

Display Board Guidelines for State Fair 4-H Exhibits

Display boards are a great way to share information, but when viewers walk by, they spend only 60-90 seconds looking at each display board. Make your board stand out by highlighting the main points of your project in a fun, interesting way. (4-H specialists/**coordinators** will print and attach a FairEntry display card to each exhibit.)



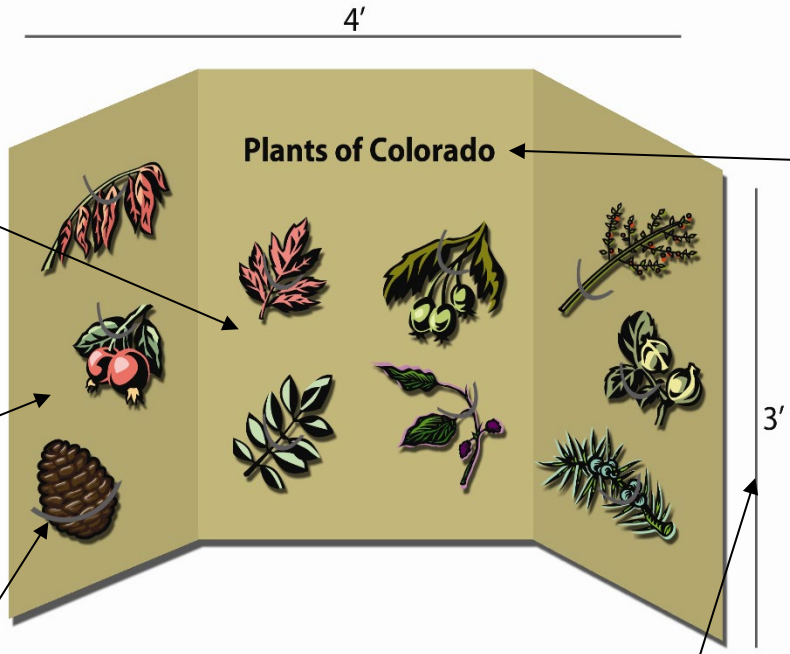
Follow these guidelines to create a display board for the state fair.

SHAPE
Design your exhibit so information fits on the display. Remember, you have one large surface, and two smaller side wings.

SPACE
Your display should only discuss one main topic. This will help it look neat and uncrowded.

ATTACHMENTS
Make sure pictures and objects are securely attached to the board. Use glue for pictures and paper, and consider wires, zip ties, or staples to attach bulkier items. **No sharp points please! Make sure they are taped over.** Do not attach items that are so heavy that your board can't stand or fold.

SIZE
Display boards for the state fair must measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard, but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries.



TEXT
Make sure that all the text on your display is easy to read. Use a large font for the title, and smaller fonts for the headings and body text. Text must be readable from 3-5 feet away. Use large bold letters. Dark letters on a light background works best.

DISPLAY BOOKS
Your e-Record book should accompany your board. You may use 3-ring binders or other notebooks that will keep the pages securely inside. You may not use slider-type binders.
Please place a label printed from FairEntry with the following information in the upper right-hand corner of the front cover: Name, County, Project Area, Class, 4-H Age Division.
See example:

