

DEPARTMENT J-28

Educational Display Contest

Supervisor: Lisa Martello

Small Animal & Pocket Pets

Livestock, Horse, Pygmy Goat

Enter: All horse, small animal, and large animal educational displays can be delivered to the South Wing of the Expo Building during the Interview Evaluation time August 17 (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and August 18 (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). (This includes all FFA and out of county 4-H members not required to have an Interview Evaluation prior to fair.) All displays must be accompanied by printed portions of the entry tag. Tag will be attached visibly and securely to the back of the display and hanging below. Tags are acquired at the Expo Building during interviews.

1. Entry forms must be turned in by July 31st to the premium office, along with other fair entries. You must indicate the Educational Display Contest on your fair entry form. Posters can be turned in during scheduled Interview Evaluations Times. Posters will not be accepted if an entry form is not submitted by July 31st.

2. Horse, large animal and pygmy goat posters can be picked up at the small animal barn Wednesday, August 19, after 4:00 p.m. Small animal entries will automatically be hung and are to remain on display in the Small Animal Building until the fair ends (through Open Class exhibit period).

3. Livestock, horse, and pygmy goats will display educational materials at or around their animal's pens or stalls. Remember to be aware of animals' reach and keep that in mind when hanging displays and ribbons. Ribbons will not be replaced if lost or destroyed.

4. Check out Horse and Livestock Displays on Monday, August 24 at 10:00 p.m. and Small Animal Displays in the Expo building Monday, August 31, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H area.

Rules:

1. Any 4-H or FFA member currently enrolled in a Livestock, Horse, Pygmy Goat, Small Animal or Pocket Pet project may enter.

2. Displays must have been made within the last year and must be the workmanship of the exhibitor(s).

3. Limited to two displays per completed project, but no more than six per youth.

4. Put the member's name, club name, and age on the back of the display.

5. Displays will be divided into groups by age; you must have your age on the entry form.

6. For Livestock, Horse, and Pygmy Goat, displays can be posters, pictures, stories. Get creative. NO GLITTER. Standard size of 22" x 28" (or 20" x 30" foam core).

7. Small Animal or Pocket Pet entries need to keep displays to posters only, standard size of 22" x 28" (or 20" x 30" foam core). No tri-fold posters.

8. Make displays simple to understand and have fun with it. NO GLITTER. No items hanging off the

edges of the poster. Keep in mind that fairgoers will be looking at entries from a distance. Remember that not everyone knows what we know about animals!

All the information must fit on the poster!

Judging:

Complete on Thursday, August 20 by 12:00 p.m.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Design (40%) – color, lettering, illustration, layout

Originality & Creativity (20%) – imagination, innovation, effort

Educational Value (40%) – single topic, informative, accuracy

Premiums (prize money):

\$4.00 Blue; \$3.00 Red; \$2.00 White for individual competition only.

Educational Displays must be displayed in order to receive premiums.

Ribbons:

All displays will be judged by the Modified Danish System. Blue, Red or White for each exhibit.

Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette - one for Small Animal (all small animal species and pocket pets combined) and one for Large Animal (includes Horse and Pygmy Goat) for each age group.

Rosette for Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion – one set for each division

Cloverbuds - Participation Ribbon only, no premium paid.

DIVISIONS

1. Small Animal, Pocket Pet

2. Livestock, Horse, Pygmy Goat

Classes:

2801. Cloverbuds 5-7 years (all small animal projects, participation only)

2802. Junior 8-10 years

2803. Intermediate 11-13 years

2804. Senior 14-18 years

2805. FFA

DEPARTMENT J-29

Farm Mechanics

(FFA Only— this is a Southern District contest)
Supervisor: Danielle Reynolds (FFA)

Enter:

Exhibits must be in the display area by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20 to be eligible for competition.

Rules:

Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and completed during the previous school year.
Basis for judging: Practicability - 35%, Quality of Workmanship - 50%, Amount of Work - 15%.

DIVISION – Farm Mechanics

1. FFA

Classes:

2901. Small projects. Examples - Show box, Anvil and Vise Stand, Branding Iron, Welding Table, and other like items.

Premiums - 1st - \$15 2nd - \$12 3rd - \$10 4th - ribbon

2902. Medium projects. Examples - Stock Racks, Stock Trailer, Loading Chutes, Triple K Ground Worker, and other like items

Premiums - 1st - \$20 2nd - \$18 3rd - \$16 4th – ribbon

2903. Large projects. Examples - Large Stock Trailer, Machinery Trailer, Horse Trailer, and other like items.

Premiums - 1st - \$50 2nd - \$45 3rd - \$40 4th - ribbon

2904. Small and medium reconditioned projects (projects repaired and refurbished by student). Examples -Small Trailers, Disc, Gates, and other like items.

