

## **EXHIBITS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**All Exhibits must be pre-registered.** Registration forms must be returned by mail to Tammy Allen, 35 Alvin St. Fairfield CT 06432, no later than 9/22. Email – mtwakn6@optonline.net Upon receipt of the registration form, appropriate 4-H exhibitor cards will be sent to 4-Hers. The Exhibit Registration Form should be printed in ink. Include name, age, division, number of entries and, where appropriate, size of space needed. If you have questions, call Tammy at (203) 333-7989.

- 1 Participation is open to any enrolled Fairfield or New Haven County 4-H member. 4-H'ers may exhibit in any or all divisions as long as they meet the requirements of that division. Projects must have been completed since the last Fallback Into 4-H Festival. Youth do not have to have a record book to enter. Please sign up for only those exhibits you will definitely bring.
- 1 Judging will start on time, so all projects must be entered AND SET UP by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. **ABSOLUTELY NO** entries will be accepted after 10:15 a.m. Late entries (10am -10:15) will be penalized by receiving the next lower ribbon.
- 1 **IMPORTANT:** Each 4-H'er must set-up and take down their own exhibits - only exhibitors will be allowed in the exhibit area during set-up time. Each member must completely clean his/her area and dispose of debris in the proper dump area before leaving the facility. Exhibits **MUST** remain in place until after closing ceremonies.
- 1 All articles must be made by the 4-H exhibitor since last year's Fallback Festival.
5. Label all articles with a 4-H exhibitor card filled out completely on both sides. Attach the exhibitor card securely to the items. Feel free to add any pertinent information that will help the evaluator understand the effort you made to do this project. **On the exhibitor card, be sure to list your years in the project, not the number of years you have been in 4-H.**
6. Any entries not meeting the specific requirements of the division will receive the next lower ribbon. For example, art work not mounted; recipes not accompanying food exhibits or written on something other than 3" x 5" card. Please read all directions for your division carefully.
7. There will be no exhibit entry fee. Cash premiums will not be paid to exhibitors.

8. Ribbons will be awarded according to the Danish System. Rosette(s) will also be awarded for the best exhibit in each division. Special ribbons will be awarded to youth entering designated categories in various divisions.
9. Every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of exhibits while they are on exhibit, but 4-H will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. All exhibitors must give personal attention to their property and at the close of the Festival take charge of it. The Committee is not responsible or liable for any accidents resulting in personal injury that occur on the grounds.
10. Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are NOT allowed. There is no smoking permitted in the building. No pets are allowed.
11. Siblings of 4-H'ers who are less than 7 years old are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent or guardian.
12. PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH ANY EXHIBITS.
13. Any live animal exhibit must be contained in a double fenced cage or secure covered top for aquariums.  
At **NO** time can animals be removed from secured containers.
14. Space is limited for large exhibits such as booths or hobbies. On the exhibit registration form please be as exact as possible about the amount of space needed.
15. Special categories have been added to several Exhibit Divisions. Winners of these categories will receive a special ribbon.
  - Grow Challenge – Division 4
  - Bird houses- Division 6
  - Lego- Division 5
16. Two new divisions have been added – Division 18 Career Exploration and Division 10 – Scrapbooking
17. This year's Baking Contest recipe is Brownies.

## DIVISION 1 - CLOTHING

1. Garments must have been made by a 4-H member since last Fallback Festival.
2. Clothing Revue garments are welcomed to be displayed, but cannot be judged again and will only receive a participation ribbon. Please write "Do Not Judge" on exhibit cards.
3. All clothing must be clean, well pressed and on a hanger.
4. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, proper use of sewing techniques, choice of fabric, condition and construction.*
5. Do not list Clothing Revue garments on clothing line of registration form.
6. Pattern envelope and directions **must** accompany garment.

