as individual photos.

All photographs (unless otherwise noted in the rules above) must have been taken by the 4-H member since the beginning of the previous year's State Fair. Note that the name of each class indicates what the **primary focus** of that class should be. For instance, if you enter a picture of a person with a lamb, and your primary focus of the photograph is the lamb, it should be entered in the animal category (and not people category).

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\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

112. People Picture

113. Creature Picture: Any animal, insect, amphibian, fish or other living thing.

114. Landscape: A portion of land or territory which the eye can comprehend in a single view, including all the objects it contains.

115. Night Shot: A picture taken "after dark" using any subject.

116. Waterscape: A picture where the center of attention or dominant feature is on any body of water. Note: The fact that water is included in the picture is not enough.

117. Building Picture (any physical structure, house, public building, architectural photography)

118. Action Picture
119. Close Up (photograph should involve zooming/focusing in on a specific subject)
120. Special Effects Picture: A picture with some sort of a special effect such as a Hat Trick (a flowerpot or something else growing out of his or her head) or HandStand (looks like one person is standing on another’s hand). **The special effect used must be described on the back of the photograph.** See page 50 of Unit 1 of the 4-H Project Manual Focus on Photography for tips and suggestions.
121. Composition: Look for interesting shapes, patterns and textures. They can help create powerful images. Shadows and lighting are also important. Show one of the following: Depth of Field, Backlighting, Lines and Shapes.
122. Sunrises/Sunsets
123. Plants/Flowers
124. Still Life: Still life photos can be “created” (photographer arranged) or “found” (already arranged).
NOTE: For this category, ALL STILL LIFE PHOTO ENTRIES ARE REQUIRED TO BE “CREATED” which involves you arranging non-moving or still objects in an interesting way and then photographing them. Use a common theme in still life photos such as fruit, vegetables, flowers, toys or musical instruments.
125. Delaware History (**with title**): A photograph that shows some aspect of Delaware history with an attached title that explains the significance of the photograph. The entry could show a building or an event such as a parade. The title should describe the event and should be neatly handwritten or computer generated.
126. Delaware Scene (**with title**): Any picture taken in Delaware that shows a scene that is uniquely identifiable as being in Delaware. A picture of your dog in the backyard is not what we are looking for here. The title should describe the scene and should be neatly handwritten or computer generated.
127. The Delaware State Fair: A picture taken at the Delaware State Fair or involving some aspect of the state fair.
128. Patriotism: One photograph illustrating what patriotism means to you. A picture of a flag is not enough. Be creative and original. Be creative and original to depict this class theme through your photograph composition.
129. Delaware Agriculture / Delaware Farms: A picture depicting Delaware agriculture.
130. Best Photo Album: Collection of photos taken by the 4-H'er (**album must include a minimum of 25 photographs**).
131. Digital Remastering: – Single heavily edited digital image and the original image from which it was altered mounted on 8”x 10” mat board or poster board. Image has been radically digitally edited or enhanced. Modifications may include: cropping, sharpening or blurring, brightness or contrast changes, addition to or the removal of parts of the image, changes in the color scheme of the image, the use of filters or effects. Attach to back of mat board: A description of the digital techniques used as well as the other information required of all photos.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$11.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

132. The 4 Seasons: One picture (each 5” x 7”) representative of each of the 4 seasons mounted on a 14” x 22” poster board. Pictures can be taken anywhere, not necessarily Delaware. Hint: A nice entry might be the 4 seasons in your backyard, or the 4 seasons showing a single object such as a tree.
133. What Green Means To Me: Display of 6 pictures: mounted on a 14” x 22” poster board illustrating what “GREEN” means to you. Think creatively, GREEN could mean the color green, the environment or 4-H.

Exhibits must include a title; captions below pictures are encouraged and can be helpful to explain the exhibit.

134. From Beginning to End: Display of 6 pictures: mounted on 14" x 22" poster board illustrating a six-step process from beginning to the end.
135. Portfolio Class: Four 5" x 7" photos, 1 from each of the following: People, Creature, Plants/Flowers, Landscape/Marinescape, mounted on 14" x 22" poster board.
136. 4-H Project Photos: Display of 6 Pictures: mounted on 14" x 22" poster board illustrating a 4-H member's work in one (1) specific 4-H project area during the current 4-H year. **Poster should be titled as "My 4-H (name of project area) Project. NOTE: Pictures should be taken by 4-H exhibitors and 4-H exhibitors should NOT be in any of the photographs.**
137. Photography Composition Poster: Display Eight 4" x 6" photos creatively on a 14" x 22" poster to show your knowledge of the 8 different types of composition that can be used in photography. Be sure to label each photo with the correct type of composition. Posters will be scored based on labeling the correct type of composition as well as neatness. Members may use their poster from the current year County 4-H Photography Skills Contest.