Premiums - 1st - \$20 2nd - \$18 3rd - \$16 4th - ribbon

2905. Large, reconditioned projects (projects repaired and refurbished by student). Examples - Large Trailers, Tractors, Swathers, and other like items.

Premiums - 1st - \$50 2nd - \$45 3rd - \$40 4th - ribbon

2906. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Exhibit. These will be selected from Classes 2901-2905.

Grand Champion: \$50.00 and rosette.

Reserve Champion: \$30.00 and rosette.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion Agricultural Mechanics entry exhibited at the WIF.

DIVISION 2 – FFA MISCELLANEOUS

Class:

3000. Alfalfa Hay

Premiums – 1st - \$8 2nd - \$6 3rd - \$4

DEPARMENT J-30

Tractor Driving Contest

Supervisors: Bryce Meyer (FFA)

Meeting Time:

Participants meet Saturday, August 22 at 12:30 p.m. - Contest at 1:00 p.m.

Location: West of the Sheep Barn.

Purpose:

This contest provides each contestant with opportunities to demonstrate knowledge of tractor care and maintenance, skills at tractor handling, and understanding of machinery safety. The results of this event are a tribute to the members, the parents, the leaders, and the entire FFA and 4-H programs.

Pre-Contest Meeting:

All participants and judges will meet before the contest for the purpose of becoming familiarized with the rules of the contest, the driving courses and the equipment to be used in the contest.

Scoring:

The penalty scoring system will be used. Violations of rules will draw penalty points for the contestant. The contestant with the lowest score will be the winner.

Awards:

Trophies will be awarded by **The Western Idaho Fair to:**

- 1-5 Individual Trophies - 4-H and FFA (combined)
- 1-5 Individual Trophies – Adult

General Rules and Information:

- Trophies will be awarded to the first through fifth high individual.
- 4-H and FFA will be competing together.
- The contest will consist of one Four-Wheel Driving event. This consists of a tractor pulling a four-wheel trailer or implement.
- Contestants need not make application to The Western Idaho Fair office but merely meet at the show arena the time and day of the contest.
- Adult Division for anyone not eligible for 4-H and FFA. Any adult including AG teachers and Extension Educators can compete for awards. The number of adults may be limited on a first-come, first serve basis. Trophies will be awarded to first through fifth high individuals.

DEPARTMENT J-31

Large Livestock Judging Contest (4-H & FFA)

Supervisors:

FFA Contest: Trish Stokes, Jordyn Bettencourt

4-H Contest: Lisa Martello

FFA Entry: Friday, August 21 – 9:00 am in Farnum Show Ring.

4-H Entry: All individual and group entries are due by **July 31st** by returning the entry form (in this book) to the Ada County Extension Office 5880 Glenwood, Boise. **No 4-H entries will be accepted on the day of the contest**

Check-in: Friday, August 21, 8:30 a.m.

4-H - All club members from the surrounding Treasure Valley area may enter the judging contest. Counties sending teams must call the fair premium office (208-287-5663) by August 1 to request admission passes for members wanting to participate that are not exhibitors. Each member will judge individually. **4-H Clubs with teams must designate team members on the Team Entry Form. Individual entries are still welcomed** and will be grouped with other individuals to form a team. Team awards will be awarded to the designated teams set up at registration. Cloverbuds and adults are all welcome to participate but are not eligible for any of the awards. The age categories are Cloverbuds - 5-7, Junior - 8-13 and Senior - 14-18. This is the age of the individual on January 1 of the current year. The livestock contest will start at 9:00 a.m. with registration at 8:30 and will include beef, sheep, and swine. The dairy contest will follow the livestock contest and will include dairy cattle and dairy goats. All Junior and Senior participants will give oral reasons on one livestock class that is announced. The reasons will be given after the dairy contest and should be under 2 minutes in length. All reasons will be scored, the reasons scores will count towards the overall score for individuals or teams. The awards ceremony for the 4-H judging contest will be Friday, August 21, 2:30 p.m. in ring 3 (sheep arena). Since this is a State qualifying contest for Ada County teams, only those giving oral reasons will be on the Ada County team going to the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held at the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot on September 4 -12, 2026. **FFA** – FFA Chapters may enter livestock and dairy judging teams with five members per team. Any individual or team who has previously won a State FFA judging contest or participated in a national contest in the respective area will not be eligible to judge for awards. **FFA Judging Teams must be accompanied by their Advisor to be eligible for competition.** Please RSVP to Trish Stokes – stokes.patricia@westada.org by the Thursday evening before (August 20) so we can have an accurate count for cards. Park next to Hawks

Stadium and enter at the livestock gate.

