



OPEN JUDGING

Have you ever wondered what the Judges were thinking or looking for when they judge 4-H projects?

Floyd County 4-H'ers will talk with Judges about their project. This is a fun and interactive learning experience that allows 4-Her's to answer and ask questions. So step right up and be proud to show them all of your hard work!

Here are a few commonly asked questions on how the Open Judging format works:

- ◆ Youth do NOT need to be present at the judging to enter their projects. If they are unable to attend, their projects will just be turned in and as Judges have breaks they will judge the project and write out a comment sheet. They will be judged on the same criteria and still qualify for all awards, they will just miss out on the experience and opportunity of talking with the Judge and explaining their project.
- ◆ All projects must be scanned during check in and you will be given an exhibitor tag to attach to your project. Tags should be on the lower right corner of posters and photography boards. Take your Green Record Book with you to the judging tables.
- ◆ Only the 4-Her who is exhibitor of the project will be allowed to discuss their project with the Judge. Adults are asked to wait at the door. Exceptions to this rule is if a child is having difficulty understanding the Judge or the Judge understanding the child, the Judge may request the parent/guardian to approach the table and re-ask or re-state the question or comment.
- ◆ Stand in front of the table for the project you wish to have judged. When a Judge is ready , you will approach the table and check in with the Judge's Assistant. The assistant will initial your record sheet and then you will talk with the Judge about your project. When done with that Judge move on to your next project!
- ◆ When you turn in your last project, you will place your Green Record Book in the box at the check in table. Green Record Books are used in determining awards and scholarships.
- ◆ The building will be closed at 8:00 p.m. Once everyone who is in the building has completed their judging , everyone but Judges and Assistants will be asked to leave while the higher awards are selected.
- ◆ Remember to SMILE and be friendly. The Judges are there to help and are eager to talk to your! Explain your project just like you would to a friend.

RIBBON PLACING



Blue, Red, and White placing ribbons will be issued to all exhibits properly entered and meeting all the project guidelines. Late entries will receive a Green Completion ribbon. In order to receive a Division or Reserve Champion ribbon, the project must have received a Blue ribbon.

Any project not evaluated by a judge cannot receive higher than a blue-ribbon placement and is not eligible to advance to Indiana State Competition. State Fair ribbons are as follows:

Green- Participant

White- Poorly constructed or barely meets guidelines

Red- Adequate or does not fully meet guidelines

Blue- Very complete, meets guidelines, well-constructed

Orange- Exceptional blue-ribbon merit

Sweepstakes is awarded to best overall