## DIVISION 2 – FOODS

1. Cover all exhibits with clear transparent wrap.
2. Recipes, including recipe source, (include frosting recipes) **must** be provided for all food exhibits on a 3" x 5" card. They may be printed neatly (in ink), typed or copied and attached to the card.
3. The following are not allowed: package mixes such as store-bought frostings, Bisquick, pie crust mixes, etc) beverages, and anything that needs refrigeration.
4. *Your food will be judged on the following qualities:*  
*"Outside characteristics - (color, shape, size, frosting)"*  
*"Inside characteristics - (texture, grain, crumb, filling)"*  
*"Flavor - (pleasing blend, characteristics of product)"*
5. Exhibits in this division may include but are not limited to:

(Please note that specific amounts are required for each item)

whole quick breads	4 bar cookies	4 pieces candy/fudge, nutritious	
snacks			
4 drop cookies	4 muffins	whole cakes	
4 rolled cookies	4 biscuits	loaf of bread	4 pressed
cookies			
4 cupcakes	whole pies	4 rolls	

## DIVISION 3 - FOOD PRESERVATION (Canning)

1. All entries must have been canned by 4-H member since last Fallback Festival.
2. Must use label on product. Label should include name of product, date canned and processing method used.
3. Jars made specifically for canning purposes must be used. Jars from commercially prepared products will be disqualified as they are unsafe for home canning.
4. Recipes, including recipe source, must be printed neatly (in ink) or typed on 3 x 5 card(s) and should accompany all exhibits.
5. Your canning will be judged on:  
*Jar - well sealed, clean and neatly labeled. Processing method used. Pack - full but*

*not crowded. Pieces of size convenient for serving. No foreign pack. No extra credit for fancy pack. Liquid clear, not discolored. Liquid should cover the pieces. Product - good texture, right stage of maturity, uniform size and shape. Appearance - natural color, careful preparation.*



## **DIVISION 4 - HORTICULTURE**

**GROW Challenge members should exhibit their Terrarium in this division. The best Terrarium will receive a special ribbon and be considered for Best in Show.**

### **2007 GROW Challenge – Make A Terrarium**

A terrarium is a transparent container with a cover that contains soil and plants. No live animals will be allowed in terrariums. You will need:

**A container** – could be a glass or plastic bowl or jar, a small aquarium, even a large plastic soda bottle. It

should be transparent, hold a few inches of soil and able to be covered.

**A cover** – of any material. Its purpose is to keep moisture in the container.

**Plants** – bits of moss or sod, small house plants or even small weeds can work well.

**Accessories if desired** – miniature figures, rocks or twigs can add interest to your terrarium.

1. All exhibits must have been grown, cared for or selected by the exhibitor. All exhibits **must** be insect free. Exhibits in this category includes flowers, vegetables, foliage plants and terrariums.
2. *Flowers* should be uniform in size and color with appropriate number per container. They will be judged on quality of flowers and freedom from disease. Flowers not used in an arrangement must be grown by the exhibitor. *Arrangements* must be made by the exhibitor, but the flowers need not be grown by the exhibitor (for example, silk flowers, dried flowers or any store bought fresh flowers). Arrangements will be judged on color, design, balance and proportion, and condition. A good arrangement must have balance and pleasing line in it's design, good color, harmony and well-related textures.
3. *Houseplants* must be in the exhibitors possession for at least three months prior to the Festival. Plants will be judged on condition, form (uniformity, shape), stem and foliage quality, color and size. Plants must be insect free and in proper proportion to their containers. If entering houseplants: include a 3" x 5" card on which is stated how often the plant is watered and fertilized; what type of fertilizer is used and any other pertinent information regarding the care of that plant.

*Vegetable* entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Entries will be judged on uniformity (size, shape, color, stem quality) and condition (freshness, maturity, preparation). Only

vegetables which are of uniform size, shape and color and are at proper maturity for table use or canning should be selected. Vegetables must be clean, fresh, firm and free from blemishes caused by disease, insect and rough handling. Vegetables should be exhibited on a paper plate. (Please note that specific amounts are required for each item)

Beans 6 pods (any type)	Beets 5	Broccoli - 1 bunch	Cabbage - 1 head
Carrots 5	Celery 5	Corn - 3 ears	Cucumbers - 3
Eggplant - 1	Onions - 5	Parsnips - 5	Peppers 3 (any type)
Potatoes - 5	Pumpkin - 1	Radishes - 5	Squash - 1 (any type)
Swiss Chard - 1 plant	Tomatoes - 3 green/red/or yellow	Herbs or spices , 1	pot or in water

## **DIVISION 5 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

*The best Lego exhibit will receive a special ribbon and be considered for Best in Show.*

1. Exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor since last Fallback Festival.
2. Exhibits in this division include but are not limited to: veterinary science, electrical, metal, lego and rocket projects.
3. Kit projects are acceptable, please indicate "Kit" on exhibitor card.
4. Exhibits will be judged on design (choice of materials, proportions, balance and color), workmanship (neatness, construction, finishing) and creativity.

## **DIVISION 6 - NATURAL SCIENCES**

*The best birdhouse exhibit will receive a special ribbon and be considered for Best in Show.*

*Birdhouses must include information about types of birds using the house.*

1. Each article or collection must be a current 4-H project made or altered since last Fallback Festival.  
If entered in previous years, exhibitor must provide a written explanation of what has been added or changed for the current year.
2. Each article must have been made, collected or kept by each exhibitor.
3. *Articles will be judged on nearness, labeling, quality and completeness.*
4. All collections must be neatly mounted and well labeled by the exhibitor.
5. Exhibits in this area may include but are not limited to: forestry and wildlife collections, rocks and minerals, insects, shells, wildflowers, and ecology exhibits.

## **DIVISION 7 - 4-H BOOTH EXHIBITS**

1. Exhibits in this category may be individual or done by a group of club members. If done as a group it should be registered by only one member. The exhibitor numbers and ages of each person in the group must be on the exhibitor card.
2. An exhibit is meant to stand on its own without explanation from members.
3. This division serves as an opportunity for individuals or groups of 4-H members to demonstrate a craft or skill or offer visitors information on a project or issue.
4. Size of exhibit (amount of space needed) MUST accompany registration. Due to limited space, a maximum of 4 feet by 2½ feet will be allowed. Display boards must be provided by exhibitor. Display MUST fit pre-measured booth area. Items on floor or walls around the booth WILL NOT be included in the booth and WILL NOT be judged.
5. Preparation and setting up of booths MUST be the work of club member(s) AND NOT of leaders or parents. Title of booth must be prominently displayed.
6. Only pre-registered booths will be accepted. All booths must be COMPLETELY set up by 9:45.
7. If animals are used (i.e. rabbits, hamsters, ferrets, snakes, etc.), they must be in good physical condition and free from apparent disease. In accordance with state Rabies guidelines, all animals must be kept in a secure cage and must be double caged at all times.
8. Scoring of exhibits will be as follows:
  - a. *Subject - 20%*
    1. *one main idea*
    2. *important to people (practical and timely)*
    3. *expressed simply and clearly*
    4. *accurate information, readable signs*
  - b. *Public appeal - 40%*
    1. *causes people to stop and look*
    2. *arouses and holds interest*
    3. *will be remembered and talked about later*
    4. *if appropriate, tells where to get further information*
  - c. *Attractiveness - 20%*
    1. *neat*
    2. *good arrangement*
    3. *simplicity*
    4. *appropriate size and style of lettering*
    5. *if appropriate, good use of color combination*
  - d. *Originality - 20%*
    1. *Idea shown in an unusual way (motion, color, slogan)*

## **DIVISION 8 – PHOTOGRAPHY**

1. Photographs must have been taken by 4-H member since last Fallback Festival.

2. All photographs must be mounted on a firm surface with at least a 1" border, or an album of photos. DO NOT FRAME.
3. CAPTION ALL PICTURES, even if in an album.
4. Type of camera used (35mm automatic focus, polaroid, 35mm single lens reflex, disposable, digital, etc) **MUST** be written clearly on exhibitor card. If entries warrant, this division will be divided into traditional film and digital film. The judge may decide to award two Best of Shows.
5. *Exhibits will be judged on storytelling ability (as suggested by the caption), photographic quality, mounting and captions.*

### **DIVISION 9 – 4-H SCRAPBOOKS**

1. Individual or club scrapbooks may be entered. **The exhibitor card must indicate if the entry is a club or an individual scrapbook.**

Individual scrapbooks must be about the member's experiences in the past 4-H year.

