

# 4-H

POTTERY BEADED JEWELRY BLOCK STAMPED PRINTING BRAIDED ARTICLES  
KNITTED ARTICLES CROSS-STITCH FABRIC PAINTING HANDWEAVING  
HANDSPINNING LEATHER ARTICLES MOSAICS NEEDLEWORK POTTERY SOAP MAKING  
STAINED GLASS STENCILING STUFFED ARTICLES TIE DYEING, BATIK WIRE JEWELRY

North Carolina 4-H is an educational program of NC State University and NC Agricultural and Technical State University and is part of the national 4-H organization. 4-H is best identified by its green four-leaf clover with an "H" on each leaf. The four H's on the emblem stand for head, heart, hands and health. The 4-H motto is "to make the best better". Connect with the 4-H community as a member or as a volunteer today. Visit the 4-H website [www.nc4h.org](http://www.nc4h.org) to learn more.

- Exhibit Manager: Sherry Watkins
- Extension Liaison: Dr. Shannon B. McCollum, Ed.D
- Competition is open to North Carolina residents only and youth must be registered in 4-HOnline.
- Two entries per exhibitor, per Class.
- Pre-registration is required
- Entry registration deadline is Monday, September 15, 2025
- The State of North Carolina will require submission of a NC Substitute W-9 prior to making any payment of \$600 or greater or any payment that results in a total of \$600 or more during one calendar year from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to any individual or entity. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to complete and upload the NC Substitute W-9 form to prevent any delay in receiving premium prize money.
- Deliver exhibits to the Education Building Saturday, October 11; Sunday, October 12 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm; and Monday, October 13 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- Exhibits released from other fairs will be accepted until 3:00 pm on Monday, October 13 with entry tag from prior fair. Call 919 839 4513 for details.
- Judging is Tuesday, October 14.
- Exhibits will be released Monday, October 27, 8:00 am - 6:00pm. Exhibits left after this date will be discarded. The Fair is not responsible for entries left after 6:00 pm.
- General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. They can be found at the back of this chapter.
- The point system used for judging in each class aids the judges in selecting winners, but is not the sole factor in the awarding of ribbons and placements.

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## NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service helps people improve the quality of their lives by providing research-based information and informal educational opportunities focused on issues and needs. The Extension Service is a unique educational system with support from county, state, and federal governments, and close ties to the state's two land-grant universities: North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University. The important elements contributing to the organization's success include its unique structure, its use of research-based information, and its use of the strong guidance received from those it serves in setting priorities. The educational philosophy of the Extension Service is to help individuals, families, and communities learn to identify and solve their own problems.

## DIVISION 100: 4-H SPECIAL AWARDS

**Best of Show - Junior Category** \$15.00

**Best of Show - Senior Category** \$15.00

*The Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild will award \$25 each to the blue ribbon winners for Class 26, Junior and Senior Divisions.*

**Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Award - Junior Category** \$25.00

**Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Award - Senior Category** \$25.00

### 4-H County Sweepstakes Award

1st: \$150 2nd: \$120 3rd: \$90 4th: \$60 5th: \$30

#### SWEEPSTAKES RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Sweepstakes awards will be made to the counties amassing the highest point scores for individual entries in Junior and Senior Divisions.
2. Scoring will be based on 7 points for each Blue Ribbon, 3 points for each Red Ribbon, and 1 point for each White Ribbon.
3. In the case of ties, premium money will be divided equally between the counties involved.

## 4-H CRAFTS

### PREMIUMS

**1st - \$10 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$3**

*Cloverbuds will be awarded Ribbons **ONLY** for entering crafts in this division.*

#### 4-H CRAFTS RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Youth must be registered in 4-H, in 4-H Online to compete in the 4-H department competitions. Articles must have been made by 4-H members currently enrolled in 4-H.
2. If a date appears on an item, it must fall between October 27, 2024 and October 16, 2025.
3. Only articles made since the 2024 State Fair will be eligible.
4. 4-H members may enter two items in any one Class.
5. Articles considered not worthy will not be exhibited.
6. No replicas of guns will be accepted. No weapons or replicas of weapons.
7. The NC State Fair does not permit anything controversial to be entered. This includes anything symbolizing cruelty, oppression or of a sexual nature.
8. Please be aware that space for exhibits is limited, and we would appreciate your cooperation with limiting the size of your entry. Exhibits deemed too large will not be accepted.
10. 10" x 13" is a general size limit, unless item can be folded.