Individual awards will be as follows for both contests:
1st - \$9.00, 2nd - \$8.00, 3rd - \$7.00,
4th - \$6.00, 5th - \$5.00, 6th - \$4.00

Plaques (one per team) will be presented by **The Western Idaho Fair** to:

- 1) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Senior Team – Dairy
- 2) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Junior Team – Dairy
- 3) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Senior Team – Livestock
- 4) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Junior Team – Livestock
- 5) FFA – 1st to 3rd Team – Dairy
- 6) FFA – 1st to 3rd Team – Livestock

Rosettes presented by **The Western Idaho Fair** to:

- 1) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Senior Individual – Dairy
- 2) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Junior Individual – Dairy
- 3) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Senior Individual – Livestock
- 4) 4-H – 1st to 3rd Junior Individual – Livestock
- 5) FFA – 1st to 3rd Individual – Dairy
- 6) FFA – 1st to 3rd Individual – Livestock



Small Animal Judging Contest **(4-H & FFA)**

Supervisors: Gina Copeland & Jessica Harling

Enter: Sign up in the Small Animal Building during animal check-in on Thursday, August 20 after 5:00 p.m. through the time of the contest. Sign-ups will be available after check-in on the bulletin board near the restrooms in the Small Animal Building.

Contest: Friday, August 21 – 12:00 p.m. in Small Animal Building

Rules: Any 4-H or FFA member may enter the judging contest. There will be breed and variety identification along with quality judging for rabbits, caviae and poultry. Poster section of judging will include cat, dog and pygmy goat to test the knowledge and skills of the youth.

Individual awards presented by **The Western Idaho Fair** will be as follows (with a Plaque for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall winners)

1st - \$9.00, 2nd - \$8.00, 3rd - \$7.00 for 8-11 age group
1st - \$9.00, 2nd - \$8.00, 3rd - \$7.00 for 12-18 age group
Champion Rosette for top score in each species.

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4-H Livestock Judging Contest Form Individual Entry Form



Exhibitor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip code: _____ Phone: _____

Deadline: July 31st (Ada County Extension Office)

E-Mail: _____ Signature of Exhibitor: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age as of Jan 1, this year: _____ Signature of parent/guardian: _____

4-H Club: _____ **Forms will not be accepted if any signatures are missing**

The above person is an active 4-H member

4-H Leader Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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4-H Livestock Judging Contest Form Team Entry Form



Team Name: _____

Member Name (1): _____ Age as of Jan 1, this year: _____

Member Name (2): _____ Age as of Jan 1, this year: _____

Member Name (3): _____ Age as of Jan 1, this year: _____

Member Name (4): _____ Age as of Jan 1, this year: _____

Signature of 4-H Volunteer/Coach: _____

Forms will not be accepted if any signatures are missing

The above youth are active 4-H members

4-H Leader Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Deadline: July 31st (Ada County Extension Office)

DEPARTMENT J-32

Division 1

Ada County 4-H & FFA Large Livestock Round Robin



Supervisors:
Trish Stokes (FFA Advisor)
Zach Putzier (FFA Advisor)



Award Presentation for Large Livestock

August 24, Monday – 5:30 p.m., Farnum Show Ring
Between Junior and Senior 4-H Round Robin.

Large Livestock Round Robin will only be open to Ada and Canyon County 4-H or FFA members. Exception: Dairy showmen participating in the Treasure Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program are eligible for Round Robin.

You are responsible to show in the round robin UNLESS you notify the supervisor otherwise. If you do not wish to participate or are not eligible because you have won before, please notify your supervisor so that they can fill the spot. If you are eligible to participate in more than one species, you must choose one species and notify your supervisors of your decision. If no notification is given, you will forfeit your awards and premiums.

Dress Code:

All 4-H participants must wear a white collared shirt or blouse, clean dark pants, and closed toe and heel shoes. The exception to this will be the 4-H horse showmanship winner, who may wear their respective discipline dress, i.e., Western or English attire and 4-H dairy showmanship winner, who may wear appropriate dairy show attire.

