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Who can participate?

The Washington County Youth Fair (WCYF) is open to school-aged youth in grades K-12. Youth must either live in Washington County, attend public, private, or registered home-school in Washington County, and/or be a Washington County 4-H member.

How can I participate?

Read the Rules & Guidelines. Follow them when working on and completing your entries. Turn in your entry form on or before February 2nd to UF/IFAS Extension Washington County - located at 1424 Jackson Avenue, Suite A in the Washington County Ag Center.

How do I tag my entries?

Attach a label or card on the back, side, or bottom of each entry where it cannot be seen. Include the following information:

First Last Name:

Entry Class:

School:

Age Division:

Cloverbud K-2 grades Junior 3-5 grades Intermediate 6-8 grades Senior 9-12 grades

**Entries not pre-registered, untagged entries, or entries without identifying information will not be judged.*

How are entries judged?

- We use the Modified Danish System.
- Each entry is categorized by age division.
- Each entry is judged on its own merit and then awarded a blue, red, or white ribbon.
Blue is Best, Red is Good, and White is Fair.
- Best of Show - In each age division, all entries with a blue ribbon are compared.
At the judge's discretion, one Best of Show may or may not be selected from each age division.

Recognition for Washington County 4-H Youth Fair participants is possible through generous donations by local individuals and businesses. Donations are used to purchase award ribbons and rosettes and to pay fair premiums. If funds are available, fair premiums will be awarded to blue and red ribbon entries.
Blue – \$5 Red – \$3

Washington County Youth Fair Schedule

- February 2, 2026 Entry forms due
- February 23, 2026 from 3-5:30 pm Bring exhibits to the Washington County Ag Center Auditorium
- February 25 2026 from 3-5:30 pm Poultry check-in in West Wing Barn
- February 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm Poultry Showmanship
- February 27, 2026 from 8 am-6 pm Washington County Youth Fair exhibits open for viewing
- February 28, 2026 from 12-1 pm Pick up/take home exhibits from Ag Center
- March 2, 2026 from 8 am-4 pm Pick up/take home exhibits from Ag Center
Entries not picked up a week after the fair end will be disposed of.

Questions? Call or email Dr. Julie P. Dillard, County Extension Director & 4-H Agent, 850-638-6180/juliepd@ufl.edu

ART

- Entries can include items like woodwork, painting, drawing, sculpture, and weaving.
- No tracing allowed.
- Judging criteria: creativity, design, and neatness.
- 1 entry

CRAFTS

- Entries can include decorative wreaths, ceramics, ornaments, craft kits, and paper art.
- Judging criteria: creativity, technique, and neatness.
- 1 entry

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Prints must be submitted for entry.
- Entries may be in color or black and white.
- Maximum size for a single photo is 8"x10".
- All photos must be mounted on cardstock, mat, poster board, construction paper, or foam core.
- The maximum size of a mounted photograph should be 12"x14".
- No frames allowed.
- Selfies may also be included.
- Judging criteria: sharpness, contrast, exposure, creativity, and color.
- 2 entries

MODELS

- Group 1: Kit Model – can include LEGO, Kynex, or other commercially produced items.
- Group 2: Physical Model – a handcrafted representation of an object like a building, mountain, landscape, watershed, etc.
- Group 3: Freeform Model - any commercially produced items not following a set of designs or instructions.
- Judging criteria: neatness, creativity, complexity.
- 1 entry

NEEDLEWORK & SEWING

- Needlework entries can include needlepoint, knitting, embroidery, crochet, hook rugs, and cross stitch.
- Back of work should be neat with no loose threads.
- Knitting, crocheting – even stitches, appropriate yarn weight and gauge, clean.
- Hook rugs – loops should go in the same direction, tight threads of the same length, finished edges.
- Needlework judging criteria: neatness, cleanliness, pressed, finished edges, and uniform stitches.
- Sewing entries can include clothing, housewares, quilting, purses, and totes.
- Stitches should be the same size, and there should be binding with no loose threads.
- Sewing judging criteria: fabric selection, appropriate sewing techniques, neatness, and creativity.
- 2 entries

BAKED GOODS

- No mixes allowed.
- Baked goods may include the following:
Yeast Bread (1 loaf)
Quick Bread (1 loaf)
Machine Bread (1 loaf)
Pies (whole)
Cookies (6)
Cake (whole)
Muffins/Biscuits/Rolls (6)
Candy/Confections (6)
- Submit entries on a disposable plate or cardboard with see-through wrap. (No lidded containers)
- No cream cheese unless it is baked into the recipe.
- No raw eggs or meringues allowed (must be cooked into recipe).
- Except for candy, items must be cooked or baked and must contain flour.
- Entry must include the recipe neatly written or typed.
- Put entry information on back of the card and tape to the bottom or side of container.
- Judging Criteria:
External.....30 Internal.....30 Flavor.....30
- Entries - Up to 2 selections from list above

BAKED GOODS DECORATING

- Can include cakes, cookies, or cupcakes.
- Mixes and pre-made frosting are allowed.
- No cream cheese frosting.
- Items must be cooked and contain flour. No raw eggs or meringue allowed.
- Submit entries on a disposable plate, on cardboard, or in a pastry box with see-through wrap.
- Judging criteria:
Appearance...10 Creativity...10 Neatness...10
- Entries - up to 2:
1 cake, ½ dozen cupcakes, and/or ½ dozen cookies