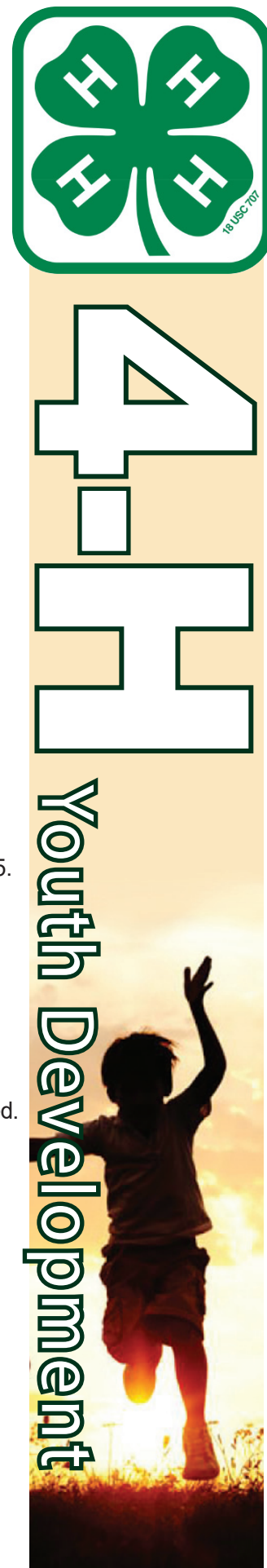
#### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

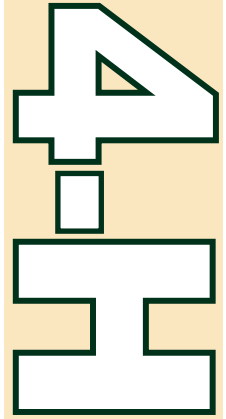
- I. Craftmanship ..... 40 points
- II. Originality and Creativeness..... 30 points
- III. Practicality and Usefulness ..... 30 points

**DIVISION 101 - 4-H CLOVERBUD CRAFT** Ages 5-7

**DIVISION 102: 4-H JUNIOR CRAFT** Ages 8-13

**DIVISION 103: 4-H SENIOR CRAFT** Ages 14-18





## Class

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|---|---|
| 01 - Artwork  | 21 - Needlework   |
| 02 - Basketry   | 22 - Paper Crafts (Origami, woven paper baskets, scrapbooking)    |
| 03 - Bead Jewelry   | 23 - Pottery (Coil, Slab, Wheel Thrown)                           |
| 04 - Block Stamped Printing   | 24 - Pottery (Pre-Formed Mold - Ceramic)                          |
| 05 - Braided Articles   | 25 - Pottery (Sculptured Animals)                                 |
| 06 - Candle Making  | 26 - Quilted Articles   |
| 07 - Crocheted or Knitted Articles  | 27 - Recycled (Anything but Jewelry)                              |
| 08 - Cross-Stitch   | 28 - Recycled Jewelry   |
| 09 - Digital Art  | 29 - Soap Making  |
| 10 - Fabric Painting Original Design  | 30 - Stained or Leaded Glass                                      |
| 11 - Fabric Painting Pattern or Kit   | 31 - Stenciling   |
| 12 - Hand Weaving, Hand Spinning  | 32 - Stuffed Articles   |
| 13 - Latch Hook   | 33 - Tie Dyeing, Batik  |
| 14 - Leather Articles   | 34 - Wired Jewelry  |
| 15 - Mechanical Crafts (Robots, Rockets)  | 35 - Wood Objects from Kit  |
| 16 - Metal (Embossed, Tooled, Etched)   | 36 - Woodworking (Animals, toys, accessories, original sculpture) |
| 17 - Metal Tin Punched  |   |
| 18 - Miscellaneous Crafts   |   |
| 19 - Mosaics (Tile with Grout)  |   |
| 20 - Natural Material (Painted rock, driftwood, etc)<br>This project features natural materials that have been carefully selected and preserved to ensure longevity without decomposition |   |