All FFA members must be in official showmanship dress, i.e., White dress shirt, black pants, black shoes, FFA tie or scarf, and FFA jacket, dairy winner may wear official FFA dairy show attire. A decision will be made as to the jacket by the FFA supervisor based on the temperature and safety of participants.

Failure to wear appropriate dress will disqualify you from participation in round robin.

Method of scoring:

Sweepstakes scoring method will be used for scoring. Contestants will be scored on each species and then ranked according to score. The lowest ranking will be the winner. In case of ties: each contestant's own specie will be eliminated. If a tie still remains, an additional specie will be drawn, and the winner will be based on the lowest ranking of that specie (whoever did the best). Contestant's scoring will be based on knowledge questions provided to the judges by the supervisors and their showmanship abilities.

Contestants will be required to wear numbers for identification. The animal the contestant won with must be used. Heat, safety, and unforeseen conditions will constitute a substitution by the individual specie supervisor.

Junior Round Robin Showmanship: (Large Livestock)

August 24, Monday - 4:00 p.m., Ring 1, 2 & 3.

The Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Showman in Beef, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Horse will compete in this Round Robin Showmanship Contest. A Junior Champion and Junior Reserve Champion will be selected. **Previous Grand Champions of The Western Idaho Fair Junior Large Livestock Round Robin will be eligible to compete only in future Senior Round Robins for Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Showman.**

The Western Idaho Fair and Ada County Farm Bureau will award a trophy to the Champion and Reserve Champion.

Senior Round Robin Showmanship: (Large Livestock)

August 24, Monday - 5:00 p.m., Farnum Show Ring.

The Champion Showman and Reserve Champion in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Horse will compete in this Round Robin Showmanship Contest. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.

Anyone previously winning Round Robin Grand Champion at the Western Idaho Fair or The Western Idaho Fair Invitational Super Round Robin Contest for 4-H will not be eligible to participate in the Senior Round Robin Contest.

The Western Idaho Fair and Ada County Farm Bureau will award a trophy to the Champion and Reserve Champion.

FFA Round Robin Showmanship: (Large Livestock)

August 24, Monday - 6:00 p.m.

FFA exhibitors must have completed the 9th grade to be eligible for Round Robin. FFA participants must have received a blue ribbon in Showmanship to be eligible for Round Robin.

The Champion and Reserve Champion Showman in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Swine, Sheep, Llama/Alpaca and Horse will compete in a Round Robin Showmanship Contest. (There must be three EXHIBITORS in each DEPARTMENT or a species supervisor recommendation if less than three exhibitors, to qualify for participation in the Round Robin.) A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected.

Anyone previously winning a FFA Grand Champion Round Robin Showman at the Western Idaho Fair will not be eligible to participate. The Grand Champion will be eligible to participate in the Super Round Robin Contest.

The Western Idaho Fair and Ada County Farm Bureau will award a trophy to the Champion and Reserve Champion.

DEPARTMENT J-32
Division 2
Ada County 4-H & FFA
Small Livestock Round Robin



Supervisor: Gina Copeland



Junior Round Robin Showmanship: (Small Animal)

August 25, Tuesday - 10:00 a.m., Dairy Ring
4-H Supervisors from the Small Animal Departments will be responsible for selecting judges for the Junior Round Robin Showmanship Contest and notifying the Premium Office by July 31.

The Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Showman in Rabbit, Cat, Cavy, Poultry, Pygmy Goat and Dog will be eligible to advance to the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest provided that they have won a blue ribbon in showmanship. (There must be three EXHIBITORS in each DEPARTMENT to qualify for participation in the Round Robin.) A Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be selected.

Anyone previously winning a Grand Champion Junior Small Animal Round Robin Showman at the Western Idaho Fair will only be eligible to compete in future Senior Round Robin Contests.

The Western Idaho Fair will award a trophy to the Champion and Reserve Champion in the Junior and Senior Divisions.

Senior Round Robin Showmanship: (Small Animal)

August 25, Tuesday - 11:00 a.m., Dairy Ring
4-H Supervisors from the Small Animal Departments will be responsible for selecting judges for the Senior Round Robin Showmanship Contest and notifying the Premium Office by July 31.

The Senior Champion Showman and Reserve Champion Showman in Rabbit, Cat, Cavy, Poultry, Pygmy Goat and Dog will be eligible to advance to the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest provided that they have won a blue ribbon in showmanship. (There must be three EXHIBITORS in each DEPARTMENT to qualify for participation in the Round Robin.) A Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be selected.

