

Soil & Water Science

Description: The soil and water science project teaches youth about soil, water, and environmental stewardship.

State Fair Entries: 3 per county; one per level

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4online by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by May 24, 2024. See page 7 Rule #24.
- Exhibits checked-in Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 9am-12, judging starts at 12:30 pm

An Allen County 4-H General Record Sheet must be completed, signed and turned in at the beginning of check-in for All Exhibit Building Projects.

Exhibit Guidelines:

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Level 1 - Grades 3, 4, 5

Level 2 - Grades 6, 7, 8

Level 3 - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (Grades 3-5 suggested): Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any manual activity or on any soil and water topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

Intermediate (Grades 6-8 suggested): Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any manual activity or on any soil and water topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

Advanced (Grades 9-12 suggested): Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any manual activity or on any soil and water topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Youth can also design and complete an independent study activity.