Club scrapbooks must focus on a club's events and activities and have more than one author. In

that situation, on the scrapbook exhibitor card, list all exhibitor I.D. numbers of individual

club members.

2. *Scrapbooks will be judged on neatness, organization, interest and attractiveness.*
3. Scrapbooks will be judged on entries made since the previous year's Fall Back Festival.

### **DIVISION 10 – SCRAPBOOKING**

1. Only individual scrapbooks may be entered. Individual scrapbooks must be non-4-H related.
2. *Scrapbooks will be judged on neatness, organization, interest and attractiveness.*
3. Scrapbooks will be judged on entries made since the previous year's Fall Back Festival.

### **DIVISION 11 - ART**

1. Entries submitted must be done by a 4-H member since last Fallback Festival.
2. All art work must be mounted (able to be hung on the wall), where appropriate.
3. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, subject matter and originality.*
4. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: drawings, sketches, painting, stenciling a picture, block printing and sculpture.

### **DIVISION 12 - LEISURE ARTS**

1. Each exhibit must have been made by the member since last Fallback Festival.
2. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: carving,

pottery, collage,

decoupage, ceramics, jewelry, leather work, nature craft, basketry, bead work, macramé, papier-mâché,

candles, mobiles, mosaic, stenciling, paper craft, tie dyeing, soft sculpture, kit crafts, paint by number,

holiday decoration, kites, or a mold made by 4-H'er

3. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, correct preparation and finish and quality of workmanship.*
4. If item is a club project, please check the appropriate box on exhibitor card. Indicate any camp or school project as well. If a kit craft is used, please indicate on exhibitor card "kit craft". **Also note that the section on the entry card asking for "years in project" should indicate the number of years you have been using this technique or doing this particular craft, not the number of years in the leisure projects in general.**
5. If an item is pottery, ceramic or clay, please indicate the following:
  1. Item thrown on a potter's wheel by 4-H'er
  2. Created from a slab of clay by 4-H'er
  3. Purchased greenware.

### **DIVISION 13 – HOBBY COLLECTIONS**

1. Exhibits in this division must be the work of the 4-H member. Each exhibit must be a current collection or one that has been altered since last Fallback Festival. If entered in previous years, exhibitor must provide a written explanation of what has been added or changed this year.
2. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: baseball card, horses, dolls, stamps, coins.
3. *Exhibits will be judged on correctness of labels, neatness, and methods of display (originality) and titles.* Also explain your interest in this hobby collection. In judging collections, the size and value of the collection is not as important as the neatness, methods of display, proper labeling and titles.
4. Size of space needed **MUST** accompany registration. Due to limited space, a maximum of 4 feet by 2½ feet will be allowed. **Only pre-registered hobby exhibits will be accepted.**
5. Animals are not a hobby collection and may only be exhibited as part of a booth exhibit.
6. Every effort should be made to omit or cover exhibitor's name from collection.

### **DIVISION 14 - HOME ARTS**

1. Each exhibit must have been made by the member since last Fallback Festival.
2. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: crochet or knit articles, embroidery, needlepoint, cross-stitch, quilting, hooking, pillows, tote bags, pajama bags, bean bags, pin cushions or stuffed toys.

3. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, correct preparation and finish and quality of workmanship.*
4. If a kit craft is used, please indicate on exhibitor card "kit craft".
5. If item is a club project, please check the appropriate box on exhibitor card. Indicate any camp or school project as well.
6. Similar or identical items are limited to two individual exhibits per person. If there are more than two similar items in this category, they must be grouped as one exhibit.

