

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

4-H & FFA AG MECHANICS

Superintendent: Ken Marah

Exhibit Judging: Monday, July 27th from 5pm – 8pm; 4-H Building (consultation)

This project allows youth to explore areas of ag mechanics welding and metallurgy from repairing or repurposing existing items fabricating new ones. The intent is for this program to start with foundational areas, some of which youth may already have, and allow them to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more experienced.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. Wheeled exhibits must utilize a braking mechanism which prevents the exhibit from freely rolling while on display.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for providing sufficient braking or “chocks” for trailer or wheeled exhibits to ensure that the exhibits do not move once positioned. If using a wheel “chocking” mechanism, the two individual blocks should be connected together as a pair of chocks, so they do not become separated. At least one pair of chocks should be placed on each side of the trailer to prevent movement.
4. For trailer exhibits, the tongue of the trailer should be equipped with a locking mechanism (e.g. padlock) to prevent the trailer from being moved by unauthorized individuals while on display. **A key for the locking mechanism should be left with the superintendent or with State Fair Extension Staff and labeled with the exhibitor’s name, county, and phone number.**
5. Exhibits with downward swinging parts, such as tailgates, that could pose a fall/striking/crushing hazard should have a tamper resistant locking mechanism such as a “zip-tie” or a “cotter-key” through a release pin that would prevent the swinging part from being accidentally released and falling on someone.
6. Each exhibit must be free-standing or sufficiently supported by an exhibitor supplied support system that is moveable and is part of the total dimensions and weight of the exhibit. Exhibit display boards should have a portable and moveable base and examples should be firmly affixed to the board to ensure all parts of the display stay together. No exhibits may be staked to the ground for display.
7. Top heavy items should be braced or placed in a stand sufficient to prevent them from toppling over while on display.
8. No sealed vessels are allowed. All vessels must be properly vented, for example, a water tank with a fill cap, or a drilled hole for empty chambers that allows pressure to equalize. Exhibits not properly vented will be disqualified.
9. Tanks are to be triple rinsed, dried and free of all liquid residue.
10. As exhibitors build their exhibits, appropriate PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) is required.
11. Exhibits may not be bound, affixed, attached to the State Fair buildings, except by the superintendent, State Fair Staff, or State Fair Extension Staff.

12. Painting or spot painting is not allowed on projects after arrival on fairgrounds. If wet paint is detected by judges or superintendents one ribbon placing will be deducted.
13. Repair projects having adequate original finish need not be repainted.
14. Cutting surfaces, such as blades, are to have a protective covering over them to prevent injury. The covering should be easily removed and reinstalled for judging. Foam “pool noodles” and multiple layers of cardboard are acceptable.
15. Display cases for small exhibits are acceptable and must be easily opened so the item can be removed and examined as part of judging.
16. Exhibits that include weaponry of any kind will be disqualified. Weaponry is defined as any instrument, possession, or creation, physical and/or electrical that is intended to be used to inflict damage and/or harm to individuals, animal life, and/or property.
17. Trailers and large exhibits may be displayed outside at the risk of the exhibitor.
18. If the exhibit is powered by flammable liquids (gas, propane, kerosene, etc.) the fuel tank and fuel system should be drained and allowed to dry, to avoid spills and potential fires.
19. Electric powered (battery, corded, solar, or alternative energy) exhibits should have a primary shutoff or disconnect switch.
20. If a safety violation is noted by the judges, superintendent, or other staff, the exhibitor’s exhibit, at the judge’s discretion, may receive a reduced ribbon placement or disqualification.
21. The exhibitor’s name, county, must be tagged or labeled on the display.
22. Each exhibitor is required to complete the “4-H Ag Mechanics Welding Exhibit Information Form” for each exhibit, except for display boards, which is available through your local K-State Extension office or at <http://welding.engtech4ks.com/>. This form must be attached to the outside of a 10” x 13” manila envelope. Do not tie the envelope to the exhibit. All revisions of all forms previously released for the division dated prior to current year are void for use and new forms must be obtained and used that are dated by the State 4-H Office for the current year.
23. Each exhibit information packet should include the following items:
 - a. Bill of materials for the project with associated costs shall be provided. Scrap items used may be listed as having a \$0.00 cost.
 - b. 1 to 5 pages of photos showing work on the exhibit, preferably from a beginning state to final or completed state.
 - c. If applicable, schematics or working drawings relating to the creation or repair must be provided. This requirement is not required for display boards.
 - d. If appropriate operating instructions.

Scoresheets, Forms, and Contest Study Materials:

- [Ag Mechanics Welding Scoresheet](#)
- [Ag Mechanics Exhibit Form](#)
- [Educational Display, Notebook, or Poster Scoresheet](#)

Junior Classes (Ages 7-8).

