

Cochise County 4-H 2026

Static Building Exhibit Rules & Division Booklet



Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Cochise County Cooperative Extension at 520-384-3594. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange for the accommodation.

Requests for space to accommodate large projects must also be arranged ahead of time by contacting the office by phone or email and providing the dimensions of the project.

4-H Program Year: October 1 - September 30

GENERAL RULES

Any regularly enrolled 4-H member who has satisfactorily completed their projects for the 2025-2026 club year may participate in the exhibits and contests pertaining to their projects.

1. All participants must attend at least 75% of community club and project meetings to be classified as a member in good standing. Club by-laws will take precedents if they are above these requirements.
2. Participants must have been enrolled in a 4-H Project (minimum 6 hours) related to the exhibit being entered by July 31st of the 4-H year and the 4-H Project must be completed and signed-off by the participants club leader by September 13th, 2026, of the 4-H program year.
3. Participants may exhibit any number of items, except **Photography which is limited to ten (10) entries and Fine Arts which is limited to ten (10) entries.**
4. All participants must complete a project record book for each project area, and a 4-H Self Evaluation Form for the year. The **record books are due to the Community Club Leaders or Project Leaders for approval by September 1, 2026.**
5. Articles to be exhibited must be made, raised, or collected during the current club year.
6. Exhibits entered in the 4-H Departments may not be entered in any other fair department.
7. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as an original work by the participant. Exhibits must include permission from the copyright holder/owner to use copyrighted material(s). Exhibits without this permission cannot be displayed. For exhibits using material(s)/design(s) that are not original, participants must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in the exhibit.
8. If a participant is using a kit of any kind (Lego, quilting, etc.), it must be noted on the display and accredited.
9. It is mandatory for every 4-H member exhibiting a building project to take a **two-hour shift** (shifts do not need to be consecutive) to help with daily monitoring of the 4-H Building. Sign-ups will be available on **SignUpGenius**: on a **first-come, first-served basis**. *Note: Members do not have to wait for the next shift leader to arrive before leaving.*
10. The liability statement (at the end of this document) will be required to be signed by the exhibitor and their parent to exhibit their project in the building. This will be due at check-in.
11. **All judges' decisions are final.**

IMPORTANT AGE DIVISION TERM DEFINITIONS:

Cloverbuds: 5-7 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year. Can only enroll in 4-H Cloverbuds.

Junior 4-H Member: 8-10 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Intermediate 4-H Member: 11 to 13 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Senior 4-H Member: 14-18 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H program year. *Senior members cannot have passed their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current program year.*

MEMBERS MUST ENTER ONLINE BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Entry System will open August 1st and close at **10PM on September 1st, 2026**, unless otherwise notified. Information and link for entry system will be sent to 4-H Members and families via email and newsletter.

Contact the Cochise County Extension Office in Willcox
(520) 384-3594 for information regarding BUILDING PROJECT exhibit areas.

CHAMPION BUILDING EXHIBITOR AWARD: For the Champion Building Exhibitor Award, each participant must have at least six (6) projects from three (3) different categories entered in the building. Only top awards of Grand and Reserve Champion will be counted. The participant will only have four (4) projects from one division go towards their Champion Building Exhibitor Award. Any tie breakers will be decided by the number of Grand Champions. If a tie continues then Reserve ribbons and Blue ribbons will be taken into consideration.

4-H STORE: The 4-H Store will be available on Sunday, September 27th from 3:00-4:00pm (tentative) in the 4-H Building. Sale tags with the price of the item must be placed on each item being sold before it is put on display on Wednesday September 23rd. **4-H participants must be present to sell their exhibits and collect money.**



2026 4-H STATIC BUILDING



AWARD ABBREVIATIONS

BK Buckle (Champion Building Award)
R Rosette (Champion & Reserve)

The Danish Grouping System will be used in judging 4-H exhibits. A blue ribbon must be earned to be eligible for Champion division awards. Champion and Reserve Champion may be awarded an outstanding exhibit in each division AT THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION. No premium monies will be awarded.

