

# **2024 Minnesota State Fair FFA Agricultural Interactive Exhibit/Demonstrations Competition**

On designated days of the Minnesota State Fair, agricultural education programs and FFA chapters will be selected to conduct an interactive exhibit or demonstration about/of agricultural activities or skills carried out within School-Based Agricultural Education.

Interactive Exhibit/Demonstration chapters, teams, and individuals shall present their entries in the Minnesota FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center at the Minnesota State Fair. Chapter entries will consist of a 60-90-minute presentation. Individual or Pair/Team entries will consist of a 25-30-minute presentation. The presentation/material will be repeated two additional times during the day.

## **ENTRIES**

Entry Proposals must be submitted via email to the State Fair FFA Assistant Superintendent ([acrowson@mnffa.org](mailto:acrowson@mnffa.org)) for FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center by **noon on June 13**. No deposit required at time of entry. Entry Proposals must be made in the name of the chapter in charge of the interactive exhibit or the FFA member name(s) and chapter name of the individual/team members in charge of the demonstration.

Entry Proposals shall consist of a video of the interactive exhibit/demonstration being presented at another event OR up to five pages (no more than two pages of mostly text and no more than three pages of pictures or drawings) explaining the interactive exhibit/demonstration the participants will present.

Limit of one entry per chapter in the chapter class. However, individuals from a chapter may participate in multiple presentations in the individual/pair/team class.

The FFA Chapter Advisor will confirm they have actually seen the interactive display/demonstration prior to the submission of the proposal or at least approve the entry proposal and pledge to help the member(s) practice the presentation prior to the State Fair.

The State Fair FFA Assistant Superintendent for FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center will select the top 11 chapter entry proposals and the top 33 individual/team entry proposals based on educational and entertainment value they will bring to the Minnesota FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center at the Minnesota State Fair.

The State Fair FFA Assistant Superintendent for FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center will notify all individuals who submitted a proposal within one week of the submission deadline whether they were chosen to present at the fair, are on a waiting list, or have been rejected. Selected proposals will submit a check for deposit (\$400 for

chapters, \$100 for individuals/teams) to hold their place. These checks will be due on July 1 and should be mailed to Marie LeFebvre, Competition Manager, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul, MN 55108. The checks will only be cashed if the chapter or individual/team back out of their performance and no one on the waiting list is able to fill in leaving a void in the FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center programming.

The State Fair FFA Assistant Superintendent for FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center will work with the selected chapters and individuals/teams as to which of the 11 days of the Minnesota State Fair they will present.

## DIVISIONS

1. Individual (1 FFA Member) or Pairs/Team (2-5 FFA Members)
2. Chapter (Advisor and 6+ FFA Members)
  - a. In a Chapter Interactive Exhibit, all participating members must take a meaningful part in the demonstration.

Participants will wear FFA apparel, casual-business attire (e.g., a polo and khakis), or FFA official dress, based on the content of their presentation.

## TIME

1. An individual or team demonstration, including preparation and clean-up, will be limited to 30 minutes: not less than 15 or more than 20 minutes for the presentation, 5 to set up, and 5 to tear down.
2. A chapter interactive exhibit, including preparation and clean-up, will be limited to 90 minutes: not less than 60 or more than 75 minutes for the presentation, 5 to set up, and 5 to tear down. The chapter will have three hours to set up in the morning from 6-9 a.m.
3. Interactive Exhibits/Demonstrations will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. One chapter and three individuals/teams will present each day of the fair (except the final day). Eleven chapters total and 33 individuals/teams total will present throughout the State Fair.

Chapter Set Up:	6 – 9 a.m.
3 Individuals/Teams:	9 – 10:30 a.m.
Chapter:	10:30 a.m. – noon
3 Individuals/Teams:	noon – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter:	1:30 – 3 p.m.
3 Individuals/Teams:	3 – 4:30 p.m.
Chapter:	4:30 – 6 p.m.
<b>Ind./Team Daily Winner</b>	<b>5 - 5:30 p.m. on Christensen Stage</b>

Participants will be expected to repeat the presentation two additional times during the day; three interactive exhibits/demonstrations total. Participants will not know which of the three times they are presenting is their "judged" performance.

