

Display Board Guidelines for State Fair 4-H Exhibits

Display boards are a great way to share information, but when viewers walk by, they spend only 60-90 seconds looking at each display board. Make yours stand out by highlighting the main points of your project in a fun, interesting way.

Follow these guidelines to create a display board for the state fair.

SHAPE
Design your exhibit so information fits on the display. Remember, you have 1 large surface, and 2 smaller side wings.

SPACE
Your display should only discuss one main topic. This will help it look neat and uncrowded.

ATTACHMENTS
When attaching pictures or objects to your board make sure they are secure. Use glue for pictures and paper, and consider wires, zip ties or staples to attach bulkier items. Do not attach items that are so heavy that your board can't stand or fold.

SIZE
Display boards for the state fair must measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard, but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries.

TEXT
Make sure that all the text on your display is easy to read. Use a large font for the title, and smaller fonts for the headings and body text. Text must be readable from 3-5 feet away. Use large bold letters. Dark letters on a light background works best.

DISPLAY BOOKS

Your e-record book should accompany your board. You may use 3-ring binders or other notebooks that will keep the pages securely inside. You may not use slider-type binders.

Please place a label with the following information in the upper right-hand corner of the front cover:

County, Name, Project Area, and Class
(See example)

Sample

Adams County
010
Jane Doe
15
Animal Science
Vet Science
Class 009