

## 4-H Exhibitor Judging Tips

This fact sheet was created to help 4-H exhibitors prepare for their 4-H judging experience at County Fair

1. Be **EXCITED** about your project!
2. The 4-H judge wants to hear **ALL** about your project...
  - How you selected this project?
  - What you used as resources or information sources?
  - Who helped you with the project?
  - Materials, cost and time spent on the project?
  - Talk about your project start to finish.
  - What did you LEARN?
  - What were the challenges or hardest part of the project?
3. Consider the deep thought provoking questions as a result of your project...
  - What did you learn about yourself by completing this project?
  - What did you learn that will help you in everyday life in the future?
4. Be careful not to use too much text on a poster...
  - Use bullet points
  - Only have 1 to 3 sentences per photo caption
5. If you are creating a poster and want to share more text or photos – consider adding a notebook which accompanies the poster. (exhibitors can have a poster and a notebook to explain one project)
6. Photos of **YOU** (4-Her) doing the project – Step by Step – in a poster or notebook is FANTASTIC!
7. When possible add 3-D objects to the exhibit.
8. On the poster or notebook always include your top 2 or 3 resources or references for the project. (books, publications, web sites, people or offices, etc.)
9. Be prepared to tell **your story** about your project with the judge – they want to hear all about it!

For more tips and information about 4-H judging tips contact your County Extension Office and 4-H Program Coordinator or adult 4-H volunteer.

### HELPFUL RESOURCES:

“How are Fair Exhibits Judged?” *Page 10-11 of the 4-H Youth Development Family Handbook*  
[www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/be-a-4-H-member/docs/4-H-family-handbook.pdf](http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/be-a-4-H-member/docs/4-H-family-handbook.pdf)

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