### **DIVISION 15 - RECORD BOOKS**

1. To be eligible for this division, a 4-Her must have received a blue ribbon at the county evaluation.
2. Because record books have already been judged, only three best of show ribbons will be awarded in this division: one for juniors, one for seniors and one for first year books.
3. *Books will be judged on neatness, accuracy, completeness, effort put forth and arrangement.*
4. Your completed evaluation sheet from this year MUST be inserted on top of this year's activity record sheet or it cannot be considered for this division.
5. No exhibitor card is needed for this division.
6. 4-H member **SHOULD NOT** make changes to record book following county evaluation held earlier in the fall before submitting for consideration for Best of Show at Fallback.

### **DIVISION 16 – WOODCRAFTS**

*The best wood stool exhibit will receive a special ribbon and be considered for Best in Show.*

1. Exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor since last Fallback Festival.
2. Exhibits in this division include but are not limited to: birdhouse or feeder, tray, shelf, bookends, stool, bookcases and other wooden projects.
3. Kit projects are acceptable, please indicate "kit" on exhibitor card.
4. *Exhibits will be judged on design (choice of materials, proportions, balance and color), workmanship (neatness, construction, finishing) and creativity*

### **DIVISION 17 - COMMUNICATIONS**

1. All written work must be typed with double spacing. No hand written work will be accepted unless it is part of the creative presentation for the work.
2. Previously evaluated work (school reports) is acceptable if it relates to your project area. Attach a note with the work explaining this relationship. A clean copy of such work should be entered - work with grades or comments will not be judged.
3. *All work will be evaluated on content, correctness, neatness and presentation.*
4. Exhibits can include but are not limited to:
  - Original Essay (not to exceed 5 pages)
  - Original Research Reports (must be related to 4-H member's project area and not to exceed 5 pages)
  - Original Short Story
  - Original Poetry Collection (up to 5 pieces)
  - Other original miscellaneous written work
  - Original Computer art
  - Original Web Page (printout is acceptable)
  - Original 4-H Press Release

## **DIVISION 18 CAREER EXPLORATION**

Investigate and learn more about a career that interests you!

1. Poster must be on standard poster board and must be of uniform size 22" X 28"– other sizes are ineligible.
1. Use theme to select a career you are interested in and share it with us! For example: "*Explore Nursing.*"
2. Newspaper and film cartoon characters may not be used.
3. Posters must contain only original artwork done by the artist.
4. Do not attach items thicker than the poster board to the poster.
5. Keep it simple and to the point.
6. *Exhibits will be judged on originality, follows the theme, conveys easily understood message, accurate information and general appearance.*

## **DIVISION 19 4-H BAKING CONTESTS**

### **All Contestants**

1. Participants must be enrolled in Fairfield County 4-H or a *Over the Clover* Contestants. *Over the Clover* Contestants must be: 4-H alumni, volunteers, parents or leaders in Fairfield County 4-H.
2. Entries will be judged *on the following qualities:*
  - "Outside characteristics - (color, shape, size, frosting)"*
  - "Inside characteristics - (texture, grain, crumb, filling)"*
  - "Flavor - (pleasing blend, characteristics of product)"*
3. This Division will be divided into junior and senior and Over the Clover section. All

entries will be judged

on the Danish system. A Best in Show Rosette will be awarded in each section.

4. Entries must be covered with clear plastic wrap.

5. To register for this contest, check off Division 19 (Jr or Sr or Over the Clover) on the Exhibit Registration

form. An exhibit card will then be sent to you.

4 For the purposes of this contest, Juniors are ages 7-12 as of 01/01/07. Seniors are ages 13-19 as of 01/01/07

## 4-H BAKING CONTESTS RECIPE

### BROWNIES

4 ounces unsweetened chocolate shortening	1 teaspoon vanilla	2/3 cup
1 ¼ cups all purpose flour* baking powder	2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon
4 eggs nuts (optional)	1 teaspoon salt	1 cup chopped

Heat oven to 350. Grease baking pan, 13x9x2 inches. Melt chocolate and shortening in large saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat. Mix in sugar, eggs and vanilla. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spread in pan. Bake 30 minutes or until brownies start to pull away from sides of pan. Do not over bake. Cool slightly. Cut into bars, about 2 x 1 ½ inches. Enter your 4 best bars, in clear transparent wrap.

*\*If using self-rising flour, omit baking powder and salt*