The classes listed below represent a wide variety of projects available to Cochise County 4-H members through the AZ 4-H Youth Development Program. Cochise County 4-H members who cannot find a particular project represented in these classes, be assured that every effort will be made to accommodate projects not addressed here, as needed. Contact the Cochise County 4-H Extension Office for more information. The Cochise County 4-H Program reserves the right, at any time, to add classes to ensure that all members who desire to participate can show their work.

Please notify the 4-H extension office in advance of any large projects so that the 4-H building can be properly prepared.

CLOVERBUDS DEPARTMENT

4-H members who are enrolled in the Cloverbuds 4-H Program (5-7-year-olds), may exhibit items they have made or collected during the current 4-H year. Cloverbud Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. These are exhibits for our youngest members. The emphasis is on participation, learning and teamwork, not competition. These entries are not eligible for Danish Ribbons or Grand/Reserve Champion classification.

Division No. 110 - Cloverbuds 4-H
Participation Ribbons

Class	Description
11001	Cloverbuds 4-H

(beekeeping), meat and food science, poultry science, embryology, and veterinary science. Entomology exhibits in this division will be judged on correctness of identification, labeling, and mounting according to 4-H manuals.

Horticulture exhibits will include a typed 3x5 card wrapped in plastic wrap or placed in a plastic bag that indicates the variety of the exhibit. For example: "Jack-o-lantern" Pumpkin, "Gala" Apples, etc.

Champion Biological Sciences – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)
Reserve Biological Sciences – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION 111

Class	Description
11101	Jr. Entomology
11102	Jr. Horticulture
11103	Jr. Other

INT. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION 112

Class	Description
11201	Int. Entomology
11202	Int. Horticulture
11203	Int. Other

SR. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION 113

JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR DEPARTMENTS

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

4-H youth participants explore the broad scope of biological science through real-life scenarios and educational opportunities about life and living processes. They learn about topics such as aquatic science, entomology, apiculture

Class	Description
11301	Sr. Entomology
11302	Sr. Horticulture
11303	Sr. Other

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Clothing & Fashion – An exhibit that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits may include constructed or purchased clothing and accessories. All garments are to be on clothes hangers.

Sewing – An exhibit that shows learning and skill in sewing, the use and care of fabrics and fibers, or the construction of clothing and other items. All garments are to be on clothes hangers.

Needle Arts – An exhibit that shows learning and skill in knitting, crocheting, stitchery, or other needle arts.

Quilting – An exhibit that shows learning and skill in quilting. Items may be pieced, appliqué, foundation or paper pieced. Quilting may be hand or machine done or tied. In some exhibits, no-sew appliqué techniques are appropriate.

Champion Clothing & Textiles – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

Reserve Clothing & Textiles – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. CLOTHING & TEXTILES DIVISION 114

Class	Description
11401	Jr. Clothing & Fashion
11402	Jr. Sewing
11403	Jr. Needle Arts
11404	Jr. Quilting
11405	Jr. Other

INT. CLOTHING & TEXTILES DIVISION 115

Class	Description
11501	Int. Clothing & Fashion
11502	Int. Sewing
11503	Int. Needle Arts
11504	Int. Quilting
11505	Int. Other

SR. CLOTHING & TEXTILES DIVISION 116

Class	Description
11601	Sr. Clothing & Fashion
11602	Sr. Sewing
11603	Sr. Needle Arts
11604	Sr. Quilting
11605	Sr. Other

COMMUNICATION & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

4-H Story (can be part of your 4-H record book)

4-H Poster – Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public.

Communication – An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills in their many forms.

Creative Writing – Typically fiction or poetry that displays imagination or invention.

Digital Story Telling – An exhibit that shows learned skill in digital story telling through video, slide show, etc. Provide a brief description of the project on a sheet of paper including a QR Code linking to the digital project.