Digital Slide Show: Classes 138-140 are a collection of the best photographs taken by the 4-H member. Pictures may be from any year the 4-H member has taken this project but at least 50% of the images must have been taken during the past year. Photographs may have been taken in digital or film format and scanned and may contain color and/or black and white images. Photographs must be assembled in a powerpoint or other slide show type format. Images may have titles, but this is not required. **Entries should be submitted by July 13th using the University of Delaware Dropbox Service that can be found on the State 4-H Website using the following instructions:**

Name your file using the following convention: Class number - 4-H'er full name

Example: Class 138 - Ryan Fields

- Send via [UD Dropbox](#)
 - Click the "Drop-off" button.
 - Box 1: Enter your information.
 - Box 2: Recipient email, enter: de4h
 - Box 3 Upload your file. Then hit the "drop-off the file" button.

Delaware 4-H may display the photographs in a slide show format during the Fair. Images entered in this class must be from at least 5 different events, settings, etc. (35 pictures of your vacation to Disney World is not what we are looking for). Care should be given to the overall quality of each photo. Choose the best pictures you have to present.

Class

138. Beginner, ages 8-11. Minimum of 15 images
139. Junior ages 12-13. Minimum 25 images
140. Senior, ages 14 and up. Minimum of 35 images

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\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Black and White: Classes 141-144 are for black and white photographs only. Monochromatic prints, including sepia prints are considered color photos and must be entered in the appropriate class. Good black and white photographs show texture, shape, composition, and contrast, with true deep blacks and pure clean whites.

Exhibitors should not enter the same photograph in the black and white photograph classes that are entered in the color photograph classes.

Class

- 141. Portrait: A photograph of a single person (**NOT animal**), primarily focusing on the face. A great portrait captures not only a person’s physical characteristics but something of their character and personality.
- 142. Still Life: Still life photos can be “created” (photographer arranged) **NOTE: For this category, ALL STILL LIFE PHOTO ENTRIES ARE REQUIRED TO BE “CREATED”** which involves you arranging non-moving or still objects in an interesting way and then photographing them. Use a common theme in still life photos such as fruit, vegetables, flowers, toys or musical instruments.
- 143. Composition: Look for interesting shapes, patterns and textures. They can help create powerful images. Shadows and lighting are also important. Show one of the following: Depth of Field, Backlighting, Lines or Shapes.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$11.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 144. Portfolio class: Any four 5” x 7” black and white pictures **mounted on 14” x 22” poster board.**

SECTION I

CONSERVATION, LANDSCAPING & NATURAL RESOURCE EXHIBITS

Poster Board Exhibits should be 14” x 22”

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 145. Backyard habitat plan
- 146. Bark, wood or leaf collection: at least 10 samples from forest trees identified
- 147. Birdhouse, bat box or butterfly house
- 148. Bird feeder or squirrel feeder
- 149. Nutrient Management Exhibit
- 150. Soil Profile or poster on Delaware State soil
- 151. Recycled article with explanation
- 152. Any other Conservation & Natural Resources exhibit
- 153. Landscape Plan, hand drawn or computer generated plan with pictures

The following special display classes will be offered in 2026, sponsored by the Delaware Association of Conservation Districts. The suggested size of the educational display should be approximately 24” high x 30” deep and 36” wide (Note: No cardboard or shoe boxes are permitted and exhibit **cannot** be done on a tri-fold cardboard). Entry is open to all young people, ages 8 through 19, and displays may be entered by an individual or group. The topic of the display is based on the 5th subject area of the State Envirothon Competition. The topic for 2026 will be “ **Nonpoint Source Pollution: It Begins at Home!**” Additional information can be found at <http://www.delawareenvirothon.org/>.

Cash prizes will be awarded by the Delaware Association of Conservation Districts in each of the age classes. Danish awards will not be presented for these classes. Checks will be mailed to winners after the

end of the State Fair. All Exhibits must be displayed at one other location following the Fair.

