

Participating in the Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf Exhibit



The Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit provides an opportunity for Mississippi 4-H members ages 8–9 years old to explore and share what they have learned in a noncompetitive environment. All participants in the Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit are recognized for participating and are not ranked in a competitive mode.

A Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit tells a story to an audience about a 4-H member's project. These exhibits may be used for teaching at 4-H club meetings, district 4-H project achievement days, and fairs.

Please keep the exhibit less than 3 feet by 3 feet; everything must fit on a small card table. The exhibit should include a small poster or sign with the title, and props or materials to convey the story about the 4-H project. You may attach the sign to the front of your table or place it on top in the form of a table tent. **You, the 4-H member, are responsible for providing your exhibit and table.**

You should be prepared to tell about your exhibit and respond to questions about it. This type of exhibit teaches you to do the following:

- Express yourself clearly
- Organize ideas in a logical order
- Develop self-confidence

Where Do You Start?

The best starting point is to use something you know about as the subject for your exhibit. For instance, if you are in the foods

and nutrition project and have learned how to bake really good cookies, this might be your subject. Or if you like to collect bugs, you may want to do an exhibit on making a bug collection. Another topic might be something related to your pet. Try not to get too broad in your subject. Think in terms of one simple but interesting idea you understand and can explain fully.

Now that You Have Your Topic, What Do You Do?

Think about how you can share your subject or topic with others and what materials you may need to describe your project. This is called planning. To guide you in the planning process, use the following guidelines:

- First, choose a catchy title or main heading for your exhibit—one that will attract the viewers' interest and make them look at the entire exhibit. This can be displayed on a small sign on top of the table or attached to the front of the table. For instance, a title for an exhibit on baking cookies might be "Sweets for the Sweet."
- Next, think about what materials you will need to have in your exhibit. Again thinking of the exhibit on baking cookies, you would want to have the recipe, a bowl, measuring spoons, baking sheets, ingredients, and even a plate or basket of cookies! Remember: you want everything to fit on your display table, and it should be neat and organized.



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Get Ready to Present Your Exhibit

The materials are just half of your Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit. Now you need to prepare yourself to talk about your project. When it is your turn:

- Explain what the exhibit is about—tell about all of the materials you have brought representing your project. This should not be a visual presentation speech! You will get that opportunity when you reach 10 years old.
- Be prepared to answer any questions about your exhibit.
- Stand up straight and speak clearly as you tell about your exhibit. Those who are listening to you want to hear everything you have to share with them. Don't forget, just like your exhibit, you should be neat and tidy in your appearance.

District 4-H Project Achievement Day Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf Exhibit Contest Rules

- A 4-H member must be 8 years old before January 1 of the current year and not have reached his/her 10th birthday before January 1 of the same year.
- All participants in the 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit will receive participation recognition and will not be ranked nor compared to other participants.
- The 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit will consist of a) an exhibit related to the 4-H'ers project and b) an interview in which the 4-H member talks about the exhibit. The 4-H member may also be asked questions about his or her exhibit during this interview.
- The exhibit must be made or produced by the 4-H member and relate to his or her 4-H project. Ideas may be taken from 4-H project books or other sources.
- A 4-H'er may enter only one exhibit.
- The 4-H'er will be required to stay with the exhibit until dismissed.
- A Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit should include a title sign displayed on top of or attached to the front of the table, materials related to the project, and a table for displaying everything.
- The exhibit cannot include live animals.
- The exhibit must not occupy an area larger than 3 feet by 3 feet.
- 4-H members are responsible for furnishing all materials and table.
- Electrical outlets will not be available for use with exhibits.
- A county may enter an unlimited number of participants in the Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit.
- **Three-sided science fair project-type boards will NOT be allowed in the Mississippi 4-H Cloverleaf exhibit.**

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