## **MATERIALS**

1. Space provided inside the FFA Chapter House and Leadership Center, approximately 15' x 15' roughly in the center of the large room.
2. Participants may bring props for their interactive exhibit/demonstration; however, the following items are prohibited:
  - a. Fire
  - b. Operational/running engines
    - i. Electric motors may be used
  - c. Live animals may be used, but cannot be in contact with the audience, special consideration must be made for containment and cleanup, and there will be a preference for small to mid-size animals
  - d. Food may be used, but not given to or consumed by the audience
3. Participants may also bring laptops, projectors, and screens; however, these items will not be provided by the fair. Power will be available.
4. All visual aids (signs, charts, transparencies, computer images, and diagrams) shall be prepared by the contestant(s). All materials must fit through a standard-sized single door.

## **CONTENT**

The chapter/team/individual is to create an interactive exhibit or perform an actual demonstration of a skill or activity including any concept in the National Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) standards/Minnesota AFNR frameworks or an FFA Career/Leadership Development Event. Skills and activities exhibited/demonstrated from AFNR standards or FFA CDE/LDEs should be as practical and realistic as possible.

The topic(s) of the interactive exhibit/demonstration must be clearly stated and be appropriate to one of the major career pathways of agricultural education.

## **CHAPTER CLASS**

1. Career and academic instruction (classroom)
2. Leadership/social skills (FFA)
3. Work-based/experiential learning/technical skills (SAE)

## INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CLASSES

1. Animal and Biotechnology Systems
  - e.g., proper AI, drawing blood, grooming of dogs
2. Ag. Business, Leadership, Education, & Communications Systems
  - e.g., developing a business plan, graphic design, key messages
3. Food Products and Processing Systems
  - e.g., calculating food calories, organic v. conventional agriculture
4. Natural Resources and Environmental Service Systems
  - e.g., water quality standards, scoring antlers on a deer
5. Plant and Biotechnology Systems
  - e.g., floral design, grafting, hydroponic v. conventional growth
6. Power, Structural, and Technical Systems
  - e.g., wiring, build a bird house,

FFA State winners in the following areas are encouraged to participate:

- CDE and LDE teams
- SAE projects (proficiencies, STAR awards, etc.)
- Agriscience projects
- National Chapter Award (chapter and regional officer teams)

## SCORE CARD

Organization: .....	15%
Quality: .....	50%
Delivery: .....	15%
Supportive Materials: .....	20%

## CHAPTER PREMIUMS

1st: .....	\$1000
2nd: .....	\$750
3rd: .....	\$500
4th-11th: .....	\$250

## INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PREMIUMS

Each Division (6)

1st: .....	\$300
2nd: .....	\$200
3rd and lower: .....	\$100

# FFA INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT/DEMONSTRATION COMPETITION SCORE CARD

Individual and/or Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_

## Organization of Presentation (15 points)

Presentation began/ended on time .....5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Presentation visible to audience .....5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Appearance of group.....5 \_\_\_\_\_

## Quality of Presentation (50 points)

Practical type of modern agricultural activity.....5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Presentation carefully planned/organized.....10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Manual/technical skills demonstrated.....5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Safety practices observed.....10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Presentation was informative and accurate .....10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Presentation prompted questions.....10 \_\_\_\_\_

## Delivery of Presentation (15 points)

Secured/kept attention of audience.....5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Courtesy shown to audience.....5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Voice - projected and clear.....5 \_\_\_\_\_

## Supportive Materials/Miscellaneous (20 points)

Visuals were available.....10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Adequate supervision of group.....10 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL.....100 \_\_\_\_\_