## 4-H PHOTOGRAPH PREMIUMS

1st - \$10 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$3

### PHOTOGRAPHY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Youth must be registered in 4-H, in 4-H Online to compete in the 4-H department competitions.
2. All pictures must be securely framed/mounted and prepared for hanging or display.
3. Photographs may be contact prints or enlargements sized 8x10 or smaller.
4. All photographs must have captions.
5. 4-H members may enter two items in any one Class.
6. The NC State Fair does not permit anything controversial to be entered. This includes any symbolizing cruelty, weaponry, or of a sexual nature.
7. Maximum frame size cannot exceed 10"x13". Larger sizes will not be accepted.
8. Judging will be done Wednesday October 15, 2025, at 8:30 am.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

- I. Storytelling ability.....50 points  
(as suggested by the caption)
  - Contains few or no distracting or unnecessary elements.
  - All the elements within the picture are arranged to tell the story.
- II. Photographic Quality .....30 points
  - The photography is clear and sharp and shows detail in areas where appropriate.
- III. Mounting (no larger than 10x13 framed/mounted) .....10 points
  - Pictures are mounted neatly and securely.
- IV. Captions.....10 points
  - Pictures have appropriate captions.

**DIVISION 104: 4-H JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPH** *Ages 8-13*  
**DIVISION 105: 4-H SENIOR PHOTOGRAPH** *Ages 14-18*

**PREMIUMS**

**1st - \$10 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$3**

**Class**

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|---|---|
| 01 - Animal, Birds or Insects (Color)   | 06 - Animal, Birds, or Insects (Black & White)  |
| 02 - Building (Color)                   | 07 - Building (Black & White)                   |
| 03 - Landscape or Seascape (Color)      | 08 - Landscape or Seascape (Black & White)      |
| 04 - People Individual or Group (Color) | 09 - People Individual or Group (Black & White) |
| 05 - Miscellaneous (Color)              | 10 - Miscellaneous (Black & White)              |

**PICTURE STORIES**

**Class 07 – PICTURE STORIES - COMPUTER ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY**  
(using technology to enhance your photographs)

**Class 08 – PICTURE STORIES - PHOTOS OF 4-H PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES**  
Submit a series of 4 to 6 photographs, with captions, of a 4-H project which tells a story: e.g.: crafts, food, safety, horse, electric, etc.) Due to space limitations limit all poster sizes to no larger than 14" x 20". Picture stories must be framed/mounted and wired for hanging.

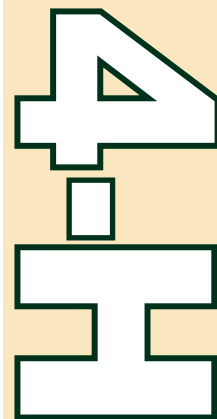
**ENTOMOLOGY RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. Youth must be registered in 4-H Online to compete in the 4-H department competitions. Articles must have been made by 4-H members currently enrolled in 4-H.
2. Those planning to exhibit should submit entry form by September 15 by 5:00 pm.
3. Bring exhibit display box to the Education Building by 12:00 pm, October 14, 2024.
4. The display boxes must be a minimum of 6.5" by 8.5" and a maximum of 19" by 25", made out of any material and have a glass or plexiglass cover.  
For more information see: [go.ncsu.edu/4-H\\_Insects](http://go.ncsu.edu/4-H_Insects).
5. The collection must be the work of the exhibitor.
6. Winning first place eliminates the insect collection from further competition in this class.

Entomology - Contact: Liz Driscoll, Extension Specialist, NCSU

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING**

- I. General appearance and neatness of collection (organized by order and then family).
- II. Specimens are correctly pinned, mounted and preserved.
- III. Correct placement and completeness of labels.
- IV. Number of orders, families and species of insects correctly identified.
- V. Insects collected by someone other than the 4-H'er are acceptable, if pinned, labeled, and mounted by the 4-H'er. The true collector's name should be on the label.
- VI. The majority of the insects must be collected by the 4-H'er.





