



Do Your Own Thing

(2025 Clay County 4-H Project)

Description:

With the help of adult guidance, young people can determine their own projects. The Do Your Own Thing project allows youth to participate in a project that may not be included in the current 4-H program. Such projects can be developed to expand a current interest or to explore a new field. This particular project encourages the use and development of individual abilities and creativity.

State Fair Entries:

None

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. The 4-Her may NOT choose an activity that duplicates the Guidelines of an existing project offered in Clay County (for example, Arts & Crafts or Scrapbooking). If the member is unsure if their project qualifies for “Do Your Own Thing” or if it should be in another category, please contact the Extension Office and/or the 4-H Educator.
2. Project exhibit must be educational and teach the observer something or show what the 4-Her has learned.
3. Projects will be judged by level.
 - **Level 1:** Grades 3-5
 - **Level 2:** Grades 6-8
 - **Level 3:** Grades 9-12

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

NOTE: Exhibit guidelines are the same for each level.

1. An exhibit can be a display, notebook, or 22” x 28” poster covered in plastic.
2. Be sure to include at least a one-page summary of the exhibit with the project exhibit outlining why the 4-Her selected this project and what they did to complete the project. This can include things like how they chose the project, steps they did to complete it, research done, costs, amount of time spent, or any other additional information that might be helpful to a judge.
3. It is recommended/suggested that all posters, notebooks, and display boards 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 manner in which references are listed or a lack thereof.