PLANNING YOUR INTERACTIVE DISPLAY

Interactive displays provide 4-H members the opportunity to practice the skills necessary to plan and carry out a group project, which are increasing important in today’s complex world. These displays and the skills members develop complement individual skills that members have an opportunity to develop through mall days and county functions. Since youth need to be able to take pride in their accomplishments, please keep adult involvement to a minimum—both in advance and at the fair.

Requirements
1. Booths must be developed by a group (county, club or group of individuals).
2. Booths must remain in place for 2 hours. (See form for schedule).
3. There must be a minimum of 2 youth and a maximum of 6 youth participating during the 2 hour time period.
4. Booths must have hands-on activities.
5. Food Samples may not be given out due to Health Department Regulations.
6. Develop a schedule to rotate participants. Generally there should be no more than 4 youth staffing a booth at a time. Don’t scare off the public by having too many workers in the booth at a time.
7. The booth should be run by 4-H members. There should be no adult involvement after the booth is set up.
8. Dress should be neat and reflect positively on the 4-H program.

Selection
- Booths will be selected based on how the public will be involved in the exhibit. Simply distributing printed material is not considered interactive.
- Booths must meet criteria 1-3 listed above.
- Booth must educate and promote 4-H (not other organizations) to the public.

Tips for Preparing an Interactive Display
- Quiz boards, skill-a-thons and hands-on activities that involve the public are possible kinds of interaction. (Skill-a-thon resource materials are included in the State Fairs Resources Notebook, Section M.)
- Distribution of printed materials is discouraged. It often contributes to the litter problem in the building. Any printed materials used should be educational rather than promotional.

To Help You Plan
- Remember, people will form an impression about 4-H from your booth. Attractive, well-made posters and other items contribute to a positive image.
- Be sure everyone working the booth knows what to do and how to relate to the public.
- Be sure that everyone is dressed appropriately to represent 4-H.

Each Group is Provided:
- 1 table or 2 if requested (access to electricity if it is available.
- Up to 6 additional passes will be provided for youth working in exhibit and two for supervising adults (names & ages must be listed on form).