1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
\$125.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00

2026 Display Class Topic: “Nonpoint Source Pollution: It Begins at Home!”

Class

- 154. Display Class – Youth ages 8 to 13 years old
- 155. Display Class – Youth ages 14 to 19 years old

SECTION J

ELECTRIC EXHIBITS

All exhibits requiring bulbs must have the correct size. Use of molded plug-ins is discouraged. No cord that has been bought in a store and later repaired may be entered.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 156. Extension cord
- 157. Handmade lamp
- 158. Electric game or quiz board
- 159. Switch or electromagnet exhibit
- 160. Electronic article, including kits
- 161. Battery powered series & parallel circuits
- 162. Any other Electrical article

SECTION K

ENTOMOLOGY / BEEKEEPING

A display shall consist of at least one box. Each insect must be properly mounted and identified as outlined in the 4-H entomology project manual. Size of the box should be appropriate for size of collection, not to exceed 17” x 14”.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 163. Insect Collection of at least 10 insects

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 164. Lifespan display (exhibit should be a display with pictures, drawings or samples that are labeled).

SECTION L

FIELD CROP EXHIBITS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 165. Quart of Shelled Corn
- 166. Quart of Soybeans
- 167. Quart of Barley
- 168. Quart of Wheat
- 169. Pad of Alfalfa Hay, 18" x 18" x 4", tied with twine
- 170. Pad of Grass Hay, 18"x 18" x 4", tied with twine

SECTION M

WOODWORKING ARTICLES

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 171. Article from Project Book
- 172. Small article for home (shelves, rack, boxes. etc.)
- 173. Article assembled from kit
- 174. Woodworking item made at camp (constructed or finished)

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 175. Large article of furniture, handmade or refinished (table, desk, chair, cabinet, book shelf, etc.)

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.25	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 176. Outdoor article (bench, chair, wooden planter, etc.)
- 177. Stool or step stool / chair, made from pattern
- 178. Puzzle or toy
- 179. Small article refinished by 4-H'er (shelf, frame, etc.)
- 180. Wood Duck Box

SECTION N

SCIENCE

Exhibits completed on poster board should not exceed 14" x 22". Any other type exhibit shall consist of an item not to exceed the size of 12" x 12".

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.25	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 181. Delaware Wildlife Exhibit (i.e. wildlife species, current events, trends, etc.)
- 182. Alternative Energy Exhibit (i.e. wind power, solar power, etc.); **exhibitors should identify the alternative energy being exhibited on the exhibit tag.**
- 183. Earth Science Exhibit (i.e. rock layers, weather, crystals, etc.)
- 184. Biology Exhibit (i.e. cells, plants, human body, etc.)
- 185. Environmental Exhibit (i.e. conservation, environmental awareness, etc.)
- 186. Robotic Exhibit (Lego or Non-Lego)
- 187. Aquatic Exhibit (i.e. fishes/fishing, water monitoring, aquatic insects, habitat improvement, etc.)
- 188. Exhibit related "Food for Thought"

Youth will create an exhibit that provides knowledge on food security, how people are impacted locally and globally or how food security communities can be created.

- 189. Large Animal Science Exhibit
- 190. Small Animal (Pet) Science Exhibit
- 191. Aerospace or Planetary Exhibit
- 192. Rocket Exhibit
- 193. Engineering Exhibit (i.e. tractor, bicycle, automobile or small engines)
- 194. Plant Press - Science and Art. Native Plant species press. Drawing representing plant species.

Youth collect native plant species (Native, meaning naturally found in Delaware) Plant Press Exhibit to be completed on poster board, or blotting paper. Native plant species must be glued to poster board. Youth will make a creative vase to complete the art design.



Class 194 Example:

SECTION O

OTHER 4-H PROJECT EXHIBITS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Members may enter one creative exhibit in any project area not offered in other sections of the 4-H Department.

