

4-H on Parade Life Skills Competition 2025

Life Skills is made up of (5) project competitions in 2025:

1. Archery
2. Foods
3. Life Skills Open Bench Show
4. Small Engines
5. Welding

Additionally, Life Skills members have the opportunity to participate/compete in these other competitions:

- Market and/or Silent Auction
- Multi-Judging
- Consumer Decision Making

General Rules of the Competitions

A \$5.00 entry fee applies to each entry with the exception of Archery which has an entry fee of \$10.00.

1. **Archery** is open to all members, including Cleavers, registered in a 4-H archery project OR other 4-H project that incorporates an archery component and does not have a separate project competition. See attached rules. **Max: 1 entry**
2. **Foods** is open to all members registered in a 4-H Foods project or other 4-H project that includes a food or nutrition component. There are two separate categories, cake decorating and canning. See rules below. **Max: 1 entry**
3. **Life Skills Open Bench Show** will include all creative and craft mediums, clothing/textile projects, leather work, photography, or any other project that shares the members skills except those that have separate competitions – foods, small engines and welding, and. All members, including Cleavers, must be registered in a 4-H project that includes a creative component and does not have a separate project competition at 4-H on Parade. Based on the number of entries, this competition will be separated based on age and or project categories – See attached rules. **Max: 1 entry**
4. **Small Engines** is open to all members registered in a 4-H small engines project. The competition will occur on a specific day and time (to be determined) and each competitor will be required to demonstrate in person the skills they have learned. See rules below. **Max: 1 entry**
5. **Welding** is open to all members registered in a 4-H welding project. The competition will consist of two class categories. See rules below. **Max: 1 entry**

Archery Rules and Guidelines:

Please see separate “2025 4HOP Rules - Archery” program.

Foods Rules and Guidelines:

Members will enter in one category: Cake Decorating or Canning.

1. Cake Decorating: Competition will take place Friday. Members will be provided the supplies required for the onsite competition. A limited time will be provided for completion.

Criteria that may be considered when judging:

- Creativity & Originality: uniqueness, colour selections, imaginative, and originality.
- Techniques: decorating techniques used, such as piping, fondant work, and any other special skills
- Presentation: neat and clean, attention to detail, overall appearance
- Time Management: Completion of the cake within a set time limit

2. Canning: Please provide a canning of your choosing – may use fruit and/or nuts. All food items for judging must be homemade by the member ONLY and from scratch (not a prepared mix). The same food item cannot be used for multiple classes.

A recipe that is clear, legible and complete must accompany each food item submitted.

Please include the source of your recipe. Please do not exceed a letter size piece of paper.

Criteria that may be considered when judging:

- Outside Characteristics – looks appetizing, packaging presentation.
- Inside Characteristics - good balance of tastes and textures, selection of ingredients.
- Flavor – well-balanced flavours, rich & appealing.
- Nutritional Content – consideration has been given to adding or modifying for nutritional content.
- Recipe- clear, legible and complete. Must include source. Ingredient list will be acceptable if recipe is not used.

All submissions must be prepared at home and brought to the competition no later than the 7pm on Thursday, move-in day. **Late entries will NOT be accepted.**

Judges will award a Grand and Reserve Champion ribbon for each age category and then determine the Grand and Reserve Champion Prize winner from all entries.

Small Engine Competition Rules & Guidelines:

We will be putting all you have learned this year with your engines to the test! Come prepared to diagnose, or build, or tinker!

1. Members may enter only current year project work.
2. No outside technology allowed in the competition area.
3. Only members, organizers and leaders are allowed in the competition area while the competition is occurring.

4. Minimal/very low fuel can be in the fuel tank while the project is on display inside.

Each competitor will be required to explain their project, including what the problem was and how they were able to diagnose and fix that problem.

Welding Competition Rules & Guidelines:

Members will be tested on their skills and knowledge in two categories – Skills and Artistic

1. Members may enter only current year project work.
2. The skills competition will be judged on actual welds and other techniques learned in the project.
3. The artistic competition will be judged on the artistic value of the work only.

Each competitor may be required to submit a coupon, prior to the competition, for judging. The coupon requirement will be clarified with a dimensional drawing & description. All coupons may be done on site at 4HoP, to be confirmed. This information will be sent out once members have registered for the competition.

Note: In each competition a minimum of one Grand Champion Prize and one Reserve Champion Prize will be awarded.