

## Roughrider Days Fair & Expo/4-H Division

This is where 4-H youth participants display and apply what they have learned in their project choices. They've worked throughout the 4-H year – practicing, building, creating and applying everyday learning and choices to their project work. 4-H youth showcase their exhibits at this event, and the public is welcome to attend. The event includes the horse show, non-living exhibits, clothing revue, project expo, poultry and rabbit shows, livestock show, premium sale and 4-H family picnic. It is held for four days the end of June at the Dickinson State University (DSU) Biesiot Activities Center, Dickinson; DSU Indoor Arena; and Stark County Fairgrounds, south Dickinson.

For a complete list of Roughrider Days Fair & Expo/4-H Division guidelines and schedule of events, please see the most current copy of the Roughrider Days Fair & Expo Stark-Billings County 4-H Division Supplement to State Fair Exhibit List. Each family receives a copy in the mail during mid-May of the current 4-H year. The mailing includes entry forms for each 4-H member.

This publication and all required forms are included on the Stark-Billings County Extension Office webpage: [www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth). Find additional information on the North Dakota 4-H Webpage: [www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs\\_events/state\\_fair/](http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/state_fair/)

### Event Highlights:

- All 4-H members must pre-register their exhibits by the deadline date (usually 2 weeks before the event begins) on entry forms provided in the mailing.
- Members can exhibit only in the 4-H projects in which they are enrolled as of May 1 of the current 4-H club year.
- Exhibits must meet requirements as listed in the state fair book and Roughrider Days, Fair & Expo 4-H Division Supplement.
- Entry tags are provided for exhibits (except live animals).
- All 4-H members participate in Interview judging for every exhibit.
- 4-H'ers unable to attend Roughrider Days, Fair & Expo 4-H Division may have their exhibit judged if they complete an absentee interview judging form and attach it to their project. This form is available at the extension office or find the form online at [www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth/forms/absentee\\_judging\\_form.pdf](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth/forms/absentee_judging_form.pdf) Absentee exhibits are eligible for only blue, red and white ribbons unless exhibitor is part of a school-sponsored national trip and has permission from county extension agents.
- Cloverbud members, exhibitors ages 5-7, will receive participation ribbons only and can participate as stated in the Roughrider Days Fair & Expo/4-H Exhibit List Supplement.
- 4-H members follow the dress code for all events. All participants/exhibitors must be neatly dressed and must wear a solid colored white, yellow, gray or green shirt with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed and securely

fastened on the front. Participants/exhibitors should wear dark jeans/slacks/shirts, and livestock exhibitors should wear boots/protective shoes for safety. Participants in the 4-H horse show have some additional dress code requirements; please see the horse show rules guide GBH092. County 4-H t-shirts are acceptable for county events only, excluding the horse show.

- Proof of a thank you note to the county Extension office is required before premium money is paid. This includes all 4-H members receiving plaques, trophies and livestock premium sale money. Must contact the Extension Office when this is done.
- Non-living items receiving blue ribbon awards at this event are eligible for entry at the North Dakota State Fair. Cloverbud exhibits are not eligible for exhibit at the state fair.
- Livestock and horse entries for the North Dakota State Fair must be registered immediately following exhibit at the Roughrider Days Fair & Expo/4-H Division.
- Volunteer sign-up sheet – livestock and horse: Clubs with members participating in the Livestock Premium Sale must assist with set up and tear down of arena locations. Jobs with descriptions are available from the Extension office and on the volunteer signup sheet enclosed with the 4-H supplement and entry forms mailed to each 4-H family. Also find the form online [www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth/roughrider-days-fair-expo-4-h-division-2](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth/roughrider-days-fair-expo-4-h-division-2)
- Volunteer sign-up sheet – all areas: Sign up is taken on a first-come basis for volunteers needed in all areas of the Roughrider Days Fair & Expo/4-H Division including the clothing revue, project expo, general (static) exhibits and for those who can watch over exhibits during public viewing. Jobs with descriptions are available from the Extension office and on the volunteer signup sheet enclosed with the 4-H supplement and entry forms mailed to each 4-H family. Also find the form online [www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth/roughrider-days-fair-expo-4-h-division-2](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/starkcountyextension/4h-and-youth/roughrider-days-fair-expo-4-h-division-2)