If the exhibit includes a poster, use a 14" x 22" poster board. Posters are evaluated based on the following guidelines:

1. Should be simple, not wordy and provide a quick message in a concise format
2. Should be easy to read and have a single message / fact / point of interest
3. Letters and words should be clear, legible and straight
4. Neatness

5. Colorful
6. Use of visual or graphic is important

Class

195. Nutrition, Food Safety, Table Setting or Food Conservation Exhibit (not to be food items)
196. Health Exhibit (**This exhibit cannot be any type of First Aid Kit**)
197. Safety Exhibit
198. Child Care Exhibit (exhibit should include an explanation of the item on the exhibit tag to help explain how it will be used with children)
199. Citizenship Exhibit
200. Career Exploration Exhibit
201. Hobbies / Collection Exhibit with title & explanation of hobby or collection
202. Performing Arts Exhibit
203. Prevention Exhibit (detailing important messaging, steps and/or information around topics such as drug prevention, alcohol prevention, tobacco prevention, vaping, etc. as to why it is important to abstain from these negative actions)
204. Health Promotion Exhibit (detailing important messaging and actions to an audience on how healthy habits and actions can be beneficial and positive to one's well being)
205. Financial Literacy Exhibit
206. Club Reporter Notebook or Club Scrapbook of **published and submitted** articles from current year.
NOTE: Items in notebook should be actual (or copies) of actual articles submitted to newspaper, newsletter, etc. and not just wording typed on paper. This should not be a book of minutes taken at 4-H club meetings.
207. Shooting Sports Exhibit
208. Babysitter or Camp Counselor Exhibit
209. Leadership Exhibit

Class 210 is a poster contest that Delaware 4-H is sponsoring to promote teens to seek emotional and mental health treatment, when needed. Unfortunately, there is oftentimes a stigma associated with mental illness, emotional disturbances and seeking treatment. Youth and adolescents need to know they can request assistance when dealing with mental illness – and not feel ashamed about it. Young adults should feel comfortable when asking for help when dealing with mental or emotional concerns and should never feel embarrassed.

Mental illnesses can affect a person's thinking, feeling, mood, or behaviors. Some of the major types of mental illness are depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar mood disorder, personality disorders, and eating disorders. For more information on major types of mental illness, visit:

<https://kids.delaware.gov/pbhs/youth-and-teens.shtml>

All youth/adolescents ages 11 to 19, are encouraged to submit an original design that helps reduce the stigma associated with seeking treatment for mental illness.

Posters will be evaluated based on the following rules:

1. Submissions should provide a clear and understandable message in a concise format.
2. The message portrayed should be easy to read. Letters and words should be clear and legible.

3. Language used should be appropriate for age group.
4. Exhibits should use 14" x 22" poster boards, using the entire space on the page.
5. Any medium or combination of media may be used, including crayons, line drawings, watercolor, paint, etc.
6. No coloring book or traced drawings.
7. Computer generated images are acceptable.
8. Artwork must be the artist's original creation.
9. Exhibits must be entered by individuals only.
10. Do not fold entries.
11. One cash prize will be awarded to the first place winner. All other exhibits will receive a participation ribbon. The winning exhibit, along with all entries, may be advertised on our social media platforms.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$55.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

210. Poster Promoting Teens to seek Emotional and Mental Health Treatment (when needed)

SECTION P
PLACE SETTING CONTEST

1. You must pre-enter with the Fair by June 1st to participate in this class.
2. Table settings are for two, using the 2026 Delaware State Fair theme, "Celebrating America's 250th"
3. Paper and plastic are permitted.
4. Table decorations must look presentable throughout the fair; no fresh flowers or perishable items should be used.
5. Exhibitors must provide their own standard-sized square or round card table with no extension or additions. Please do not bring chairs.
6. **The meal's menu (for 1 meal only - Dinner using a Main Dish) must be provided and should be suitable for your place setting. Menu should be on a 5" x 8" card.**
7. All exhibits are on display throughout the Fair.
8. Only the place setting will be evaluated, not the menu.
9. **The Place Setting must be set up by the 4-H'er without assistance or help.**
10. **The guidelines from the 4-H Favorite Foods Contest will be used in judging the table place settings for a Main Dish meal for Dinner. The guidelines can be found at: udel.edu/0010340**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

211. Place Setting Contest

SECTION Q

EDUCATIONAL / CLUB EXHIBITS

Entries must be in place by 2:00 PM, Tuesday, July 21

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

Class

212. Three clubs from each county may enter an educational exhibit pertaining to some phase of the 4-H program **resulting from county competition**. Alterations and improvements following county selection are encouraged. Assigned space - table top area - maximum 7' long, 6' high and 36" wide.

