



## DEPARTMENT 17B – EXPLORING

**Please see Judging Schedule  
for date & time.**

**Superintendents: TBD**

### 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) The 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) **Each entry should have a 3"x5" card which describes:**
  - a. **Exhibitor grade and number of years in project**
  - b. **Steps taken to complete this exhibit.**
  - c. **What have you learned or practiced in completing this exhibit.**
- f) No prepared foods or animals are to be exhibited.
- g) Posters must be no larger than 14"x22", and displays must be no larger than 28"x40", unless otherwise stated.
- h) Scrapbooks must have a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 pages.
- i) Displays other than posters can include diorama, mobiles, shadow boxes, 3-D models, booklets, etc.
- j) Poems should be 40 lines or less.
- k) Stories, interviews, etc. – 250 words or less.
- l) 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**

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. Exhibit, rock and mineral collection
13. Exhibit, fossil collection
14. Any other nature or science related project

## **CLASS K – EXPLORING BUILDING AND FIXING**

### **Lot**

20. Homemade puzzle
21. Small woodworking item (i.e. bird box, sanding block, etc.)
22. Homemade First Aid Kit (no larger than 8"x12")
23. Simple bird feeder made from recycled material
24. Simple electrical/electronic project
25. Simple homemade musical instrument
26. Bird feeder or bird house made from wood
27. Display of tools used in building and fixing
28. Any item from recycled material
29. Homemade catapult
30. Any other building and fixing related project

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

### **Lot**

35. Poster showing nutritious snacks
36. Poster of items (pictures or drawings) needed to make my favorite food (indicate the food and label items)
37. Display showing results of taste test you conducted
38. Poster on kitchen safety
39. Dairy promotion poster
40. Promotional poster for any other Wisconsin food product
41. Recipe file with recipes of things made by exhibitor (minimum 5 recipes)
42. My Food Plate Exhibit
43. "Be the Chef!" (Display or exhibit of when you planned a menu and helped prepare the meal).
44. Any other related display

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

### **Lot**

50. Collection of 15 seeds (flower, fruit, and/ or vegetable), mounted and labeled
51. Plate of 3 vegetables raised by member
52. House plant started as leaf, seed or stem cutting
53. Terrarium or dish garden
54. Poster showing parts of an animal
55. Scrapbook about pet or other animal (include pictures and stories)
56. Chart or display about your study of insects
57. Original story or poem about your favorite plant or animal
58. Poster showing proper pet care
59. Any other plant or animal related exhibit

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

### **Lot**

65. 5 favorite photos taken by member (12"x18" poster board)
66. Make a poster about your favorite 4-H project or activity
67. Drawing, stenciling or body tracing (any medium)
68. Rock creature
69. Simple stitchery item (embroidery, plastic canvas, cross stitch, needlepoint, latch hook, etc.)
70. Simple puppets
71. Any holiday decorations
72. Five interesting facts about you in short story form (can add picture to your story)
73. Writing exhibit (original poems, stories, interviews)
74. Item of paper art (weaving, origami, etc.)
75. 3D item of art (clay sculpture, recycled art, etc.)
76. Drawing or painting art piece (should be mounted on a firm backing with a secure hanger)
77. Ceramics item (made and painted by member)
78. Simple, easy to make craft item (kits may be used)
79. Craft item (basketry, jewelry, leather, macramé, etc. Kits may be used.)
80. Any arts and crafts related item that doesn't fit into other lot numbers.

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

### **Lot**

85. Any scale model from a kit
86. Display about your collection (sports cards, Beanies, rocks, etc.) Do not exhibit the collection.
87. Display about your favorite sport
88. Display about what you like to do
89. Display or poster about your hobby (needlepoint, bowling, etc.)
90. Tell a photo story (scrapbook, poster, etc.)
91. Display about an interesting job
92. Poster/display on things I like to do with my mom and dad
93. Exhibit about a job or career you create
94. Any other hobby or career related exhibit

## **CLASS P – CAKE REVUE -**

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### **Lot**

### **Conference Judging**

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

## **CLASS Q – FOODS REVUE -**

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### **Lot**

### **Conference Judging**

105. Mini Pizzas - plate of 2
106. Invent a snack
107. Breakfast or lunch wrap