Personal Development - Citizenship, Leadership, Service Learning

Health & Nutrition - An exhibit that shows learning through eating healthy foods, including safety practices, physical activity.

Champion Communication & Personal Development – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)
Reserve Communication & Personal Development – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. COMMUNICATION & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION 117

Class	Description
11701	Jr. 4-H Story
11702	Jr. 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit
11703	Jr. Communication Exhibit
11704	Jr. Creative Writing
11705	Jr. Digital Storytelling
11706	Jr. Personal Development Exhibit
11707	Jr. Health & Nutrition
11708	Jr. Other

INT. COMMUNICATION & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION 118

Class	Description
11801	Int. 4-H Story
11802	Int. 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit
11803	Int. Communication Exhibit
11804	Int. Creative Writing
11805	Int. Digital Storytelling
11806	Int. Personal Development Exhibit
11807	Int. Health & Nutrition
11808	Int. Other

SR. COMMUNICATION & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION 119

Class	Description
11901	Sr. 4-H Story
11902	Sr. 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit
11903	Sr. Communication Exhibit
11904	Sr. Creative Writing
11905	Sr. Digital Storytelling
11906	Sr. Personal Development Exhibit
11907	Sr. Health & Nutrition
11908	Sr. Other

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

An educational display stimulates thought, teaches facts, or shows a process. It may result in action on the reader's part. The educational display can take the form of a poster, a tabletop display, or a mobile. Display may show any topic of an educational nature. The display may include sound,

motion, etc.

Champion Educational Exhibits – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

Reserve Educational Exhibits – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS DIVISION 120

Class	Description
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12001	Jr. Educational Exhibit
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INT. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS DIVISION 121

Class	Description
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12101	Int. Educational Exhibit
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SR. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS DIVISION 122

Class	Description
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12201	Sr. Educational Exhibit
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EXPRESSIVE ARTS

An exhibit that shows learning through original art, exploration of an art technique, or study of any other visual arts topic. Includes arts, crafts, dance, drama, theater, drawing, painting, sculpting, music, performing arts.

Champion Expressive Arts –
Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

Reserve Expressive Arts –
Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. EXPRESSIVE ARTS DIVISION 123

Class	Description
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12301	Jr. Crafts
12302	Jr. Ceramics/Pottery
12303	Jr. Fine Art
12304	Jr. Paper Crafts
12305	Jr. Fiber Arts
12306	Jr. Leathercraft
12307	Jr. Recycled Crafts
12308	Jr. Theater/Dance
12309	Jr. Other

INT. EXPRESSIVE ARTS DIVISION 124

Class	Description
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12401	Int. Crafts
12402	Int. Ceramics/Pottery
12403	Int. Fine Art
12404	Int. Paper Crafts
12405	Int. Fiber Arts
12406	Int. Leathercraft
12407	Int. Recycled Crafts
12408	Int. Theater/Dance
12409	Int. Other

SR. EXPRESSIVE ARTS DIVISION 125

Class	Description
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12501	Sr. Crafts
12502	Sr. Ceramics/Pottery
12503	Sr. Fine Art
12504	Sr. Paper Crafts
12505	Sr. Fiber Arts
12506	Sr. Leathercraft
12507	Sr. Recycled Crafts
12508	Sr. Theater/Dance

12509 Sr. Other

FOOD PREPARATION & CAKE DECORATING

An exhibit that shows learning through cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, including safety practices. 4-H members are encouraged to exhibit food items that utilize skills learned in the project

FOOD PREPARATION

Participants must **submit the recipe** for each entry, recipe should be typed and on a 3x5 card wrapped in plastic wrap or placed in a plastic bag. Any entry that does not include the recipe will not be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion honors. If an exhibit has been frozen this should be indicated and reasons given; freezing will affect products if not done properly so use caution.

Quality of Food Exhibits

Each food item entered should be of high-quality standards and attractively prepared. Foods exhibited in this division **MUST NOT** contain perishable fillings or toppings such as: Creams, Eggs, Custard, Meat, Meat and Vegetable Combinations. The judges can disqualify any product in this division that does not meet food safety standards. Any product not meeting specifications will be for exhibition only and will receive a participation ribbon. Foods requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.

