



DIVISION 6028 – GEOLOGY
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Project entry must meet all the requirements for the class; otherwise, the entry may be disqualified. County agents should make sure that 4-H collections meet these requirements.

1. See General Rules applying to all 4-H exhibitors and general rules applying to all exhibits other than livestock listed previously in this catalog.
2. Only one entry per 4-H member permitted in Geology.
3. Only one entry per county per project year.
4. 4LO-1150 Identification Card should be securely attached to the lower right hand corner of the front of the box.
5. To fit into the State Fair display shelves, display boxes must be no less than 14 inches and no more than 17 inches vertically and no less than 16 inches and no more than 24 inches horizontally. The depth of the display boxes should be no more than 4 inches. NOTE: The size of the display box has changed from previous years. If you are using an old display box for your collection, note that the display will not be disqualified for 2020 but points may be deducted.
6. All boxes must have Plexiglas cover that can be easily removed for judging.
7. Each exhibit must be secured with a lock. Attach a key to the box with your name and county firmly attached to key. Key will be returned to 4-H agent. Keep another key in case State Fair key is misplaced.
8. Hinges and locks must be flush and mounted on sides or top of boxes so boxes will sit level.
9. If fabric is used, use a fabric glue to adhere entire piece of fabric to box. Suggested fabrics are felt or velveteen.
10. Rocks, minerals, and fossils should be firmly attached to the box. See Rule 12 for label information.
11. Boxes will be displayed on their side, not flat. Therefore, larger specimens must be attached near the lower portion of the box.
12. Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Identification Labels are available from the County Extension Agent for 4-H or 4-H the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) website (<http://www.uky.edu/KGS/education/4H.htm>). These are the only labels acceptable.

13. Specimens that are polished may lose points.
14. Exhibits may be disqualified for class champion if:
- a. Box does not fit in the size stated in rule 5
 - b. Box contains too few or too many specimens
 - c. Box does not have a Plexiglas cover that can be opened
 - d. Labels are not correctly filled out (see instructions and examples at the KGS website <http://www.uky.edu/KGS/education/4H.htm>).
 - e. Specimen is mounted jewelry
 - f. The specimen is not clearly numbered on the label (the judge is unable to determine which specimen goes with which label).
 - g. Specimens are not arranged in numerical order
 - h. Duplicate specimens are used to reach minimum number. However, varieties of the same rock or mineral are acceptable if the specimen is identified by a different name (i.e., quartz, smoky quartz, amethyst, agate, chert, flint or calcite, Iceland spar, aragonite, travertine). Also acceptable if the duplicate specimen has an adjective in front of the specimen (i.e., calcite, red calcite, or limestone, fossiliferous limestone, oolitic limestone). If each entry in that class has duplicate named specimens, then each entry may qualify for class champion, but will not be eligible for grand champion.
14. The following score card will be used to judge geology exhibits:
- a. Correct identification and labeling - 5 points for each specimen (Collections will be judged more favorably that have different types of specimens, rather than many different varieties of the same rock, mineral, or fossil; i.e., gray limestone, light gray limestone, dark gray limestone, or red calcite, blue calcite, green calcite).
 - b. Cards/specimen: 1 point each that each specimen has the label completely filled out, along with specimen number.
 - c. Found on site: Since this is an exercise in becoming familiar with rocks, minerals, and fossils, an extra 1 point will be given for specimens that are found rather than purchased or given as gifts. (Be sure to ask permission if you have to enter private property. The Internet is a good place to search for rock clubs and geological surveys of your and other states for information on collecting localities.)
 - d. Neatness, arrangements, background - 20 points for total exhibit
15. Class champion will be selected in each class with a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion selected from Class Champions.
16. 4-H'ers entering fifth year and up cannot enter the same exhibit that has been judged in any previous State Fair.

Class information is provided on next page.



Classes Are:

For each of the classes, specimens may consist of rocks, minerals, and or fossils. There is a separate label for rocks, minerals, and/or fossils (three different labels). Label and label instructions are available at the Kentucky Geological Survey website at <http://www.uky.edu/KGS/education/4H.htm>.

- 715 First year geology - consisting of 15 different specimens.
- 716 Second year Geology - consisting of 25 different specimens (up to 12 may be from previous project year; no more than 2 boxes)
- 717 Third Year Geology - consisting of 35 different specimens (up to 17 may be from previous project year; no more than 2 boxes)
- 718 Fourth Year Geology - consisting of 50 different specimens (up to 25 may be from previous project year; no more than 2 boxes)
- 719 Special collection for fifth year or more members - creative, advanced display of member's choosing which depicts a geological process, theme, story, or manufacturing process. Posters, notebooks and written narratives may be included.

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