- 5550 Jr. Welding display board** –a 3 foot by 3-foot display board with different pieces of metal attached illustrating different types of welds, each weld being labeled
- 5551 Jr. Welding ag repair** –repair of ag equipment with welding
- 5552 Jr. Welding ag fabrication** –creation of new ag equipment with welding
- 5553 Jr. Welding general repair** –repair of non-ag equipment with welding
- 5554 Jr. Welding general fabrication** –creation of non-ag equipment with welding
- 5555 Jr. Welding artistic fabrication**–creation of artistic or interpretive pieces with welding
- 5556 Jr. Brazing repair**
- 5557 Jr. Brazing fabrication**
- 5558 Jr. Smithing display board** –a 3 foot by 3-foot display board with different pieces of forged metal attached illustrating different forms, each form being labeled
- 5559 Jr. Smithing** –A design forged with at least one formed element (twists or spirals for example)

Intermediate Classes (Ages 9-13)

- 5560 Intermediate Welding ag repair** –repair of ag equipment with welding
- 5561 Intermediate Welding ag fabrication** –creation of new ag equipment with welding
- 5562 Intermediate Welding general repair** –repair of non-ag equipment with welding
- 5563 Intermediate Welding general fabrication** –creation of non-ag equipment with welding
- 5564 Intermediate Welding artistic fabrication** –creation of artistic or interpretive pieces with welding
- 5565 Intermediate Brazing repair**
- 5566 Intermediate Brazing fabrication**
- 5567 Intermediate Smithing** –A design forged with at least two different formed elements (twists and spirals for example)

Senior Classes (Ages 14-18)

- 5570 Senior Welding ag repair** –repair of ag equipment with welding
- 5571 Senior Welding ag fabrication** –creation of new ag equipment with welding
- 5572 Senior Welding general repair** –repair of non-ag equipment with welding
- 5573 Senior Welding general fabrication** –creation of non-ag equipment with welding
- 5574 Senior Welding artistic fabrication** –creation of artistic or interpretive pieces with welding
- 5575 Senior Brazing repair**
- 5576 Senior Brazing fabrication**
- 5577 Senior Smithing** –A design forged with at least three different formed elements (twists, spirals, and bulbs for example)

Educational Exhibits Rules

1. For notebooks, display boards, and posters, no additional exhibit information is required; no manila envelope is needed for these exhibits.
2. Exhibits are to have a clear link to the Engineering and Technology areas of astronomy, computers, rocketry, robotics, or uncrewed aerial systems, educational exhibits outside of these Engineering and Technology areas should be displayed in the other program areas. Just because an educational exhibit relates to the broad concept of Engineering and Technology does not qualify it to be displayed in the Engineering and Technology Educational Exhibit area. Exhibits that do not clearly show a clear and direct relationship to the Engineering and Technology project areas of ag-mechanics, ABC, astronomy, computers, robotics, rocketry, or UAS as previously defined will be disqualified.
3. Exhibits in posters, notebooks and display boards must contain substantial supporting educational materials.
4. Educational display boards, posters and notebooks should be creative and showcase details about the knowledge learned in the project during the current 4-H year. Value is placed on youth who can demonstrate how their skills have increased while completing the project. Each exhibit will be judged on uniqueness, creativity, neatness, accuracy of material, knowledge gained, and content. An exhibit judging score sheet available at <http://welding.engtech4ks.com/> For example, a rocket that may have crashed and/or is highly damaged may be made into an educational display or poster that tells a great story with many lessons learned.
5. Follow copyright laws, citing all sources of information in a standard notation Sources of information must be cited on the front of your exhibit, including all posters and educational display boards.
6. Educational displays are not to exceed a standard commercial 3' x 4' tri-fold display board. No card table exhibits will be allowed. Care should be taken to use durable materials that will withstand Kansas State Fair conditions.
7. "Construction Kits" that are part of Educational displays must be contained in cases (tackle boxes, sealable containers, etc.) that may not be larger than 1' x 2' x 2' and must have a latch which securely keeps all components contained in the "Construction Kits". Other components are to adhere to appropriate dimensions as stated elsewhere.
8. Educational Project notebooks must be organized in a 3-ring binder.
9. Any three-dimensional poster or display board exhibits may not be thicker than 2 inches.
10. Engines and igniters for rockets ARE NOT permitted with the exhibit and constitute an immediate disqualification. This is for safety reasons and includes both spent and live engines.
11. Exhibitor's name, Extension Unit, age, and year(s) in project must be tagged or labeled in a prominent location on the, notebook, and/or "Construction Kit." For education displays and/or posters the exhibitor's name, county, or district, age, and year(s) in project must

be tagged or labeled on the back of the exhibit. Exhibit cards are not sufficient as they may be removed or repositioned for display. Failure to label an exhibit may result in one ribbon placing deduction.

12. Exhibits should possess the following qualities (in no particular order): a. A Central theme b. What you want others to learn c. Be designed and constructed in a manner befitting the exhibit d. Be something you are interested in e. Be related to Astronomy. Computer System, Robotics, Rocketry, or Uncrewed Aerial Systems
13. If a safety violation is noted by the judges, superintendent, or other staff, the exhibitor's exhibit, at the judge's discretion, will receive a participation ribbon.
14. Posters, Notebooks, and Display Boards may be checked out for use in a Kansas State Fair 4-H demonstration or illustrated talk with prior permission. For permission, check with the superintendent(s). The exhibit must be returned to display immediately after the demonstration/illustrated talk, or the exhibit will be disqualified.

Educational Displays –

Ag Mechanics/Welding – Junior Division (Ages 7-8) (Not State Fair Eligible)

- 5472 Junior Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Display
- 5473 Junior Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Notebook
- 5474 Junior Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Poster

Ag Mechanics/Welding – Intermediate Division (Ages 9 – 13)

- 5475 Intermediate Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Display
- 5476 Intermediate Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Notebook
- 5477 Intermediate Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Poster

Ag Mechanics/Welding – Senior Division (Ages 14 years and older)

- 5478 Senior Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Display
- 5479 Senior Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Notebook
- 5480 Senior Ag Mechanics/Welding Educational Poster