## **DIVISION 106: 4-H ENTOMOLOGY, INSECT COLLECTION PREMIUMS**

**1st - \$50 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$10 4th-5th - \$5**

Note: Cloverbuds receive Ribbons **ONLY** no premiums

### **Class**

- 01 - Cloverbud Insects Collection - (Age 5-7)
- 02 - Junior Insect Collection - (Age 8-13)
- 03 - Senior Insect Collection - (Age 14-18)

## **DIVISION 107: 4-H ENTOMOLOGY, SPECIAL STUDY PREMIUMS**

**1st - \$50 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$10 4th-5th - \$5**

### **Class**

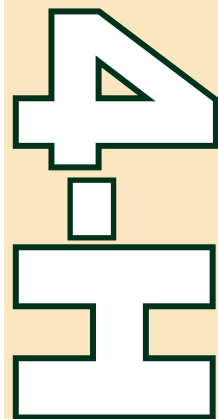
- 01 - Junior Special Study - (Age 8-13)
- 02 - Senior Special Study - (Age 14-18)

## **DECORATED HAY BALE**

Competition limited to County 4-H Groups. No individual entries. County Agent or designated representative should fill out registration either online or on paper.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. Counties must register by Monday, September 15 by 5:00 pm
2. Bales should be designed around promoting NC 4-H or America 250 Celebration "The Great American State Fair".
3. All Designs **MUST** include the Tractor Supply Logo Somewhere within the Design.
4. The North Carolina State Fair will provide a 5 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep round bale for each participating county to decorate. Counties may bring up to 8 additional small rectangular bales to use in the exhibit.
5. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials, and creativity.
6. Hay bales may be decorated from Saturday, October 10 thru Monday, October 13 and will be judged Wednesday, October 15. The bales should be decorated with a good clean wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed-this includes people rolled up inside a bale with feet or head sticking out.
7. Please call the State 4-H office with any questions 919-515-8486.
8. Bales can be placed lying on their side. This will be your choice. Please specify position of bale on entry form. If you will be providing a maximum of 8 small rectangular bales for feet or decoration, please list on entry form. For safety purposes round bales will not be stacked on top of each other.
9. The NC State Fair does not permit anything controversial to be entered. This includes any symbolizing cruelty, weaponry, or of a sexual nature.
10. Decorations should be weather and wind-proof. They will be checked and maintained daily.
11. Paint may **NOT** be applied to the hay bale or grass.
12. No Commercial or Political party signs of any kind are allowed.
13. Decorations may not be removed from bales before Monday, October 27, 2025.  
Decorations not removed by 5:00 pm Monday, October 27, will be discarded.
14. Each county is allowed to enter one hay bale.
15. Entries must be approved and registered by the 4-H agent.
16. All premium checks will be written to county 4-H programs.



## DIVISION 108: 4-H DECORATED HAY BALE

Competition limited to County 4-H Groups. No individual entries.  
County Agent or designated representative should fill out registration either online.

### PREMIUMS

1st - \$375   2nd - \$250   3rd - \$150   4th - \$100   5th - \$100

Class

01 - 4-H Decorated Hay Bale

## 4-H COUNTY EXHIBITS

Five 4-H exhibits – one from each extension service district, one from NC 4-H, and one from 4-H Camping will be found in this department.

The exhibits are the results of ideas and work by youth who have participated in the 4-H program. These exhibits will emphasize the social, physical, and mental growth of boys and girls enrolled in 4-H.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

- I. Communication to Viewers .....28 points
  - Does it expand the visibility of the 4-H?
  - Does it arouse and hold interest?
  - Does it tell a coherent, clear-cut story with a logical sequence of thought?
  - Are title and caption effective in conveying the message?
- II. Education .....24 points
  - Is there an appeal for behavioral change?
  - Is information accurate and factual?
  - Does the exhibit instruct and teach?
- III. Creativity .....20 points
  - Idea clearly defined and shows understanding of purpose and direction.
  - Originality in adapting ideas.
  - Is the idea enthusiastically portrayed?
  - Does the exhibitor convey the feeling that he knows what he is trying to say?
- IV. Design and Mechanics.....20 points
  - Is there effective use of color, lighting, sound, and motion?
  - Is the number of items or materials used appropriate for the exhibit in that they give neither a cluttered nor a bare appearance?
  - Are design, lettering, posters, figures, and equipment in a relative proportion to area and shape of booth?
  - Is there a professional-like touch in the effective use of equipment and materials?
- V. Group Involvement.....8 points
  - Were at least five 4-H members and/or leaders involved in planning, preparing, and erecting the exhibit?

## DIVISION 109: 4-H COUNTY EXHIBITS

### PREMIUMS

1st - \$725   2nd - \$625   3rd - \$525   4th - \$500   5th thru 7th - \$475

Class

01 - 4-H County Exhibits