All exhibits must be on rigid cardboard or strong paper plates (candy, cookies, muffins, or brownies - 5 per plate) and covered with a Ziploc type bag. DO NOT PUT BREAD INTO ZIPLOC TYPE BAGS, place the entire, uncut loaf on rigid cardboard or a paper plate and cover it in plastic wrap.

CAKE DECORATING

Include recipe card for frosting, recipe should be on a 3x5 card wrapped in plastic wrap or placed in a plastic bag. Decorating techniques may be presented on a cake pan, foam cake, foil covered board, cupcake, or baked cake.

Champion Food, Nutrition, and Health –
Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

Reserve Food, Nutrition, and Health –
Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. FOOD PREPARATION & CAKE DECORATING DIVISION 126

Class	Description
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12601	Jr. Food Preparation
12602	Jr. Cake Decorating

INT. FOOD PREPARATION & CAKE DECORATING DIVISION 127

Class	Description
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12701	Int. Food Preparation
12702	Int. Cake Decorating

SR. FOOD PREPARATION & CAKE DECORATING DIVISION 128

Class	Description
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12801	Sr. Food Preparation
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FOOD PRESERVATION

Plates must be covered with a Ziploc bag. **All entries must be labeled as to the contents, dates when canned, canning method (water bath or pressure), and recipe used.** Jar caps and rings should be clean, not sticky, and without rust. Contents except for meats should be covered by liquid and should not touch lid. A proper seal is important.

Champion Food Preservation – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)
Reserve Food Preservation –
Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. FOOD PRESERVATION DIVISION 129

Class	Description
12901	Jr. Food Preservation – Water Bath
12902	Jr. Food Preservation – Pressure Canning
12903	Jr. Other

INT. FOOD PRESERVATION DIVISION 130

Class	Description
13001	Int. Food Preservation – Water Bath
13002	Int. Food Preservation – Pressure Canning
13003	Int. Other

SR. FOOD PRESERVATION DIVISION 131

Class	Description
13101	Sr. Food Preservation – Water Bath
13102	Sr. Food Preservation – Pressure Canning
13103	Sr. Other

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

Any exhibit that shows skills or learning in automotive, electrical, small, and large engines, tractors, welding, woodworking, and restoration.

Champion Mechanical Sciences – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)
Reserve Mechanical Sciences – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. MECHANICAL SCIENCES DIVISION 132

Class	Description
13201	Jr. Electricity
13202	Jr. Small Engines
13203	Jr. Welding
13204	Jr. Woodworking
13205	Jr. Other

INT. MECHANICAL SCIENCES DIVISION 133

Class	Description
13301	Int. Electricity
13302	Int. Small Engines
13303	Int. Welding
13304	Int. Woodworking
13305	Int. Other

SR. MECHANICAL SCIENCES DIVISION 134

Class	Description
13401	Sr. Electricity
13402	Sr. Small Engines
13403	Sr. Welding
13404	Sr. Woodworking
13405	Sr. Other

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY

Any exhibit that shows learning about, or helps explain, how science and technology help us interact with the world. Science, engineering, and technology cut across all program and project areas, including aerospace, computers, electronics, astronomy, and robotics.

Champion Science, Engineering and Technology – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)
Reserve Science, Engineering and Technology – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION 135

Class	Description
13501	Jr. Aerospace
13502	Jr. Robotics
13503	Jr. Other

INT. SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION 136

Class	Description
13601	Int. Aerospace
13602	Int. Robotics
13603	Int. Other

SR. SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION 137

Class	Description
13701	Sr. Aerospace
13702	Sr. Robotics
13703	Sr. Other

PHOTOGRAPHY

4-H Members enrolled in the Photography Project may enter **up to fifteen (15) single prints in this division.** All entries must be selected from pictures taken as part of the current 4-H Club year's photography project. All entries must be creations of the 4-H member.

