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Bell County 4-H Clover Kids Fair Handbook

Hi Clover Kids!

It's Chris Clover.

This book will help you understand what to do for your Fair.

Follow me.....

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General Information

- The Clover Kid Fair is a chance for Clover Kids to participate in a fair just for them and showcase their projects! This is a great opportunity for them to become more familiar with what to expect as a 4-H member down the road.

- 4-H members who are in kindergarten to 2nd grade and are enrolled on 4-H Connect can participate in the fair.

- There is NO fair entry fee required.

- Clover Kids will be interview by a Bell County 4-H Ambassador, a 4-H Youth Leader, or County Extension Agent about the items they have entered into the fair.

- All Clover Kids will receive a participation ribbon. This is not a competitive event.

- There is a one entry per category limit. Example: Art – one black & white drawing and one painting, but not two in painting.

- All items must be made by the Clover Kid under adult supervision. Items may be made at home, in school, at a 4-H meeting or event, at day care or at a camp.

- All Clover Kids must fill out the online fair entry form located on the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids website.
  DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FORMS IS Friday, *February 7, 2025*

Fair Categories

Art

Please mount on card stock or poster board, NO frames or matting.

- Drawing – Black & White (Ink, Pencil, or Charcoal)
- Drawing – Color (Pastel, Colored Pencils, or Crayon)
- Mixed Media (this is a mixed combination of visual arts; example: paint, ink and paper)
- Painting (Watercolor, Acrylic, Oil & Acrylic, or Tempera)
- Paper Art (Paper Mache, Origami, or Other Paper Art)
- Pottery (clay must be dried to at least the leather stage, but preferably fired in the kiln)
- Polymer Clay (pieces must be oven baked or hardened)
- Metal Sculpture, 10lbs or less (wire, sheet metal, rebar, or any other metal)
- Sculpture Misc., 10lbs or less (clay, stone, plaster of Paris or any materials)

Baked Goods

Bring a copy of the recipe. Remember that food safety rules apply. Place 12 pieces on a foam/paper/plastic plate and place in a zip-lock bag or carrying container.
All entries must be made from scratch, NO pre-made items.

- Brownies (traditional or other)
- Cakes (pound cake, chocolate layer, other layer, fruit/vegetable cake, foam & chiffon, sheet cake, decorated with decoration tips, free hand decorated)
- Cookies (drop, refrigerated, shaped, bar, pressed, filled, rolled, and cutout)
- Cupcakes (use cake/muffin liners, frosting only – no other toppings)
- Pie (nut or two-crust)
- Quick Breads (loaf with fruit, loaf with vegetables, combination loaf {fruit, vegetables, seeds, candy, etc.}, muffins, coffee cake with no yeast)
- Yeast Breads (loaf, rolls, sweet, artisan)

Candy

Bring a copy of the recipe. Remember that food safety rules apply. Place 12 pieces on a foam/paper/plastic plate and place in a zip-lock bag or carrying container.
All entries must be made from scratch, NO pre-made items.
No dipped fresh fruit or dried fruit. **No** chocolate cover insects. **No** items containing flour.

- Brittle
- Caramels
- Dipped
- Divinity
- Filled
- Fondant
- Fudge
- Hard Candies
- Pralines
- Taffy
- Toffee

Clothing

Clothing that is constructed (by hand or machine) NOT store purchased.

- Aprons
- Doll Clothes
- Dress & Separates (dress, jumper, pants, shorts, blouse, skirt or shirt)
- Infants and Toddlers (up to child size 4)
- Sewn Accessories (belts, sashes, hats, purses, shawls, and collars)

Crafts

- Leather (stamped, tooled, other items made from leather)
- Metal (decorative or functional)
- Recycled (A constructed or decorative item recycled from something else that is wood, metal, or leather. Examples: picture from old barn wood, old horse shoes turned into a napkin holder.)

Creative Arts

Not using a needle and thread.

