



Description of Contest

The goal of a poster is for the 4-Her to share information with the public that they have learned by doing their project work. Posters should be eye-catching and attractive.

Levels of Competition

Unit (county), District

Age categories are as follows, using September 30th of the 4-H year as the determining date.

Juniors (ages 9-11)

Intermediates (ages 12-13)

Seniors (ages 14-18)

Awards to be Earned

The Danish awards system will be used at all levels of competition. Blue ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 90-100 points; red ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 75-89 points; white ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 74 points or less.

Rules for this Contest

1. One poster per participant will be accepted
2. Poster must be titled and make a statement related to that title.
3. On the back of the poster attach a label with participant's name, age, school grade, 4-H unit, and exhibit title.
4. Each unit may submit 5 posters for each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
5. Participant does not need to be present.
6. All uses of the 4-H Club Name or Emblem shall be consistent with the educational purposes, character-building objectives, and dignity of the 4-H program. 4-H Club Name or Emblem shall be given a position of prominence. It is not permissible to superimpose any letter, design, or object on the 4-H Club Emblem, or to materially alter its intended shape.
7. All posters must be created by the 4-H members submitting them. Posters may not contain copyright characters. Some copyright examples are Snoopy, Garfield, and Disney Characters.
8. Posters should be of standard poster board. (22" x 28")

Educational Resources to Help Prepare for this Contest

"4-H Poster Exhibits", Iowa State University Extension, Available:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/projects/hotsheets/PosterTipSheet.pdf>



“Making Posters”, New Mexico State University Extension, Available:

<http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/documents/making204-h20posters.pdf>

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Score Sheets for this Contest

“Southeast District 4-H Contest Poster Score Sheet”. Available:

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/districts/southeast/district-contest/poster-score-sheet.pdf>

Other Guidelines, Suggestions, or Pertinent Information

At the District Contest, if the exhibitor chooses to be present on the day of judging, they are invited to participate in Conference Judging. This provides the opportunity for the participant to discuss their project (how it was made, what was learned, etc.) with a judge in an informal setting. If the exhibitor chooses this option, IT MUST BE INDICATED ON THEIR ENTRY FORM.

Sample YouTube Videos of 4-H Youth in This Contest

“Making a Poster: Indiana 4-H” Available: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7wyBSJu-gE>