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Hello 4-H Families in Cloverbud & Exploring Projects,

We are getting excited for this year's County Fair and hope that you are considering being an exhibitor and showing off what you learned in your 4-H projects. We are reaching out to let you know about changes in the Fair Premium Book that will impact youth in the 4-H Cloverbud & Exploring projects.

A change in State Legislative Code (ATCP 160) which governs County Fairs in Wisconsin set an age limit of 9 years old for Department 17 (formerly our Cloverbuds/Exploring Department). This essentially eliminated the 4-H Exploring category we had in Winnebago County. After a lot of discussion with the Winnebago County 4-H/Extension Office and the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), we have adjusted our Premium Book to best meet the state's new requirements while still offering opportunities for our youngest exhibitors.

- **Name Change:** In Winnebago County, Department 17 is now called **"Fair For Beginners"**
 - **Division A "Fair Firsts"** is open to K5 and 1st grades only. Rainbow Ribbons Only.
 - **Division B "Fair Exploration"** is open to 2nd and 3rd grades only. Youth earn 1st-4th placings with ribbons and premiums.
- **The New Age Groups for Dept 17 at Fair do NOT align with the age groups for the 4-H Cloverbuds & Exploring Projects.**
 - **4-H Cloverbuds:** Enter in either Division A or B according to the grade you were in this year.
 - **4-H Explorers in 3rd Grade** can enter in Division B.
 - **4-H Explorers in 4th Grade and up** must enter in the regular Fair Departments. As a 4-H Explorer, all of the non-animal Departments will be available to you, but you will enter in each one individually. PLEASE NOTE THE DAY EACH DEPARTMENT JUDGES ON.

For example:

- If you want to exhibit an art project you did in Exploring this year, you will enter in Department 18 Cultural Arts. Department 18 is judged on Monday, July 31, so you will need to be there on Monday for judging.
- If you also want to exhibit a food item you learned to cook in Exploring this year, you will enter that item in Department 25 Foods & Nutrition. Dept. 25 is judged on Tuesday, August 1, so you will bring your foods item on Tuesday to be judged.

Please Note: the 4-H Exploring project is intended for youth in their first 1-2 years of being a 4-H member. Experienced 4-H youth still enrolled in 4-H Exploring may not be eligible to show as an "Explorer" at Fair.

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New Welcome Area at Fair: We understand that youth who are new to the 4-H program may have signed up in the 4-H Exploring Project to learn about all that 4-H and the Fair have to offer, regardless of their age. We want to help you have a successful experience at the Fair, so please stop by our brand new Welcome Area which will be located in the front of the Expo Building during Check-In/Judging Days. County Fair volunteers will be available to answer questions, explain how judging works, give tours and help support you with your Fair experience. Please make this your first stop when arriving at Fair on judging days.

We've included a copy of the Fair Rules and Department 17 Fair for Beginners section of the Premium Book for you. If you or your family has exhibited with us before, you will notice we also updated the classes (specific project items). There are many more options for youth to explore different interests! We understand some of you may have been preparing for Fair based on last year's Premium Book - so if you have projects you've already completed and need help finding what class to enter them in, please reach out. We're happy to help with any questions that you have!

Can't wait to see you at the Fair!

Sincerely,
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