



Fairs are for everyone. Not just 4-H members, but other youth groups, leaders, parents, friends, relatives and everyone who attends the fair.

Fairs are fun and a place to meet new friends. Playing and working together at the Fair leads to stronger friendships within and beyond the local club.

Fairs provide a place for displaying items. The fair gives youth a chance to show off skills and lets everyone know what 4-H'ers learn and can do.

Fairs are for learning. Whether you receive a blue or pink ribbon, it's what you learn at the fair that's important. Be sure to keep your ears and mind open when the judges are speaking to you. The judges are speaking to you. The judges are teachers, interested in helping you learn.

Fairs provide a place to experience competition. The fair lets youth see standards of excellence and try their skills at matching or exceeding them. In "face to face" judging, members aren't compared against one another, but rather against standards of excellence and against their own goal.

Fairs give a person opportunity to develop confidence. Whether showing an animal or talking with a judge, members have a chance to feel good about what they've been able to do during the year.

Fairs provide a place for new ideas. Many youth see what others have done and this leads to many decisions, perhaps choosing a different 4-H project the following year (many adult leaders get ideas for next year too.)

Always keep this in mind: You are a WINNER when you do your best, have fun, make new friends, and learn a lot by just being involved.

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