SECTION R

FOODS EXHIBITS

NO ICING ON ANY FOOD EXHIBITS (except Class 230). Please **indicate the type/flavor** of the food item on the exhibit tag for judging. **Food Exhibits need to be brought on a disposable paper plate in a Ziploc bag with entry tag inside and name folded over and not shown.** Exhibitors must provide a stated number of food items indicated with their final exhibit.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 213.1 Loaf yeast bread, not machine made
- 214.1 Loaf fancy yeast bread (plain – no additional spices)
- 215.1 Loaf quick bread
- 216.3 Homemade plain biscuits (specify on entry tag whether dropped or cut)
- 217.3 Homemade yeast rolls
- 218.3 Homemade muffins, no mixes
- 219.3 Homemade drop cookies
- 220.3 Homemade cookies, rolled or pressed
- 221.3 Homemade brownies or bar cookies, 2" x 2"
- 222.3 Cupcakes, commercial mix
- 223.3 Cupcakes, homemade
- 224.1 Homemade Pound Cake
- 225.1 Homemade pie crust
- 226.3 Pieces homemade fudge
- 227.3 Pieces candy, using a mold
- 228.3 Pieces candy, no mold
- 229. Gluten Free Category: 3 Cupcakes OR 3 Cookies OR 3 Brownies that are gluten free
- 230.3 Cupcakes Decorated to resemble an animal. Cupcakes must be decorated with edible items; 3-D decorations are encouraged and icing is permitted. Only decorations and decorating ability will be evaluated.

SECTION S

VEGETABLE EXHIBITS

A Vegetable Exhibiting book is available to provide guidelines in properly preparing vegetable exhibits for the state fair. In addition, a powerpoint with additional information is also available. Both resources are available in all 4-H county offices and on the State 4-H website. **All vegetable exhibits must be grown by the 4-H exhibitor.** Exhibitors must provide a stated number of vegetable items indicated with their final exhibit. AFTER judging, only 1 item will be displayed, and all remaining items will be donated to the local food bank.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 231.4 Potatoes
- 232.4 Ripe Slicing Tomatoes
- 233.4 Green Slicing Tomatoes
- 234.4 Cherry or Italian Ripe Tomatoes
- 235.4 Cherry or Italian Green Tomatoes
- 236.4 Unpeeled Onions, without tops
- 237.3 Bell Peppers
- 238.3 Hot Peppers
- 239.4 Carrots, without tops
- 240.3 Summer Squash
- 241.3 Zucchini Squash
- 242.3 Slicing Cucumbers
- 243.4 Beets, without tops
- 244.1 Cabbage
- 245.3 Ears Sweet Corn, in husks
- 246.12 Snap Beans (green or wax)
- 247.1 Cantaloupe
- 248.1 Watermelon
- 249.1 Eggplant

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	Ribbon	Ribbon

250. Exhibit of Garden Products, including not less than 5 kinds of edible vegetables grown by a 4-H member. Quality, variety, and arrangement of exhibits will count in judging. No leafy vegetables, please.

SECTION T

CUT FLOWERS

All cut flowers **are three (3) stems, the same variety**, but may be different colors. All cut flowers should be brought to the 4-H Building at the Fair on Wednesday, July 29 between 10:00 AM and 12 Noon for judging and display throughout the remainder of the Fair. Classes 251-259 must be grown/cared for by the 4-H'er and displayed in appropriate containers with water. **No disposable cups may be used as containers.**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.00	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 251. Zinnias, dwarf
- 252. Zinnias, giant
- 253. Sunflowers
- 254. Marigolds
- 255. Gladiolus
- 256. Roses
- 257. Any other cut flowers

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.25	Ribbon	Ribbon

Class

- 258. “Celebrating America’s 250th” An arrangement of fresh flowers and accessories that depicts the 2026 Delaware State Fair theme.
- 259. An arrangement of fresh flowers and accessories that depicts 4-H

SECTION U
DEMONSTRATIONS / ILLUSTRATED TALKS

1. **Only winners of County Contests**, aged 8 and older, are eligible to participate in the State Contest.
2. Members may enter only one division.
3. Counties may have one team and one individual demonstration in each of the project divisions listed.
4. A team shall consist of two individuals.
5. Each participant will be given 5 minutes for set-up. Demonstrations should be at least 3 minutes in length and are not to exceed 15 minutes. For each 15 seconds under or over the time allowed for set up or for the demonstration, 1 point will be deducted.
6. \$40.00 premiums will be awarded to winners in each project area to further participation in 4-H programs. No award will be made for presentations which the judges consider not up to the standard requirements. \$15.00 premiums will be awarded to all demonstrations awarded a blue ribbon.
7. County 4-H Educators will supply information regarding demonstration contests. All presentations should be closely related to the particular project in which the member is currently enrolled. 4-H demonstrations will take place **beginning at 10:00 AM** on the following days:
 - General and Plant & Environmental Sciences Demonstrations: **Wednesday, July 29**
 - Family and Consumer Sciences: **Thursday, July 30**
 - Animal Science: **Friday, July 31**
8. Use the following class numbers to enter your 4-H demonstration on-line with the Delaware State Fair:

