

365.04 Self Determined – Natural Resources

Project Description

Self-determined Idea Starters are designed to give you suggestions of Areas of Interest and Activities for this topic. You may complete this project in one of three ways: 1. By completing these suggestions only; 2. By completing these suggestions plus additional Areas of Interest and Activities that interest you; or 3. By choosing and completing other Areas of Interest and Activities.

These 4-H Project Idea Starters will help you learn about:

- **Astronomy**
- **Bats**
- **Climate Change**
- **Get Started with Composting**
- **Crop Production**
- **Field to Faucet: What Determines Water Quality**
- **Flower Gardening, Miniature Gardens (made primarily with live plants)**
- **Native American Artifacts**
- **Paddle Water Sports**
- **Shale Gas Extraction**
- **Ways of Knowing Water**
- **Weather**

To Complete this Project

Use the Project Idea Starter to begin planning your project guidelines. Using your **Self Determined Project Guide**, identify at least 3 areas of interest with at least 3 activities per area to explore. This is your guide for completing your project. Take part in at least 2 learning experience and at least 2 citizenship/leadership activities.

Take part in a project review. 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 Union County Fair on Wednesday – Saturday immediately prior to the start of the fair

OR

at the Richwood Fair on Sunday immediately prior to the start of the fair

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 filled out and your project display. Your project cannot 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. For example: objects used or created, experiment performed visuals and other items used to complete project book activities, or a poster showing project activities and results. If you choose to make a poster, it must be a regular poster board (maximum 22 x 28), not foam board or trifold. 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.**

Display Areas

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 Jr. Fair 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 the final Saturday of the fair at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Projects not picked up by 8 p.m. will be disposed of or donated to charities.

At the Richwood Fair all Special Interest Projects will be released at 3 p.m. on Monday of the fair 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 Tuesday of the fair at 4 p.m. following the Style Review in Pavilion.

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. Any 4-Her's who wishes to compete for an opportunity to display this project at the State Fair must participate in judging at the Union County Fair, as described above. Union County representative to State Fair will be chosen as part of Union County Fair judging.