

Youth Building Depts.

Youth Building Superintendent:

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General Rules & Regulations:

Important notice to all exhibitors:

The rules listed below apply to all entries in the building. Please be aware that each Department and Division may have specific additional rules and requirements. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to read the following rules and closely ensure full compliance with all entry standards.

Decisions of the Department Chair and/or Building Superintendent is final. Any continued opposition may result in disqualification of the entry. Any formal complaints/protests must be filed with the GFF main office following the policy listed in the General Fair Rules on page 32.

The Great Frederick Fair supports disciplinary policies and procedures that are in effect and imposed through proper guidelines and channels of the Youth divisions. It is also The Great Frederick Fair's policy to forfeit any and all premiums and prize winnings if for any reason exhibitor dismissal is imposed.

Eligibility:

1. All Youth Exhibitors must be members in good standing of either The GFF Youth Program, 4-H or FFA in Frederick County.
2. Age requirement for youth building: (Ages 8-18, as of Jan. 1 of current year)
 - a. Juniors (ages 8-13 by January 1 of current year)
 - b. Seniors (ages 14-18 by January 1 of current year)
 - c. Sprouts (must be enrolled as a 4-H clover)
3. All Youth Exhibitors will follow ALL GFF Rules and Guidelines, and all rules published in the Fair catalog.

Entry Details:

1. Exhibits are due according to the schedule listed at the end of the rules and regulation section.
2. No entry fee is charged to youth exhibitors.
3. The Fair office and Youth Building will not be responsible for any exhibits.
4. All individual youth entries must be entered electronically through ShoWorks by the August 15th deadline. Walk-in entries will not be accepted.
5. Junior and Senior exhibitors may make one entry per class within each department and division within their age bracket. You may not enter the same item, or a minor variation of it, in more than one class across any department or division. Sprouts exhibitors may have a total of 5 entries total.
6. Each entry must be made by exhibitor and represent work completed since the previous Fair. **Exceptions:** entries and collections which have been added to (example: leaf, insect collections, sewing samples.)
7. All premium checks will go directly to the youth exhibitor except for 4Z (Club Entries) which go to the club.

Entry Intake/Arrival Instructions:

Important note for MD State Fair (MSF) and Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show (T&ECS) exhibitors:

1. MSF often overlaps the first GFF entry intake day. It is the sole discretion of the exhibitor to coordinate early pickup with MSF officials. All items entered at GFF must be in place by the required intake time.

2. Exhibitors that are participating in MSF and/or T&ECS on the same day as GFF entry intake, may drop off entries early on Wednesday, September 9th, 5-7pm. **Exception:** 4W (Home Furnishings) Division 1 - Table settings must conference judge.
 - a. Exhibitors opting to drop off early entries for 4W - Division 1 - table setting, are forfeiting their opportunity for conference judging and will receive a participation ribbon only. Exhibits will be displayed based on space availability.
3. Early drop off is ONLY for exhibitors identified in rule #2. All other exhibitors must bring entries during normal intake hours. (*MSF and T&ECS will provide a list of exhibitors*)
4. All entries MUST be INSIDE the building before 12pm (noon) on both Saturdays. Entries dropped off outside of the designated times will not be accepted or judged.
5. Entries may be dropped off by a parent/friend on the proper intake day for the exhibitor. Conference judging will not be provided. The youth building is not responsible for lost/misplaced/incorrectly entered entries.
6. Entries removed from the building (without permission from the Building Superintendent) will forfeit all premiums and ribbons.
8. Upon arrival at the building, proceed to the welcome table. Youth Ambassadors will be available to help exhibitors to their respective departments. **No adults are permitted in the youth building during entry intake unless given permission by the building superintendent.**
9. Bring all entries with the tags attached, and a copy of your entries to the Youth Building (Bldg. 12) on the days and times specified.
 - a. Youth exhibitors are responsible for printing and bringing their own entry tags. Contact the Fair office if you need a How To Guide.

Entry Receipt & Conference Judging:

1. Superintendents reserve the right to move entries to the correct dept./class if entered incorrectly.
2. Conference judging is only guaranteed for 4 entries per department. Youth exhibitors may be granted more conference judging opportunities based on judge availability. Conference judging will conclude at 12:30pm sharp each Sat. For exhibitors with more than 4 entries in a department, please identify the 4 for conference judging BEFORE arriving to intake. Entries that exceed the 4 limit will be collected by the department and be judged without the exhibitor present.
 - a. Judging sessions will end promptly at 12:30pm.
3. Junior and Senior entries do not compete against each other. Department and Division Champions will be selected for each age group. **Exception:** 4U (baked Goods), 4Z (Club Entries), and 4ZZ (Sprouts).
4. Entries in the Youth Building will be judged using the Danish system earning a blue (1st premium), red (2nd premium), or white (3rd premium) ribbon. Participation ribbons may be awarded to entries that fail to meet requirements. Premiums are not awarded for participation ribbons.
5. Conference judging is an opportunity for all youth but is only mandatory for 4W (Youth Home Furnishings and Family Life) Division 1 - Table Settings.

