

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR

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...the best little fair around!

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR – EDUCATIONAL JUDGING

Each year, the county highway building evolves to showcase the talented projects of youth and open class exhibits for the Green Lake County Fair. Youth and adults alike from Green Lake County bring their projects to the Fair to showcase their hard work from the year. The exhibitors have been working with their educational projects and animals for months, and the Fair is where they can be evaluated on their project(s). Youth exhibitors will have their projects judged on Thursday, August 1 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and adult exhibitors will be judged Thursday, August 1 between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. Youth enrolled in a recognized youth organization in Green Lake County are eligible to exhibit at the Green Lake County Fair. Adult residents of Green Lake County are also encouraged to participate in the Green Lake County Fair in the Open Class departments.

Exhibits displayed include the departments of photography, cultural arts, crops, vegetables, flowers and house plants, natural science, technology, woodworking, electricity, mechanical science, foods and nutrition, clothing, knitting and crocheting, home environment, family and child development, health, social, and political science, and youth leadership.

The projects are all unique and make the Green Lake County Fair hold the title of the “best little fair around.” Youth exhibitors have face-to-face judging in which they are given the opportunity to explain their project, the materials and work involved and what went well and not so well in the process. This self and judge evaluation is one of the most important pieces of the 4-H experience. County fairs provide opportunities for youth to:

- Show what they’ve learned and accomplished to the public
- Develop project skills
- Develop responsibility and self-confidence
- Gain knowledge, counsel and encouragement from judges and others
- Develop leadership skills by assuming fair responsibilities and working together with others
- Learn new and better methods
- Compare their work with a “standard” and with other youth
- Receive recognition and learn the importance of good sportsmanship

Exhibitors are awarded with ribbons by the judge. Placings are as follows: blue ribbon is the highest quality, red ribbon projects are above average, white ribbon represents average quality and pink ribbons indicate improvement is needed. There are special awards in addition to the ribbons for youth exhibitors. One of the special considerations is for youth to be selected to exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair. The Home and Community Education organization recognizes youth with a special rosette for Outstanding Achievement. There are also Best of Show Rosettes in the Open Class for the following departments: Plant & Soil Science, Houseplants & Flowers, Cultural Arts, Photography, Foods & Nutrition, Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting and Home Environment.

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- *The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting agriculture, family, and community involvement through education and tradition.* •

Returning this year is Open Class Conference-Style judging for Photography and Foods & Nutrition. The newly implemented Conference Style judging has been a huge success allowing exhibitors and fairgoers to listen to the judge critique exhibits grouped in lot numbers. The judge must make decisions based on all articles without input from the exhibitors. After careful examination, the judge will share his/her decision as to the awards with justification based on a short explanation of the good points and items in need of improvement. This is a wonderful educational opportunity for Open Class exhibitors, as regular Open Class judging offers no contact with the judge or an understanding of the reasons for first, second, third, fourth placings or Best of Show. Whether you have exhibits entered or not, everyone is invited to observe the judging process.

This year as you stroll through the Green Lake County Fairgrounds, take some time to observe and appreciate the talent of your neighbors, friends, and youth in the Exhibition Building. There is always a project that will impress you! From the breathtaking photos, to the garden grown vegetables and flowers, and the hand-sewn clothing, you will not want to skip an exhibit.

The Green Lake County Fair (Travel the World at the Fair) is scheduled for August 1-4. For more information regarding this event or for a complete Schedule of Events, please contact the Green Lake County Extension/Fair Office at 294-4033 or visit our website at greenlake.extension.wisc.edu