

# **SELF-DETERMINED - 365 Project Guide Sheet**

## **Project Description**

This project is designed for 4-H members to create their own project. If you have taken all of the projects in a subject area, you may design one that is the next step. If there is no project in an area you are interested in, you may design a project. **You may not duplicate a current 4-H project.** The Self Determined Project Guide provides a guideline for developing your project. There are several "Project Idea Starters" available to help you in creating your project. They include these areas: astronomy, model railroading, weather, clowning, rocks, minerals and fossils, quiltmaking, computers, canoeing for beginners, scrapbooking, camp counseling, digital image processing and reptiles and amphibians. You do not have to use one of these areas for creating your project.

## **To Complete the Project**

Each self-determined project will be different. Use your project book as a guide to do the following:

1. Complete the "Planning Your Adventure" section of the project book.
2. Identify at least 3 interest areas with at least 3 activities per area to explore.
3. Explore all sections and complete the activities you're planned.
4. Take part in at least 2 organized project activities. Take part in at least 2 citizenship/leadership activities
5. Complete the "Reporting Your Adventure" section of the project guide.

If you choose not to participate in judging at the fair, make arrangements to discuss and review completion of your project with your advisor.

## **Judging of this Project**

This project will be judged as part of Special Interest Judging;

at the Richwood Fair Wednesday, August 27, 10:30 a.m.

Or

at the Union County Fair on Monday, July 21, 9:00-3:30 p.m.

Your advisor will tell you a more specific judging time later in the summer. At the specific judging time assigned to you, **bring your completed Self Determined Project Guide with the "Conducting Your Adventure" section fill out and your project display. Your project can not be judged without the completed Self Determined Project Guide.** You will participate in an interview judging and then leave your exhibit (a display of your project) on display the entire week of the fair.

## **Project Display**

Prepare a display that shows the judge and fair visitors what you learned and accomplished in your project. Your display could be a scrapbook, poster, item you created, or any method of showing what you have done. **If you choose to make a poster, the maximum size is 22"x28". Use regular poster paper, not foam board or a tri-fold board.** You may need to walk a distance from your parked vehicle to judging, plan accordingly. You may choose to bring additional items to show the judge your project work, that you do not leave on display. This is acceptable. You must however, leave something on display the entire week. **Your project book cannot serve as your project display.** Plan your display item carefully: fragile, valuable, or items that will be damaged by dust are not a good idea.

At the Union County Fair Special Interest Projects will be displayed in the Armory. At the Richwood Fair these projects will be displayed in the Booth Building.

## **Project Pick-Up**

You must pick up your project display at the end of the fair, or arrange for someone to get it for you. At Union County Fair, Special Interest Projects will be released on Sunday, July 27, at 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Projects not picked up by 4 p.m. will be disposed of or donated to charities. At the Richwood Fair, all Special Interest Projects will be released at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 1, and should be removed by 9 p.m.

## **Award Presentation**

Union County Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program on Saturday morning, July 26, 9:15 a.m. in front of the Grandstand. Richwood Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program during the fair. Check the fair paper for the day, time, and location of this program.

## **Ohio State Fair Opportunity**

This project **Does** have the opportunity to be displayed at The Ohio State Fair in 2008. Any 4-Her's who wishes to compete for an opportunity to display this project at The Ohio State Fair must participate in judging at the Union County Fair, as described above. Union County representatives to The Ohio State Fair will be chosen as part of Union County Fair judging.