Premiums:

1. All premium checks will go directly to the youth exhibitor. **Exception:** Department 4Z (Club Entries) go to the submitting organization.

Individual Entry Judging:

1. Entries in the Youth Building will be judged against the department rules and regulations and the exhibitors own merit using the Danish system earning a blue

(1st premium), red (2nd premium), or white (3rd premium) ribbon. Participation ribbons may be awarded to entries that fail to meet requirements. Premiums are not awarded for participation ribbons.

- a. Entries that do not meet the standards are not guaranteed a participation ribbon or display. This decision remains at the sole discretion of the Department Chair and Building Superintendent.
2. Champions - Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons may be awarded in each class, division and department, however, these awards are not guaranteed and depend on the number of entries and quality of entries at the judge's discretion. These are ribbon-only awards with no additional premium money. **Exception:** 4U (Baked Goods), 4Z (Club Entries), and 4ZZ (Sprouts).
3. Champion Selection Process - When selecting Champion ribbons, the reserve champion from the winner's previous level becomes eligible to compete for the next reserve title.
 - a. Example - if the Division 1 Champion is selected as the "Department Champion", the Division 1 Reserve Champion is then brought to the ring to compete against the remaining Division Champions for the "Department Reserve Champion".
4. Best in Show - Department Champions are eligible for Best in Show. Selections will be made by GFF Board Members.
5. Cake & Pie Grand Champion selection will be conducted as two separate processes.
 - a. Overall Grand Champion Cake - The junior and senior grand champion cakes will be judged against each other.
 - b. Overall Grand Champion Pie - The junior and senior grand champion pie will be judged against each other.

Youth Cake, Pie and Baked Goods Sale Rules and Information:

The following rules, in addition to general, judging, and department rules are in place.

1. Failure to comply with ALL Rules listed will result in immediate disqualification from the sale.
2. Only Cakes/Pies receiving a blue or red ribbon are eligible for sale. **Exception:** The Programs Coordinator, in conjunction with the Youth Building Superintendent, reserves the right to limit the number of sale items per exhibitor based on the final number of qualifying sale items.
3. Cupcakes from 4U1 (Division 1, class 13) receiving a blue or red ribbon will be grouped together into lots and sold at a flat price during the sale.
4. Baked Goods from 4U2 (Divisions 3-6 Only) receiving a blue or red ribbon will be grouped together into lots and sold at a flat price during the sale. Division 1 and 2 entries will not be sold.
5. Exhibitors with entries sold as a flat priced lot (cupcakes, cookies and candies) will receive a flat premium for participation in the sale.
6. Sale Verification - Exhibitors are responsible for verifying their items have been successfully entered into the sale before the start time. This is especially important for those who did not participate in conference judging and may be unaware of their final placing.
7. Posting - The list of eligible sale items and the final sale order will be posted on the Youth Building by noon on the day of the sale.
8. Conflicts - Any scheduling conflicts due to other fair activities (i.e. livestock shows) must be discussed with the Building Superintendent during entry intake on Saturday.

- Adjustments - Please note that moving items within the sale order is not guaranteed.

Youth Building Depts. Intake Schedule

Entries MUST be INSIDE the building before 12:00pm (noon) both Saturdays. Entries brought in after 12:00pm will be considered for display but will not be judged and no premiums awarded.

Department	Entry Day (9am - noon)
Dept. 4K - Garden & Field	Saturday, Sept. 19
Dept. 4L - Art	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4M - Craft	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4N - Ag-Tech Sciences	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4P - Soaps & Candles	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4Q - Entomology	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4R - Photography	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4S - Clothing	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4SF - Fleece/Skein Competition	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4T - Decorated Textiles	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4U1 - Cakes & Pies	Saturday, Sept. 19
Dept. 4U2 - Baked Goods	Saturday, Sept. 19
Dept. 4V - Food Preservation	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4W - Home Furnishings	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4X - Posters	Saturday, Sept. 12
Dept. 4Y - Flowers	Saturday, Sept. 19
Dept. 4Z - Club Entries	Sept. 9th - <i>See Catalog Section</i>
Dept 4ZZ - Sprouts	Saturday, Sept. 12

Youth Building Depts. Release Schedule

- All Club/Chapter Entries will be released on Sat. Sept. 26 from 8pm - 10 pm. If you cannot pick up your items during this window, a later pick-up time must be arranged and approved by the Building Superintendent prior to entry drop-off.
- All youth individual entries will be released on Sun. Sept. 27 from 8am - 1pm.
- Youth exhibitors with livestock moving off the fairgrounds on Sat. Sept. 26 are permitted to pick up their entries from 8-10pm. This must be coordinated with the Building Superintendent. Please plan accordingly with livestock times as the youth building will close promptly at 10pm.
- Entries not picked up on Sun. Sept. 27 will be discarded.