



# Shelby County 4-H Battle of the Barns

*Theme: Building Success One Block at a Time*  
*Judging Date & Time: Monday, June 15 at 3:00pm*  
*Participants: All 4-H Livestock Barns*

## Overview

The Battle of the Barns decorating contest is a fun and friendly competition between all four (Cattle Barn, Arena Barn, Barn 13 - Overflow, Poultry Barn) livestock barns to show off their 4-H pride, creativity, and teamwork! Each barn will decorate their space using this year's 4-H theme of legos "Building Success One Block at a Time." Decorations will be judged by a special committee and the winning barn will earn bragging rights!

## Contest Rules

1. Eligibility
  - All 4-H members and volunteers assigned to a livestock barn are eligible to participate as a team.
2. Theme
  - Decorations must reflect the lego theme of "Building Success One Block at a Time."
  - Creativity, originality, and 4-H spirit are encouraged.
3. Set-Up Deadline
  - All decorations must be fully installed and ready for judging by **3pm on Monday, June 15.**
  - Barns may begin decorating after check-in is complete on Sunday.
4. Judging
  - A panel of judges will evaluate each barn using a scoring rubric.
  - Results will be announced at the start of the Sheep Show.
  - Rubric: Creativity & Originality – 25 points, Use of Theme – 25 points, Teamwork & Participation – 25 points, Overall Appearance – 25 points
5. Guidelines
  - Decorations must be safe and not obstruct aisles, gates, or animal care areas.
  - No glitter, loose confetti, or hazardous materials may be used.
  - Decorations should be secured to withstand weather and fair traffic.
  - All decorations must follow fire safety guidelines.
  - Decorations should be respectful and appropriate for all audiences.
6. Awards
  - A traveling banner will be hung in the winning barn and gets that barn bragging rights for the year.
  - Honorable mentions may be awarded for categories like "Best Use of Theme" or "Most Creative."
7. Clean-Up
  - Barns are responsible for removing all decorations by the end of load-out on the final Saturday of fair.