Division Winner	Blue Ribbon	Red Ribbon
\$40.00	\$15.00	Ribbon

General Demonstration Classes

- 260. Exploring 4-H
- 261. Leadership / Citizenship
- 262. Arts / Crafts/ Visual Arts
- 263. Other - General (Class not already offered)

Plant, Environmental Sciences and Other Classes

- 264. Environmental Education and Earth Sciences
- 265. Wildlife
- 266. Shooting Sports
- 267. Gardening (fruit, vegetable, flower) & Field Crops
- 268. Indoor Gardening & Floriculture
- 269. Lawn Care / Landscaping
- 270. Entomology
- 271. Engineering & Technology
- 272. Automotive / Small Engines / Tractors
- 273. Bicycle / Motorcycle
- 274. Computer Science
- 275. Electricity
- 276. Aerospace
- 277. Other - Science Related

Family and Consumer Sciences Classes

- 278. Food Preparation
- 279. Food Safety / Food Preservation
- 280. Table Setting / Etiquette
- 281. Healthy Food Selection
- 282. Clothing / Textiles
- 283. Home Environment / Consumer Education/ Home Management
- 284. Child Care / Babysitting
- 285. Health / Safety
- 286. Performing / Theater Arts
- 287. Photography / Videography
- 288. Outdoor Adventures
- 289. Recreational / Competitive Sports

Animal Science Classes

- 290. Dairy Cattle
- 291. Horse

NOTE: Due to the 4-H State Horse Show held on Friday, this demonstration category will be conducted on another scheduled demonstration day. Participants will be scheduled and notified.

- 292. Dog / Cat
- 293. Rabbit / Any Other Small Animal
- 294. Veterinary Science
- 295. Beef
- 296. Sheep
- 297. Goats
- 298. Swine
- 299. Poultry

SECTION V

SKILL-A-THON & JUDGING CONTESTS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
\$65.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

4-H Skill-a-thon and Judging contests are designed to expand knowledge and teach 4-H members the principles of making decisions through logical and critical decision-making processes. Opportunity is given for members to justify decisions.

1. Contestants, aged 8 and older, are **determined through participation in County Skill-A-Thon and Judging Contests**. A 4-H member may participate in **up to any two state contests as designated**.
2. No premiums will be offered for performances below minimum standards.
3. Once participants have entered the judging area and begun the contest, they are not permitted to leave and re-enter unless approved in advance by 4-H Staff.
4. Participants must be present at the stated START time for all Animal Judging Contests (classes 300, 307, 308 and 309) or they will not be able to participate in the contest.

Since all judging contest results are not completed by the June 1st entry deadline date of the Delaware State Fair, 4-H members are not required to enter their respective contests in the Delaware State Fair online system by the entry deadline. Each County 4-H Office will submit a list to the fair of all participants who have qualified and confirmed their participation for each state contest. However, if a 4-H member knows the one or two contests they will be participating in at the state fair, they can certainly enter this on the fair online system prior to the June 1st entry deadline.

Class	Date	Time
300. Poultry Judging	Friday, July 24	9:00 a.m.
301. Photography Skill-A-Thon	Saturday, July 25	1:00 p.m.
302. Wildlife Habitat Skill-A-Thon	Saturday, July 25	1:00 p.m.
303. Food and Nutrition Skill-A-Thon	Saturday, July 25	1:00 p.m.
304. Textiles and Clothing Skill-A-Thon	Saturday, July 25	1:00 p.m.
305. Horticulture Skill-A-Thon	Saturday, July 25	1:00 p.m.
306. Wood Science Skill-A-Thon	Saturday, July 25	1:00 p.m.
307. Livestock Judging	Monday, July 27	9:00 a.m.
308. Dairy Judging	Tuesday, July 28	9:00 a.m.
309. Horse Judging	Wednesday, July 29	9:00 a.m.

