

## **DIVISION 40 - 4-H PREP**

### **DEFINITION AND OBJECTIVES**

Prep is the non-competitive, introductory 4-H experience for boys and girls in grades k-3. Learning takes place in a group setting with fun, hands-on activities. Members can be active in Prep clubs and explore a variety of interests, in Standard 4-H project clubs with the approval of the leader, and in School Age Child Care 4-H clubs.

- The prep involvement will allow youngsters to:
  - learn to get along with others
  - explore many interests
  - learn subject matter and skills
  - become aware of opportunities in the standard 4-H program
  - build self-confidence through healthy experiences

### **GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITION AND PARTICIPATION**

1. Members in 4-H Prep Clubs will exhibit by club in the 4-H Prep Tent. All members will receive participation ribbons for their exhibit of work completed in the current year.
2. Members in Standard 4-H Clubs may exhibit in the Prep Tent or with their standard club. They will receive participation ribbons for their efforts.
3. 4-H Prep members may participate in age-appropriate “open” 4-H events on a non-competitive basis only.
4. 4-H Prep members may receive participation recognition at these events for their efforts.  
(Example: green participation ribbons, certificates, or public acknowledgement by adults)
5. 4-H Prep members will be able to practice their skills and gain experience without the pressure of competition.
6. 4-H Prep members will improve their skills and learn new skills through the constructive comments and recognition from judges, leaders, and older 4-H members.
7. Prep members will staff the Prep Tent at their club’s designated two hour time slot during the Fair under the supervision of adult advisors/parents. Their duties will include:
  - Greeting the public
  - General tent maintenance
  - Conducting hands-on activities for the young fairgoers
  - Tending the exhibit animals if there are any in the tent. This excludes Name the Animal.