Anyone previously winning Grand Champion at the Western Idaho Fair or The Western Idaho Fair Invitational Super Round Robin Contest 4-H or FFA in Small Animal at the WIF will not be eligible to participate.

FFA Round Robin Showmanship: (Small Animal)

There will be a Small Animal FFA Round Robin if there are three Small Animal Departments qualifying (to qualify there must be three exhibitors in a department). If there is no FFA Small Animal Round Robin, then FFA will compete with 4-H if they win over all Champion or Reserve Champion in their division.



Western Idaho Fair Invitational Large Livestock Super Round Robin Showmanship Contest (4-H & FFA)

Supervisor: Hans Bruijn

August 29, Saturday – 7:30 p.m., Rings 1, 2 & 3
Each County in the Southern District (Ada, Canyon, Owyhee, Elmore, Gem/Boise, Valley, Payette, Washington, and Adams) and Malheur Co., OR are invited to enter their highest-ranking **Senior Division 4-H** (winner of the Novice II*, Intermediate & Senior runoff) and/or **FFA** Round Robin winners of the current year. If the Grand Champion showman is unable (or ineligible) to attend, the county may send the Reserve Champion showman if requirements are met.

*not all Fairs have a Novice II class

Enter:

County Fair (premium) offices shall contact The Western Idaho Fair Premium Office with names of eligible youth **as soon as their contests are concluded**. Participants will be mailed a one-day pass along with 2 day passes for chaperones. Contestants should dress appropriately for 4-H or FFA. Non 4-H or FFA members do not qualify.

1. The Showman will compete, showing Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Llama or Alpaca and Horse. Livestock will be provided by Open Class Exhibitors in the respective areas. The Open Class Superintendent will select two animals of each species. The animal will be fit before the contest and will not be the responsibility of the contestant. The Supervisor will be responsible for any showing equipment needed for each species during the competition.
2. Judges for each area will be the responsibility of the Super Round Robin Supervisor.
3. Contestants will be judged on quality of showing and presentation of each of the animals and up to three questions regarding the knowledge of the species. The contestants will be ranked in each species (1st – highest score, 2nd – second highest score etc.). The lowest total ranking score determines the champion.
4. Previous 4-H or FFA Grand Champion winners of the Super Round Robin - Large Livestock are ineligible to compete.
5. **The Western Idaho Fair** will award a buckle to Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Showman for FFA and 4-H.



Western Idaho Fair Invitational Small Animal Super Round Robin Showmanship Contest (4-H & FFA)

Supervisor: Zach Asher

Super Round Robin Showmanship Contest

August 29, Saturday – 6:00 p.m., Dairy Ring
Each County in the Southern District (Ada, Canyon, Owyhee, Elmore, Gem/Boise, Valley, Payette, Washington, and Adams) and Malheur Co., OR are invited to enter their highest-ranking **Senior Division 4-H** (winner of the Novice II*, Intermediate & Senior runoff) and/or **FFA** Round Robin winners of the current year. If the Grand Champion showman is unable (or ineligible) to attend, the county may send the Reserve Champion showman if requirements are met.

*not all Fairs have a Novice II class

Enter:

County fair (premium) offices shall contact The Western Idaho Fair Premium Office with names of eligible youth **as soon as their contests are concluded**. Participants will be mailed a day pass along with 2 day passes for chaperones. Contestants should dress appropriately.

1. The Showman will compete, showing Cat, Cavy, Dog, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, and Rabbit. Small Animals will be provided by Open Class Exhibitors in the respective areas or arranged by the Supervisor of the Super Round Robin. There will be one animal of each species. The animal will be fit before the contest and will not be the responsibility of the contestant. The Department Supervisor will be responsible for any showing equipment needed for each species during the competition.
2. Judges for each area will be the responsibility of the 4-H Fair Supervisors for each species. The official 4-H Round Robin score card will be used for judging of the contest.
3. Ranking will be determined by points scored.
4. Previous 4-H or FFA Grand Champion winners of the Super Round Robin - Small Animal are ineligible to compete.
5. In the case of a first-place tie, the tie will be determined as follows: The species that each individual qualified in will be eliminated. Names of the remaining species will be put in a hat. One name will be drawn, and the highest score will determine the ranking.
6. **The Western Idaho Fair** will award a buckle to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showman.