

CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET

4-H Youth Development

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Understanding the 4-H & FFA Youth Opportunities at the Fair.

The Clay County Fair is an exciting family event from the fair rides and food to the exhibits and booths. For 4-H members there are multiple ways in which you can participate in the fair, besides as a fairgoer. The first section of events is solely for 4-H and FFA members, while the second section of events is open to the public.

4-H and FFA Fair Opportunities

4-H Project Exhibit Show - 4-H members, 5-18 years old, have an opportunity to showcase their projects! Members may enter items into the 4-H exhibit booth for judging. Items may include baked goods, clothing, photo's, drawings, paintings, artwork and so-on. Items have to have been made in the 12 months leading up to the fair. <http://tinyurl.com/4-HProjectExhibit>

4-H/FFA Youth Dairy Show - 4-H and FFA members, 8-18 years of age, can register to show their animal in the four major dairy cow breeds. There are two animal categories: registered heifers and graded heifers. Members will compete in age divisions and will have the opportunity to place in showmanship, fitting and grooming as well as win the Herdsman Award. The Herdsman Award is determined by the appearance of the stall and surrounding area; also, the appearance of the animal, and the appearance, attitude and knowledge of the exhibitor. <http://tinyurl.com/4H-FFAYouthDairyShow>

4-H/FFA Youth Heifer/Cow - 4-H and FFA members, 8-18 years of age, can register to show their beef heifers and cows, and will have the opportunity to place in showmanship, fitting and grooming as well as win the Herdsman Award. The Herdsman Award is determined by the appearance of the stall and surrounding area; also, the appearance of the animal, and the appearance, attitude and knowledge of the exhibitor. <http://tinyurl.com/4H-FFAYouthHeifer-CowShow>

4-H/FFA Horticulture ID and Judging - 4-H and FFA members, 8-18 years of age, may compete in the Horticulture ID and judging contest in which their knowledge and skills in identification and selection of horticultural products (i.e. vegetables, fruits, flowers, and ornamentals) and their ability to apply these basic skills to consumer decision-making will be tested. <http://tinyurl.com/4H-FFAHorticultureID-Judging>

4-H/FFA Livestock Judging - 4-H and FFA members, 8-18 years of age, may compete in the Livestock judging team competition in which their knowledge of livestock evaluation/selection will be tested. Members will also have an oral reasons section to defend a selected placing they determined. A judging team shall consist of three (3) or four (4) bonafide 4-H or FFA members. Only the scores of the three (3) highest members will be considered in awarding team prizes. <http://tinyurl.com/4H-FFALivestockJudging>

4-H/FFA Poultry Judging - 4-H and FFA members, 8-18 years of age, may compete in the Poultry Judging competition. Members' knowledge will be tested in the following categories: past production hens, candled eggs, exterior eggs, ready-to-cook chicken, parts identification, and broken out eggs. A judging team shall consist of three (3) or four (4) bonafide 4-H Club or FFA members. Only the scores of the three (3) highest members will be considered in awarding team prizes. <http://tinyurl.com/4H-FFAPoultryJudging>

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4-H/FFA Youth Steer Show & Sale - 4-H and FFA members, 10-18 years of age, raise and show a market steer. Members will be judged on their showmanship techniques and the market quality of their steer. Market animals will then be sold. Members must have attended the Mandatory Steer meeting, and complied with the rules set forth by the Clay County Fair in order to qualify to show and sell at this event. <http://tinyurl.com/4H-FFAMarketSteerShow-Sale>

4-H/FFA Youth Market Swine Show & Sale - 4-H and FFA members, 8-18 years of age, raise and show a market hog. Members will be judged on their showmanship techniques and the market quality of their hog. Market animals will then be sold. Members must have attended the Mandatory Swine meeting, the mandatory Tag-In and complied with the rules set forth by the Clay County Fair in order to qualify to show and sell at this event. <http://tinyurl.com/4H-FFAMarketSwineShow-Sale>

Open Opportunities for Young People

Open Youth Rabbit Fashion Show - This is a fun show rabbit fashion show open to all Clay County Youth 5-18 years of age. Rabbits are to be dressed in creative and safe fashions while the young persons' costume is optional. <http://tinyurl.com/RabbitFashionShow>

Open Youth Horse Show - Clay County Youth 5-18 years of age may register and participate in the horse show divisions: English, Western, Speed and Walk/trot. This horse show is open to all youth expertise levels. <http://tinyurl.com/CCHorseShow>

