# 2025 Bayfield County 4-H Project Showcase

Thank you for signing up to take part in our 4-H Project Showcase! Below you'll find some additional information that will help you to plan and get ready for Saturday!

**Date & Location:** Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center 29270 Co Hwy G, Ashland, WI

# Schedule:

9AM: Doors Open 10AM: Official start time & arrival time 10-11AM: Meet with judges & Entry Set-up 10AM: Pre-Fair Events begin: Clothing, Foods, & Demonstrations 11AM: Talent Show & Performances Begin 11:30-12:30PM: Complimentary Lunch & Snacks 12:30PM: Awards announced & ribbons handed out

1PM: Entries released. Clean up.

## How the event works:

\*Event runs from 10am-1pm. Please plan to stay at the event with your children during this timeframe.

## **Getting Ready:**

- See online & mailed details for pre-fair events
- Art show entries:
  - No specific dimensions or matting/ framing required
  - On the back of each entry or on an attached notecard include:
    - Name
    - Grade
    - 2 Part Entry Category- For example list Drawing: Crayon or Photography: Pets & Livestock. Use the registration notecard at a guide (below)
  - 3x5 notecards will be available at the event. You can add the above information to the entries at the event when you arrive.

Drawing & Painting	Crafts	Sculpture, Pottery & Ceramics	Photography
Chalk or Pastel	Block Printing	Glazed Ceramic Item	People
Colored Pencil	Jewlery or Beadwork   Metal Craft	Pinch Technique	Wildlife Pets & Livestock
Ink, Pen or Marker	Leather Work	Slab Technique	Flowers & Plants   Buildings
🗌 Pencil	Woodworking	🗌 Thrown Technique	Landscape
Oil or acrylic	Any other craft	Any other sculpture	Seascape, lake, or water Black & White- any subject
Watercolor			Portrait (1-2 people)
Portrait		Creative Writing	
	Kit Creation	_Poem _Fiction _Non-Fiction	

# Arrival (10am):

- Arrive at Visitor Center with all entries at 10am.
- Day of entries and changes accepted; no need to register or contact prior

# Face-To-Face Judging (10am-11am):

- Judges will be available to meet with youth between 10am-11am.
- We encourage all youth to meet with the judges. This is a great opportunity to receive valuable and constructive feedback on your work. It will also give the judge the opportunity to get to know you a bit, and for them to ask questions about your entries.

## Talent Show & Performances (Begins at 11am)

- Doors open at 9am for practice & set up.
- Day of sign up for performances open until 11am.
- Optional 10:30 am meeting for performers in auditorium. Answer questions, set up for music & sound.
- If you have not signed up already- please encourage your kids to perform something! Instrument playing, singing, dancing, dramatic poetry readings & recitations, short skits, and creative talents like juggling or magic tricks are all options!
- We will have plug-in and Bluetooth options for musical accompaniments.
- The visitor center is equipped with handheld and freestanding adjustable microphones and attachable mics.

# Pre-Fair Events (Begins at 10am):

This includes Clothing Revue, Foods Revue, & Demonstration Contest.

- If you are taking part in any of the pre-fair events, remember to register online using the new fair entry system prior to the event. Questions, please call David Eades at 715-373-3493
- All pre-fair events will begin at 10am. You may arrive earlier to set up. Doors will open at 9am.
- Please see the additional Pre-Fair event schedule for approximate times and participant order.

## In-Between Activities 10am-1pm:

There is lots to explore at The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center! If you're not sure what to do in the time between dropping off your entries & announcement of awards, there are options for all. Here are some ideas:

- Watch the performances: Join the audience and watch the performances and pre-fair events take place.
- Art & Craft activities: We will have a variety of art and craft materials and activities set up to keep families busy during the event. Look for art & craft station signs at the Visitor Center.
- Watch a video in the auditorium: when performances and events are not happening in the auditorium, we will be playing videos for all to enjoy. (Only when auditorium is not in use. Details and schedule at the event)
- **Explore the main exhibit hall:** Learn about the natural history and culture of our Northern Great Lakes region.
- **Lookout Tower:** Climb the stairs or take the elevator to the lookout tower. (Youth under 12 should be with a parent or guardian)
- **Take a walk outdoors:** There are 2 great nature trails at the Great Lakes Visitor Center. There is a 1/3-2/3 mile boardwalk loop (about 8-15 minutes) as well as a longer 1 mile (35 minue) loop through forests & wetlands. Full details at the event.

#### Lunch & Refreshment Options:

- Complimentary morning refreshments & lunch included
- Bring your own lunch & snacks if preferred.

#### Awards (12:30-1pm) :

- Judges will select a variety of "Best of Show" entries and will announce and hand out ribbons.
- Youth should be ready to walk to the front of the auditorium to pick up their ribbon when they are announced.
- We will ask youth to pose with the judges briefly for photos.
- Encourage children to learn from feedback. This is meant to be a fun, rewarding, & educational experience. Awards are not everything.

# Release Entries & Clean Up (Approx 1pm):

- After the awards are announced you are free to go!
- Please remember to take your entries home with you.
- If you wish, you are welcome to enter the same items at the Bayfield County Fair in August