- Baskets or Boxes (Woven or Wrapped)
- Decorated Garment (Painted or Stenciled)
- Jewelry (necklace, earrings, bracelets, pins, rings, hair accessories, etc.)
- Holiday Corner (seasonal or holiday themed items)
- Personal Accessories (examples: visors, hats, collars, bows, flip flops, etc. - not jewelry or sewn)
- Scrapbook (minimum of 5 pages, each side constitutes as a page)
- Wreaths
- Recycled Crafts (plastic, fabric or paper)
- Macrame' or String Art
- Tied Fleece (pillows or throws)

Food Preservation

No quilted or embossed jars. No added decorations on jars. ONLY standard pint canning jar will be accepted.

- Pickles (cucumber: dill, sour or other)
- Relishes or Other Pickled Foods
- Canned Vegetables / Tomatoes (NO squash entries)
- Canned Fruits & Berries
- Sauces / Juices
- Jellies
- Jams, Preserves, Marmalades, Conserves & Butters

Models

- Snap Together (LEGOS, K'NEX, Lincoln Logs etc.)
- Cars / Airplanes / Ships (glued plastic, metal, paper or wood)

Pets

All pets must come properly housed in appropriate cages/carriers (including dogs). Clover Kids and pets must be supervised by an adult at all times; to ensure the safety of the pet, the Clover Kid and the other participants and guests. The adult is responsible for both the Clover Kid and pet. All animals must follow health regulations for their species. Cats and dogs must have a current rabies certificate. The certificate must be visible near the cat/dog in the showcase area at all times. Any female animal in season cannot participate in the fair.

- Amphibians – Frogs / Toads
- Birds
- Cats
- Chickens
- Chinchillas
- Dogs
- Fish
- Gerbils
- Guinea Pigs
- Hamsters
- Hedgehogs
- Lizards
- Mice
- Rabbits
- Rats
- Snakes
- Turtles

Photography

Photos are to be Color or Black & White; printed out on photo quality paper; mounted on card stock, poster board, or foam board; sizes may range from 3x5 to 8x10; NO frames or matting.

- Animals (domestic or wildlife)
- Details & Macro (zoom in close to an object to get the finer details)
- Food
- Landscape & Nature, non-animals or people
- People
- Plants / Flora (subject should be of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc.)
- Motion / Action (capture of movement, subject appears frozen)
- Shadow (NOT reflections, pattern of lights and shade for a desire effect or emphasis)
- Silhouette (NOT reflections, an outline that appears dark – single color – with little or no details or features against a brighter background)

Plants

All plants must be live and insect free. Plants must be shown in pots with a saucer to catch draining water.

- Cactus
- Dish or Fairy Garden
- Flower
- Fruit
- Furn
- Herb
- Vegetable
- Storyboard

Plush / Stuffed Animals

- Tiny / Mini
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Extra Large

Textile Crafts

Items that are fashioned from fiber yarn, fabric materials, using various 'needle and thread' techniques such as stitches, stitching, knots, etc.

- Counted Cross Stitch
- Crochet
- Doll or Toy (must be fashioned with fabric using stitches)
- Fleece Throws (fleece fabric cut and tied at the edges)
- Hand Embroidery with printed pattern
- Knit
- Needlepoint (machine only embroidery items on canvas)
- Pillows (simple, decorative or pieced)
- Quilts (tied, machine or hand finishing that are blocked, pieced and applique')
- Textile Holiday Corner (any holiday item using fabric in needle and thread techniques, NO machine)
- Felting
- Weaving

Woodworking

- Decorative Wood (plaques, wood animals, name plates, etc.)
- Functional Wood (toys, birdhouses & feeders, games, books, tools, small boxes, etc.)
- Wood Kits (lamps, clocks, etc.)

Interview Questions

These questions are to help prep for the interview section of the Fair.

- Why did you choose this project?
- How did you make this project?
- What did you learn from making this project?
- What was your biggest problem with this project and how did you solve it?
- Did you have fun making this project?

Fair Time Schedule, Interviews and Awards Ceremony

- Fair date is ***Saturday, February 15, 2025***
- Fair location is to be announced via email.
- Fair check in and set up time starts at 1pm, interviews will begin at 1:30pm. Before a Clover Kid is interviewed, all items that are entered must be laid out for display on the provided table. The length of the Fair will depend upon how many Clover Kids participate.
- As Clover Kids participants are being interviewed, carnival games will be available while waiting.
- After all interviews are completed, the food entries will be available for sampling – except for Food Preservation entries and there will be an awards ceremony following.

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