SECTION W
4-H TALENT SHOW

The State 4-H Talent Show will be held on **Friday, July 24 beginning at 6:30 PM** on the stage in Memorial Hall. There will be a limited number of talent acts that will participate. **Selection of acts will be made on a first come, first serve basis based on when an entry is submitted.** All talent show acts will be limited to a 2-minute maximum set up time. Talent acts must not exceed 5 minutes. All equipment needed for the talent presentation is the responsibility of the performer.

Presentations will be by both individuals and groups. **4-H members may ONLY PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES, NOT BOTH.** Individual presentations will be divided into two age categories: Beginner (ages 8-12 yrs. old) and Senior (ages 13-19 yrs. old). Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year. Cloverbud members are permitted to participate, but cannot compete. Green participation ribbons will be awarded to all Cloverbud members. **All participants must enter by June 1 using the Delaware 4-H Newsletter entry form** (you cannot enter on the State Fair online system). For group acts, enter under the 4-H Club Name.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$80.00	\$55.00	\$30.00	\$20.00

Class

- 310. Cloverbud (ages 5-7 years old)
- 311. Individual (ages 8-12 yrs. old)
- 312. Individual (ages 13-19 yrs. old)
- 313. Group

SECTION X
STATE AVIAN BOWL CONTEST

The State Avian Bowl Contest will be held on **Saturday, August 1 at 1:00 pm** in Memorial Hall. Premiums will be awarded to the top three teams in competition. A team may consist of a minimum of 2 members and maximum of 4 members who are 8 to 19 years of age. Clubs may enter multiple teams and can identify them as Team 1, Team 2, etc. Rules and study materials are available from your County 4-H Office. Please contact Drew Harris at 302-632-5976 or Susan Garey at 302-730-4000 if you have any questions about this event.

Teams must enter this event by June 1 using the Delaware State Fair online system. **Enter your team under your 4-H Club Name.**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$105.00	\$55.00	\$30.00

Class

- 314. Avian Bowl Team

SECTION Y
LIFESMARTS CONTEST

The LifeSmarts Contest will take place on **Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 PM** in Memorial Hall. The Delaware State Fair will award premiums to the top three teams in competition. A team consists of 4+ members. Clubs may enter multiple teams and can identify them as Team 1, Team 2, etc. Rules and study materials are available from your County 4-H Office.

Teams must enter this event by June 1 using the Delaware State Fair online system. **Enter a team under your 4-H Club Name.**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$105.00	\$55.00	\$30.00

Class

- 315. Juniors 6th - 8th grade
- 316. Seniors 9th - 12th grade

SECTION Z
PUBLIC SPEAKING

The 4-H Prepared Public Speaking contest will be held **Sunday, July 26 at 2:00 PM** in Memorial Hall. The Extemporaneous Speaking portion of the event will be scheduled to take place prior to the 2:00 pm start time of the Prepared Speaking Contest. **Winners from the County 4-H Public Speaking Contests in the Beginner I, Beginner II, Junior and Senior categories as well as the County winners of the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will speak.**

All participants must enter this event by June 1 using the Delaware State Fair online system.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00

Class

- 317. Prepared Speech - Beginner I (ages 8-9)
- 318. Prepared Speech - Beginner II (ages 10-11)
- 319. Prepared Speech - Junior (ages 12-14)
- 320. Prepared Speech - Senior (ages 15-19)
- 321. Extemporaneous Speech (Ages 14-19)

SECTION AA

TRACTOR DRIVING AND LAWN TRACTOR DRIVING CONTESTS

The Tractor Driving Contest will be held in the Quillen Arena on **Wednesday, July 29 at 11:00 am**. Participants should **arrive by 10:30 am** to register for the competition. The Lawn Tractor Driving Contest will be held in the Quillen Arena on **Friday, July 24 at 11:00 am**. Participants should **arrive by 10:30 am** to register. Participants **MUST** have participated in a prior State Contest or have participated in training at the state, county or club level in order to participate in these events.

Participants **MUST** wear proper attire (clothing and shoes) to participate. There will only be a Senior category (ages 14-19) for the Tractor event. There will be three categories offered in the Lawn Tractor Driving event: Senior (ages 14-19), Junior (ages 11-13) and Beginner (ages 8-10). Age for all categories is determined as of Jan. 1st of the current year. Participants may only enter one age category in the Lawn Tractor Driving event. Experienced participants, younger than 14, may participate in the Senior event, but are then ineligible to participate in the Junior category.