CANNED GOODS

- Entries can include vegetables, jellies, preserves, fruit, pickles, relishes, and meats.
- Entries must be one year old or less and canned following USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
- Must be processed and sealed in clean, standard canning jars with two-piece lids.
- Jellies and preserves must be in jars made for that specific purpose.
- Judging criteria:
Pack Container...10 Fullness...20 Uniformity...20
Product Proportion...20 Clarity...15 Color...15
- Head space at top of jar Vegetables...1 inch
Jellies...1/4 inch Preserves...1/4 inch
Pickles/Relishes...1/2 inch Poultry...1 1/4 inch
Other Meat...1 inch
- 2 entries

Washington County Youth Fair Entry Form

Entry forms are due the first Monday of February to UF/IFAS Extension Washington County.

Name		
School Teacher	Circle Age Division Cloverbud K-2 Junior 3-5 Intermediate 6-8 Senior 9-12	<i>Please answer the following demographic questions. If you prefer to not answer, you may leave them blank.</i>
Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> not-Hispanic	Race <input type="checkbox"/> Am Indian/AK Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black	
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Native HI/PI <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multi Racial <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

CLASS NAME	Entry	Description (you may not enter more than lines listed)
ART	1	
CRAFTS	1	
PHOTOGRAPHY	1	
	2	
MODELS	1	
NEEDLEWORK/ SEWING	1	
	2	
BAKED GOODS	1	
	2	
BAKED GOODS DECORATING	1	
	2	
CANNED GOODS	1	
	2	

Washington County 4-H Members Only

POULTRY

Categories:

1. Bantam – small recognized bantam breeds.
2. Production – production and dual-purpose breeds.
3. Other – exotic, ornamental, or fancy breeds.

Rules:

1. All birds must be in the care of the youth for 60 days prior to the show.
2. Poultry will be inspected and cannot be placed in the barn until approved.
3. Birds with scaly leg mites, diarrhea, or visible illness will not be admitted.
4. Birds must be between 4 months old and 3 years old to be entered.
5. All youth exhibiting poultry must also participate in showmanship.
6. Youth may enter the following classes:
 - 3 hens of any breed
 - 1 rooster of any breed
 - \$5 entry fee per bird

Judging criteria:

Birds will be judged by production qualities, vitality, and close adherence to the American Standard of Perfection (2019). American Poultry Association standards are not expected or required for entry.

A Grand Champion will be named for each category and class.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Rules:

1. All birds must be in the care of the youth for 60 days prior to the show.
2. All birds used in showmanship must also be entered in 4-H Poultry for health inspection.
3. Youth will compete by 4-H Age Division.
4. Attire – pants, closed toed shoes, white button up shirt or 4-H club shirt.

Judging criteria:

1. Exhibitor's appearance
2. Bird's condition
3. Handling of bird

Cloverbud participants are not ranked. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place showmanship will be awarded in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions.

EGGS

Categories:

1. Bantam – small recognized bantam breeds
2. Production – production and dual-purpose breeds
3. Other – exotic, ornamental, or fancy breeds

Rules:

1. Identify the hen breed on the entry form
2. Eggs should be displayed in a carton with points down and air cell up.
Include a small card with chicken breed.
3. 1 dozen eggs per exhibitor.

Judging criteria:

Eggs will be judged for correct display, size, color, uniformity, cleanliness, lack of marks, and lack of calcium deposits/defects.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Rules:

1. The purpose of this is to:
 - Educate others about your 4-H project.
 - Educate others and promote participation in 4-H.
 - Promote a 4-H event or activity like 4-H Camp, 4-H Day at the Capitol, Livestock Judging Team, etc.
2. Can include 3-D objects
3. Can be hand-drawn, computer generated or a combination of both.
4. Sizes can include ½ sheet poster board, 16x20, or 11x17 portrait or landscape.
5. 1 entry

POSTER

1. Use ½ sheet of posterboard 14"x22" either horizontally or vertically.
2. Entry should have a title.
3. Entry should focus on your 4-H project.
For example, a Chick Chain 4-H Club member could create a poster of the parts of the egg.
4. Crayon, markers, paint, stickers, photographs, magazine cutouts, etc can be used.
5. Judging criteria: title, 4-H project easily identified, educational message, creativity, and neatness.
6. 1 entry per 4-H project youth is enrolled in.

4-H Members Only Entry Form

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Name		Email		
Check if you are a	Cloverbud 5-7 years _____	Junior 8-10 years _____	Intermediate 11-13 years _____	Senior 14-18 years _____

POULTRY	BREED	CATEGORY Bantam, Production, Other
Hen 1		
Hen 2		
Hen 3		
Rooster 1		
<i>Registration fee due with entry form</i>		<i>Total entries</i> _____ <i>x \$5 per bird =</i> _____

EGGS	LAYER BREED	CATEGORY Bantam, Production, Other
Entry 1		

GRAPHIC DESIGN	Title or topic

POSTER	Title or topic