

## DEPARTMENT 17B – EXPLORING

Judging: Friday – 9:00 a.m.  
Exhibition Hall

Superintendents: Valli Brauer & Connie Heimann

### Exploring Rules and Instructions

(Grades 3-4 Only)

#### BE SURE TO READ

- a) Exhibitors and their families are responsible for reading and complying with the Junior Fair General Rules & Instructions.
- b) Fair Association is not responsible for articles lost/stolen during fair.
- c) Exploring is for members in grades 3 and 4 ONLY.
- d) **No more than 4 Lots entered.**
- e) No prepared foods or animals are to be exhibited.
- f) Posters must be no larger than 14"x22", and displays must be no larger than 28"x40", unless otherwise stated.
- g) Scrapbooks must have a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 pages.
- h) Displays other than posters can include diorama, mobiles, shadow boxes, 3-D models, booklets, etc.
- i) Poems should be 40 lines or less.
- j) Stories, interviews, etc. – 250 words or less.
- k) Exhibitors are PROHIBITED from duplicating exhibits and entering them in this and another department (i.e. entering same photo in Exploring and Photography departments)

Premiums \$ 1.75 \$ 1.50 \$ 1.25 \$ 1.00

## CLASS J – EXPLORING NATURE AND SCIENCE

Lot

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1. 6 insects, properly displayed and identified
2. Display of 10 leaves properly mounted and identified
3. Poster (11"x14") of 6 items found on a nature hike, identified
4. "My Going Green" project
5. Make any weather related project
6. Display (no larger than 11"x14") of at least 6 rocks and/or fossils, identified
7. Picture of wildflowers (11"x14" poster)
8. Any display about prehistoric animals and plants
9. Any display about space/astronomy
10. Pictures of clouds (11"x14" poster)
11. "My Square Foot Treasure Hunt". (Exhibit about what you found in a square foot of soil. Describe the site and what "treasures" were found.)
12. Display of mineral/fossil collection, with proper and common name
13. Any other nature or science related project

## CLASS K – EXPLORING BUILDING AND FIXING

Lot

### Conference Judging

1. Homemade puzzle
2. Small woodworking item (i.e. bird box, sanding block, etc.)
3. Homemade First Aid Kit (no larger than 8"x12")
4. Simple bird feeder made from recycled material
5. Simple electrical/electronic project
6. Simple homemade musical instrument
7. Bird feeder or bird house made from wood
8. Display of tools used in building and fixing
9. Any item from recycled material
10. Homemade catapult
11. Any other building and fixing related project

### **CLASS L – EXPLORING FOODS AND NUTRITION**

- Lot **Conference Judging**
1. Poster showing nutritious snacks
  2. Poster of items (pictures or drawings) needed to make my favorite food (indicate the food and label items)
  3. Display showing results of taste test you conducted
  4. Poster on kitchen safety
  5. Dairy promotion poster
  6. Promotional poster for any other Wisconsin food product
  7. Recipe file with recipes of things made by exhibitor (minimum 5 recipes)
  8. Food Plate Exhibit
  9. "Be the Chef!" (Display or exhibit of when you planned a menu and helped prepare the meal).
  10. Any other related display

### **CLASS M – EXPLORING PLANTS AND ANIMALS**

- Lot **Conference Judging**
1. Collection of 15 seeds (flower, fruit, and/ or vegetable), mounted and labeled
  2. Plate of 3 vegetables raised by member
  3. House plant started as leaf, seed or stem cutting
  4. Terrarium or dish garden
  5. Poster showing parts of an animal
  6. Scrapbook about pet or other animal (include pictures and stories)
  7. Chart or display about your study of insects
  8. Original story or poem about your favorite plant or animal
  9. Poster showing proper pet care
  10. Any other plant or animal related exhibit

### **CLASS N – EXPLORING ARTS AND CRAFTS**

- Lot **Conference Judging**
1. 5 favorite photos taken by member (12"x18" poster board)
  2. Make a poster about your favorite 4-H project or activity
  3. Drawing, stenciling or body tracing (any medium)
  4. Rock creature
  5. Simple stitchery item (embroidery, plastic canvas, cross stitch, needlepoint, latch hook, etc.)
  6. Simple puppets
  7. Any holiday decorations
  8. Five interesting facts about you in short story form (can add picture to your story)
  9. Writing exhibit (original poems, stories, interviews)
  10. Item of paper art (weaving, origami, etc.)
  11. 3D item of art (clay sculpture, recycled art, etc.)
  12. Drawing or painting art piece (should be mounted on a firm backing with a secure hanger)
  13. Ceramics item (made and painted by member)
  14. Simple, easy to make craft item (kits may be used)
  15. Craft item (basketry, jewelry, leather, macramé, etc. Kits may be used.)
  16. Any arts and crafts related item that doesn't fit into other lot numbers.

## **CLASS O – EXPLORING HOBBIES AND CAREERS**

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1. Any scale model from a kit
2. Display about your collection (sports cards, Beanies, rocks, etc.) Do not exhibit the collection.
3. Display about your favorite sport
4. Display about what you like to do
5. Display or poster about your hobby (needlepoint, bowling, etc.)
6. Tell a photo story (scrapbook, poster, etc.)
7. Display about an interesting job
8. Poster/display on things I like to do with my mom and dad
9. Exhibit about a job or career you create
10. Any other hobby or career related exhibit

## **CLASS P – CAKE REVUE**

**Judging: Saturday, March 17, 2:00pm**  
**Green County Justice Center**

Lot **Conference Judging**

1. Decorated cookies (plate of three)
2. Decorated cupcakes (plate of three)
3. Any other single layer cake up to 9" – do you own thing. All toppings must be edible (candy, coconut, chips, nuts, etc.)

## **CLASS Q – FOODS REVUE**

**Judging: Saturday, April 14, 9:00am**  
**Green County Justice Center**

Lot **Conference Judging**

1. Breakfast muffins – plate of 3 (i.e. bran, blueberry)
2. Invent a snack
3. Breakfast or lunch wrap