

Crook County Learning Lab

Crook County Learning Lab Understanding and Rules

Purpose: Allow urban youth and rural youth without adequate facilities an opportunity to raise, interact and sell a market animal.

Stakeholders: Crook County Fair Board and Fair Staff will provide the facilities for participants to house their livestock project for the 2019 year. 4-H and FFA Educators will provide educational programming for participants so they understand the needs of their project and how to care for it correctly.

Participants: Current 4-H or FFA membership is required for acceptance into the program.

Ownership

1. Ownership deadline is June 1 for market swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry.
2. Each member will be responsible for his or her project assignment.

Rules

1. Market swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry are the only species allowed to be kept at the Crook County Fairgrounds with the Crook County Learning Lab.
2. Members are responsible for purchasing their own animals, feed, bedding, care products, etc.
3. Members are responsible for the care of their animals, including but not limited to: feeding, watering, cleaning pens, exercising, fitting, and showing.
4. Members must be enrolled in the Crook County Learning Lab by June 1. Late enrollments in the Crook County Learning Lab will not be accepted. This means the application must be accepted and animals purchased prior to June 1.
5. No livestock will be placed or removed from the fairgrounds without the permission of the advisors in charge. Notification should be given prior to animals leaving for shows, veterinarian trips, etc. Livestock placed on the fairgrounds that are not enrolled in the Crook County Learning Lab will be removed without notification and at the owner's expense.
6. Members enrolled in the Crook County Learning Lab and a parent or guardian must attend a mandatory orientation to the Crook County Learning Lab. A date for this orientation will be scheduled each year.

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7. First year participants in the Crook County Learning Lab are required to attend an educational program outlining the basics of animal care and feeding.
8. Members who utilize the Crook County Learning Lab to board their animals at the Crook County Fairgrounds are required to enroll and be in good standing in either 4-H or FFA, show the animal at the Crook County Fair, and sell it at the Jr. Livestock Sale.
9. Each member boarding an animal at the Crook County Fairgrounds through the Crook County Learning Lab will be required to care for the facilities, report upkeep problems to the fair manager as soon as they arise, and help with workdays to ensure the facilities are maintained.
10. Members participating in the Crook County Learning Lab will pay a \$100 labor deposit to the Extension Office. Deposits will be forfeited if members are asked to leave the program, fail to complete the program, or fail to clean facilities upon completion of the Crook County Learning Lab. The labor deposit will be paid back at a rate of \$10.00 per week. Students that do not participate in scheduled workdays or general facilities upkeep will forfeit this deposit.
11. Members participating in the Crook County Learning Lab will not be able to house animals at the Crook County Fairgrounds until May 1.
12. Members must work with the fair secretary and maintenance supervisor during pre-fair set-up and help clean facilities before fair.
13. The Crook County Learning Lab has a zero tolerance policy for neglect or mismanagement of livestock as determined by the program advisors.
14. Members found violating any of the rules associated with the program will forfeit their position in the barn and will be asked to remove their animal immediately. Please see the Crook County Learning Lab Violation Procedure for questions about the program violations process.

LABOR DUTIES AND MANAGEMENT

Each member involved in the Crook County Learning Lab will do his or her share of labor. The labor will include cleaning pens, feeding and watering, exercising, fitting and grooming, showing, doctoring, and other general care of program animals.

If all duties are not taken care of to the satisfaction of the advisors, that member or members involved will be given one warning and if the problem is not taken care of after that, the member or members involved and their livestock will be removed from the program.