Acceptable photo sizes for Single Photo Entries:
5x7 and 8x10 are the **only acceptable sizes for single photo entries.**

PHOTO ENTRIES

Photos must be mounted, and window matted on a complementary matte board to ensure the photo remains rigid when hung. The photo should be sandwiched between a backing and front matte with an opening large enough to show the picture accurately. All photos should be adequately

secured to matting.

Photographs may be mounted horizontally or vertically, at the discretion of the 4-H member, as determined by the photograph.

Captions or titles should not be used.

The maximum print size is 8x10 inches; maximum matte and frame size is 12x14 inches.

All entries must be labeled on the center back with the following: type of camera used, and printing process used (by home printer, print shop, web service, etc.).

A participant may enter each photo only once; therefore, a photo entered in color cannot be entered in black and white, enhanced digital photography or on a poster or storyboard.

Color Photography

Only basic editing to enhance the qualities of a photo.

Examples include cropping, dodging, burning, contrast, brightness, saturation, and red eye reduction.

Altered Photography

Editing to change the contents of a photo. Examples include any form of AI, adding a sunset, or removing a person from the shot. On the back of each photo, the original photo must be placed and a 3'x5' card must list the software used and a list of what was done to the photo.

Black & White Photography

Photos in the Black & White category can be taken in Black & White mode on the camera, on Black & White Film, or modified from color to Black & White. On the back of each photo, the technique should be listed and the original photo if it was modified from color to black & white along with the software used.

Champion Photography – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

Reserve Photography – Junior/Intermediate/Senior (R)

JR. PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION 138

Class	Description
13801	Jr. Color
13802	Jr. Altered
13803	Jr. Black & White
13804	Jr. Other

INT. PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION 139

Class	Description
13901	Int. Color
13902	Int. Altered
13903	Int. Black & White
13904	Int. Other

SR. PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION 140

Class	Description
14001	Sr. Color
14002	Sr. Altered
14003	Sr. Black & White
14004	Sr. Other

CHAMPION BUILDING EXHIBITOR

Champion Junior Building Exhibitor (BK)

Reserve Junior Building Exhibitor (BK)

Champion Intermediate Exhibitor (BK)

Reserve Intermediate Exhibitor (BK)

Champion Senior Building Exhibitor (BK)

Reserve Senior Building Exhibitor (BK)

project(s) unattended at the Cochise County 4-H Building during the fair.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH LEAVING YOUR 4-H PROJECT UNATTENDED AND AGREE TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, OR THEFT THAT MAY OCCUR.

Cochise County 4-H Building Liability Waiver

Event: Cochise County Fair

Location: Cochise County 4-H Building

Event Host: Cochise County 4-H

EXHIBITOR LIABILITY WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I, the undersigned exhibitor (or parent/legal guardian if under 18), hereby acknowledge and fully understand that 4-H projects on display at the Cochise County 4-H Building may be left unattended during the fair. I recognize that leaving my project(s) unattended carries the risk of potential damage, tampering, or theft.

I voluntarily choose to leave my 4-H project(s) in the Cochise County 4-H Building and, by signing below, acknowledge and accept full responsibility for the following:

1. **Risk of Damage or Theft:** I understand that my project(s) may be subject to tampering, damage, or theft due to being left unattended in a public area.
2. **Release of Liability:** I hereby release and hold harmless Cochise County 4-H, its officers, agents, volunteers, employees, and representatives from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or related to any damage, tampering, or theft of my 4-H project(s) during the fair.
3. **Indemnification:** I agree to indemnify and defend Cochise County 4-H against any and all claims brought by third parties relating to my project(s), including but not limited to damage or theft of the project(s).
4. **Assumption of Risk:** I understand and accept all risks associated with leaving my

This waiver and release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

Exhibitor Name (Print): _____

Signature of Exhibitor: _____

Date: _____

**If Exhibitor is under 18:
Parent/Guardian Name (Print):** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____