Open Rabbit Show - There are no age restrictions for entering this rabbit show. This is not a sanctioned show, but is under the Official Show Rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Exhibitors must enter their rabbits at their own risk. Rabbits will have to stay on the fair premises for the entirety of the fair, with the owners checking them daily. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenRabbitShow>

Open Dairy Goat Show - There are no age restrictions for entering this dairy goat show; age division classes are available. All goats six months of age or older consigned for public exhibition in Florida must be covered by an Official Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian certifying the animals to be free from symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases. Goats less than six months must be accompanied by the health certified doe. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenDairyGoatShow>

Open Meat Goat Show - There are no age restrictions for entering this dairy goat show; age division classes are available. All goats older than six months of age consigned for public exhibition in Florida must be covered by an Official Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian certifying the animals to be free from symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenMeatGoatShow>

Open Poultry Show - Open to age person who owns poultry and who is interested in poultry may show their poultry. You may not borrow poultry belonging to someone else to show in the Fair. You do not have to be a resident of Clay County to enter. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenPoultryShow>

Open Art & Photography Show – This show is open to any age. Items accepted are as follows: Painting category- Acrylic, watercolor, oil, hand-made prints. No Giclee prints. Your Original artwork or photo only. Drawing category - Pen and ink, pencil, pastels, colored pencils, crayons, markers, charcoal, pencil and watercolor pencils. 3-Dimensional category - mixed media, collage', ceramic, pottery, assemblage', paper cutting, fabric collage' and in the Photography category - Black and White and Color Giclee prints are allowed in Photography show. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenArt-PhotographyShow>

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Open Creative Arts Youth Show - Clay County Youth 5-18 years of age may register, display and have their creative art judged for prize money. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenCreativeArtsShow>

Open Duct Tape Designing Show - Clay County Youth 8-17 years of age may register for this fun competition. All entries must be made using only Duct Tape! You cannot cover an existing item in Duct Tape. The duct tape categories are Accessories, Individual Sculptures, Runway Outfit, and Best Costume. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenDuctTapeShow>

Open Egg Show - Any person who owns chickens may exhibit eggs in the Show. You do not have to be a resident of Clay County to enter. Exhibitors may enter up to four (4) dozen eggs in each class. Only brown or white eggs may be entered. There are four classes of eggs large white, e-large white, large brown, and x-large brown and they are judged on interior quality, uniformity of size, color and cleanliness, and shell quality. <http://tinyurl.com/OpenEggShow>

Fair Theme Art Contest - Clay County Youth 8-17 years of age may register for this fun competition. One entry only – either art or photography with any type of medium using the 2016 Clay County Fair Theme. What kind of fun do you have at the fair? Is it watching the animals, shows, competitions, looking at exhibits, going on rides, eating the food? The ideas are endless so, let your creative juices flow! The winners will be exhibited in the Open Painting & Photography Show displayed in the JP Hall Family Pavilion during the Clay County Fair. <http://tinyurl.com/FairThemeArtContest>

Hay Bale Decorating Contest – Any Clay County resident can enter. Entry should be made as a team or group project. Use your imagination! Be creative! Decorating Theme: “30 Years of Down Home Country Fun”. <http://tinyurl.com/HayBaleContest>

Open Horticulture Show - Any Clay County resident can enter. Have a plant that you believe is pretty, enter it into the fair! One (1) plant will be considered one (1) entry. 2. Each exhibitor will be limited to 25 entries. <http://tinyurl.com/Open-HorticultureShow>

Miss Clay County Fair Scholarship Pageant - Ages 9-22 may enter this competition. The mission is to be an advocate for community service, communication skills, confidence for a brighter future and promoting the Clay County Fair. The competition categories are: private interview, poise, personality, communication Skills, western wear, evening gown, and overall appearance, with optional categories of talent - \$10.00 and most photogenic - \$10.00. <http://tinyurl.com/MissClayCountyFair>

Clay County Fair Talent Showcase - There are 2 talent showcases the Junior Division for 17 and under and the adult division for 18 and over. All contestants, who are invited to compete in the finals, are required to bring a working CD version of the karaoke song they are using for the competition. <http://tinyurl.com/ClayCountyFairTalent>

For more Clay County Fair events and competitions please visit <http://claycountyfair.org> - the Exhibitor Handbook, Shows, & Contests, on the right side of your computer screen.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact the 4-H office and we will be happy to talk with you!
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