Any questions related to these events should be made directly to the State 4-H Office. Please send any questions via email to the following email address: smilee@udel.edu (Sandy McVey). All participants must enter this event by June 1 using the Delaware State Fair online system.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

Class

- 322. Tractor Driving – Senior Division (ages 14-19)
- 323. Lawn Tractor Driving – Beginner Division (ages 8-10)
- 324. Lawn Tractor Driving – Junior Division (ages 11-13)
- 325. Lawn Tractor Driving – Senior Division (ages 14-19)

SECTION BB

STATE 4-H ARCHERY CONTEST

The State 4-H Archery Contest will be held on **Monday, July 27**. The event location will be the Harrington Raceway Paddock Building on the west side of the fairgrounds (same location as the 2025 event). The following reporting times will be used for this event: Seniors – 10:00 am; Intermediates – 11:00 am; and Juniors – 12:00 pm. **NOTE: If a participant has a conflict with their age reporting time, they should contact the State 4-H Office in advance of the competition to report this in order for 4-H Staff to be aware they will arrive at a different time. Participants should plan to arrive at the event site by their designated time.** There will be three age groups: Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13) and Senior (ages 14-19). Age is determined as of January 1st of the current year. Competitions will be held in three categories: Barebow/Basic Compound, Recurve, and Compound. Participants may participate in all categories.

Qualifications: Youth must be ages 8-19 years old and be participating in a 4-H Archery Club or other 4-H Shooting Sports activities. Participants must have been through 4-H Shooting Sports Archery training, camp, club or outreach activity.

Rules: Check online at <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/4h/events/activities.htm> (scroll down to Shooting Sports) or check with your County Office.

Equipment: Equipment (recurve barebow and arrows) will be provided for youth in the Barebow category. Recurve bows and Compound bows and arrows will NOT be provided. Safety equipment (arm guards and finger tabs) will be provided and required. Proper footwear is also required consisting of closed toe shoes (no crocs).

All participants must enter this event by June 1 using the Delaware State Fair online system.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

Class

- 326. Barebow – Junior (ages 8-10)
- 327. Barebow – Intermediate (ages 11-13)
- 328. Barebow – Senior (ages 14-19)
- 329. Recurve Bow – Junior (ages 8-10)
- 330. Recurve Bow – Intermediate (ages 11-13)
- 331. Recurve Bow – Senior (ages 14-19)
- 332. Compound Bow – Junior (ages 8-10)
- 333. Compound Bow – Intermediate (ages 11-13)
- 334. Compound Bow – Senior (ages 14-19)

OTHER 4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

All 4-H activities use January 1 in determining age. Young people must be age 8 and older for all competitive events.

The **State 4-H Horse and Pony Show** will be held in the Quillen Arena on **Friday, July 31 at 9:00 AM**. The Horse Show is for 4-H club members of the Delmarva Peninsula and is sponsored by Delaware Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Delaware 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. All participants must be bona fide 4-H club members in good standing **as of March 1 of the current year** and be able to present some form of 4-H identification as proof of membership.

- 4-H Exhibitors must be at least 8 years of age, but not yet passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year.
- Cloverbuds are between the ages of 5-7 as of January 1st of the current year and receive participation ribbons only.

Entries must be received in advance by July 10, 2026. A class list and entry form will be available on the State 4-H website after May 1. Classes can be scratched or added up to and including the day of the show once they have entered. Entry fee payments are made the day of the show.

Horses and ponies may be shipped in the morning of the show or be stabled on the fairgrounds if they are participating in additional horse shows during fair week. Proof of a negative coggins test and a certificate of

vaccination for Equine Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis (EHV) within the past 180 days are required to show. Exhibitors are required to wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet whenever mounted or driving.

The **4-H Awards Celebration** will be held on **Saturday, August 1 at 5:00 PM** in the Quillen Arena. All Demonstration, Judging, Public Speaking, Archery, Avian Bowl, Consumer Bowl, Lawn Tractor, Tractor, State 4-H Horse Show and Conservation Display winners will be recognized. 4-H members and parents are encouraged to attend to be recognized.

4-H State Fair Floats – Each county 4-H program is invited and encouraged to have a 4-H float in the nightly Delaware State Fair 4-H Parade. All 4-H members are encouraged to ride these floats in this parade in an effort to promote 4-H at the State Fair. NOTE: No Live Animals are permitted on floats in the parade.