

Santa Fe County

4-H/FFA Indoor Exhibits

General Rules and Policies

1. Any bona fide Santa Fe County 4-H and/or FFA member in good standing is eligible to exhibit their project provided they meet the official age requirements for 4-H/FFA. Santa Fe County Fair 4-H and/or FFA exhibitors are not allowed to exhibit in another county fair in the same calendar year of project enrolled and affiliation with another 4-H club or FFA chapter.
2. Maximum 30 entries/student
3. Age categories for the fair are as follows:

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade	Kinder, 1 st , 2 nd	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th	8 th and up
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September)	5-, 6-, 7- and 8-year-old in the 2 nd grade.	8-year-old in the 3 rd grade, 9-year-old, 10-year-old, and 11-year-old in the 5 th grade.	11-year-old in the 6 th grade, 12-year-old and, 13-year-old in the 7 th grade.	13-year-old in the 8 th grade, 14-year-old, 15-year-old, 16-year-old, 17-year-old, 18-year-old. Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

4. All exhibit entries must be checked in before being displayed. Superintendents will be in charge. See Calendar of Events for check-in times. All 4-H exhibits must be pre-registered by the designated Fair Entry closure date. All 4-H members must have signed and submitted the Santa Fe County Fair Code of Ethics form and have participated in fair clean-up day to exhibit in the 4-H section.
5. Only official personnel, superintendents, and judges will be allowed in the exhibit area during judging of the exhibits.
6. The decision of the judge is final.
7. **Awards:** ribbons will be awarded to all exhibits. Modified Danish Ribbon System will be used in the indoor exhibits for Novice, Juniors, and Seniors. Cloverbuds will be awarded participation ribbons as mandated by New Mexico State 4-H.

One Best of Show ribbon may be presented in each project area. Indoor Exhibits High Point and Runner-up for Novice, Junior, and Senior exhibitors will be recognized in the indoor exhibit area.

The following point system will be used to determine awards:

Best of Show—10 points State Fair Exhibit—8 points
 Blue Award—6 points Red Award—4 points White Award—2 points

8. 4-H indoor exhibits cannot be shown at the New Mexico State Fair unless they are shown at the County 4-H Fair. Those blue-ribbon exhibits chosen for exhibition at the State Fair will receive a State Fair tag. Only the judges will determine which exhibits will be selected for State Fair, not all 1st place winners have to be chosen. It is strictly at the judges' discretion. Cloverbuds are not eligible to exhibit at State Fair.
9. Tape or sew a label giving the exhibitor's name, club, and year of the project on each article. This is in addition to the fair exhibitor label, which must be placed on the front of the item and attached securely.
10. All Self-Determined entries must be accompanied by a completed Self-Determined Project Record Form 100.SD-

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11. Exhibiting Sizing Guidelines:

- **Posters:** may be no larger than 14x22 inches (this is half a standard sheet of poster board).
- **Display Boards:** may be no larger than 18x14 inches (this is a small display board or half of a standard display board).
- **Other Exhibit Boards:** bases for three-dimensional vertical boards may be no larger than 24x24 inches.
- **Project Specific Boards:** some project boards are given specific measurements within the project. (For example, leathercraft and braiding have guidelines in the project book. If an exhibit is defined by the project book that is the rule members must follow.)
- **Photography Exhibits:** see specific sizing guidelines under the Photography Section. Photos may be mounted or matted with a material strong enough to withstand transport and display (cardboard, mat board, poster board, etc.).
- **Lego Exhibits:** Entry must have a sturdy base other than the one included with Legos. Fair will not provide material for bases. Secure Legos to a based to prevent Legos from coming apart or falling off when moved. **Entries no larger than 12” wide and 18” long x 16” high.** Entries will not be accepted if larger than specified size. NO EXCEPTIONS. It’s recommended that legos are glued. **Staff/volunteers are NOT responsible for any mishaps or damages to projects.**

12. The Cooperative Extension Service, The Santa Fe County Fair Board and the Santa Fe County 4-H Council will take every precaution for the safety of visitors and exhibits but assumes no liability for personal injury or for loss or damage to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor, or patron due to theft, fire, or other causes.

13. Exhibitors (individual 4-H and FFA members) are restricted to one exhibit per class except in Flowers and Vegetables (see special rules).

14. All exhibits must be current year 4-H/FFA work and done by the exhibitor. If entries are not from the current year or the exhibitor’s original work, then all the exhibitor’s entries will be removed from the County Fair and judging.

15. 4-Hers must be enrolled in the project and meet project requirements. Judging will be based on the standards listed in the 4-H project book. Judges will determine the merit of each exhibit. Should space be limited, only the top placing exhibits will be displayed after judging.

16. Indoor Exhibits must be claimed Sunday, August 2nd, between 8 am -11 am.

17. There will be a general meeting for all exhibitors and their parents/guardians on Saturday, July 25th following the **mandatory clean-up**. It is in the exhibitor’s best interest **NOT** to miss this meeting as rule changes will be announced. Announcements will be posted in central locations. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to know and comply with current rules and policies.

18. Those who have not abided by the above rules may only enter exhibits under open youth (note: not all exhibits have a correlating open youth category).

SECTION C—CLOVERBUDS (AGES 5-8)

SECTION N—NOVICE (AGES 9-11)

SECTION J—JUNIOR (AGES 12-13)

SECTION S—SENIOR (AGES 14-19)

2026 Santa Fe County Fair

4-H Sale Ring Cake Contest

General Contest Rules

1. Exhibitor is a bona fide New Mexico 4-H Member.
 2. Exhibitor has completed the Santa Fe County Fair Code of Ethics.
 3. Exhibitor is currently enrolled in a food/nutrition project and has entered an exhibit from that project into fair.
 4. Entry must include:
 - a. An iced cake made from scratch—no custard or egg filling/icing (50 points)
 - 25 points for flavor
 - 25 points for appearance
 - b. A report portfolio (50 points)
 - A cover page including photo of cake, exhibitors name, name of recipe, and county.
 - Copy of recipe (15 points)—neat, accurate, and complete
 - 4-H Story (15 points)—**this story should reflect the current year's work only**—not to exceed 2 double-spaced pages—margins are to be no smaller than 1" with font size of easy readability—including:
 - Goals for food projects
 - Accomplishments, presentations, judging, leadership, and citizenship examples associated with your project(s)
 - How cake recipe was chosen
 - How foods knowledge learned in 4-H will be used in the future
 - Any other information exhibitor would like to share with the judges.
 - 4-H Foods Project Records (20 points)—including baking, foods/nutrition, and food preservation for all years in 4-H. Place dividers between different projects.
- *This is a professional report, not a scrapbook. So do not add additional photos. Use only white paper with blue or black ink.
5. Cake must be pre-registered by July 17, 2026, on the 4-H indoor exhibit entry form, class #2500.
 6. Entries are due at the Santa Fe County Fair Exhibit Hall on Saturday July 25, 2026, between 12-3 pm.
 7. All entries must be made by the participant.
 8. The 4-H member who receives the highest-placed cake will be required to prepare another from the same recipe for the sale on Friday July 31, 2026, and appear in the sale ring with his/her entry.