

ATTENTION FAIR EXHIBITORS

Please review the following guidelines and the rules and regulations on the pages that follow.

	OPEN CLASS – GREEN BOOK	4-H CLASS – YELLOW BOOK
Registration Instructions	Use the final pages of the booklet as your fair registration. Use an INK PEN to circle the classes you intend to enter. Indicate breed numbers if requested. PLEASE USE THE COVER SHEET AND COMPLETE THE AREAS THAT APPLY TO YOU. Detach the COVER SHEET and CLASS NUMBERS pages and STAPLE together. Submit to the fair office in person or by mail. Please make your own copies if you need to keep a record of your entries.	Use the final pages of the booklet as your fair registration. Use an INK PEN to circle the classes you intend to enter. Indicate breed numbers if requested. PLEASE USE THE COVER SHEET AND COMPLETE THE AREAS THAT APPLY TO YOU. Detach the COVER SHEET and CLASS NUMBERS pages and STAPLE together. Submit to the Extension office in person or by mail. Please make your own copies if you need to keep a record of your entries.
Registration Dates	At the fair office: July 25 - Aug. 19, Mon.-Fri., 9AM-12Noon and 1PM-5PM., and Sat., August 20, 9AM to 2PM. (All livestock are subject to June 4-H registration – see department headings for dates). See Exhibitor Rules, Section 4 for applicable fees.	See individual department headings for registration locations and dates. 4-H members may also enter certain <i>additional</i> non-animal items on the Open Class registration dates. Non 4-H youth are allowed to follow the same registration dates. See also Exhibitor Rules, Section 4 for applicable fees.
Eligibility	All adults and youth age 5 and over. 4-H members may also enter in Open Class, but the exhibits may not be the same ones registered in 4-H classes (see Rules and Reg., Sec. 2.J.).	All registered Manistee and Benzie 4-H youth. (All youth of 4-H Cloverbud age [5 to 8] must complete a Cloverbud registration form). Non 4-H youth may enter in non-horse or non-livestock classes only.
Entry Day Non - Animal Exhibits	Monday, August 22, from 10 AM to 7 PM. All exhibitors must exit the Barns and Pavilion by 7:30PM.	Same.
Entry Day Livestock Exhibits	Monday, August 22, from 10 AM to 7 PM. All birds entered will be pullorum tested and dusted for lice upon entry.	Same.
Animal Care & Housing	Feed and bedding must be provided by the exhibitor. All Birds and Rabbits must be identified by leg band or tattoo. Exhibitor is responsible for cleaning stall/pen. Care and cleaning rules will be enforced by the Barn Superintendent. Forfeiture of premiums will result if exhibitor is found negligent.	Same.
Judging	Premiums and ribbons are given to those who receive 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place. See fair schedule for date and times. Exhibitors are not allowed in the Pavilion until judging is completed. Animal entries must be handled and shown by the registered exhibitor only. Exhibitor may only bring one animal at a time to the judging area (unless judge requests more). No pen judging.	All entries qualify for A, B, or C ribbon. Many classes also eligible for premiums. 4-H Cloverbuds must be accompanied by parent or designated adult at all times during any animal showmanship. Non 4-H youth are subject to the same rules, project guidelines, and requirements as stated in each class or department. (See “Animal Care & Housing” rules at left also).
Premiums (State budget cuts do affect premiums! Thank your generous Fair Board!)	Paid to all, except those in livestock classes who are under age 6.	Paid to all youth exhibitors ages 9 and over. Youth exhibitors of 4-H Cloverbud age (less than age 9 by Jan. 1 st) are exempt from premiums.
Exit Day All Entries	Sunday, Aug. 28, from 8 AM to 12 Noon. All unclaimed exhibits will be disposed of. Early removal may result in forfeiture of premiums.	Same. Special exit times have been established for Horses and Livestock. Check with a 4-H council member or consult the 4-H newsletter on this topic.
Premium Checks (State budget cuts do affect premiums! Thank your generous Fair Board!)	Available on Exit Day. All premium checks must be cashed within 30 days of date of issue. All uncashed premium checks will be voided and the funds will be added to a special 4-H Scholarship Fund.	Available on Exit Day. All premium checks must be cashed within 30 days of date of issue. All uncashed premium checks will be voided and the funds will be added to a special 4-H Scholarship Fund.
Fair Complaints/ Appeals Process	Complaints must be in writing and accompanied by deposit of \$25.00. If complaint is determined to be legitimate, deposit will be refunded. Exhibitors have 10 days from close of fair to file complaints/protests with the fair board, and 45 days from that date to file an appeal with the Michigan Department of Agriculture.	Same.