4-H on Parade 2026

Market & Silent Auction Rules and Guidelines

The 4-H on Parade Market and Silent Auction is open to all 4-H members participating in 4-H on Parade and registered in a Life Skills project. If a competition is available for their project, they must also be participating in that competition.

Market: Members may submit as many items as they would like (for the single-entry fee) as long as they are the work of the member. The items do not need to be related to the project you are doing.

Silent Auction: One item may be placed in the Silent Auction per entry fee.

IMPORTANT: Every club with members (every member) participating in the Market will be required to supply an adult volunteer, to work and handle all cash, for a minimum of a 2-hour shift to help monitor the Market space.

General Rules

- All items must be 4-H appropriate. The 4-H on Parade Life Skills Committee reserves the right to remove any work that is determined to be inappropriate for this venue or is deemed to be not in accordance with the rules.
- Members need to indicate to the committee approximately how much space they will need.
- Work will be sold through the Market and Silent Auction with the member being responsible to establish a price. If you are not sure of a reasonable price, please contact a committee member for assistance.
- Members will be paid their market and auction proceeds by cheque by the Life Skills committee treasurer once all funds have been deposited and accounted for. Note that this could take up to two weeks following 4-H on Parade.
- After receiving your cheque promptly cash or deposit it into your bank account. No replacement cheques will be issued.
- All items must be delivered at time of setup/inventory. No additional items brought or created once inventory has been verified.
    - All items to be brought on the Thursday between 5 pm and 8 pm. Each member must go over their inventory and have it signed off by a Life Skills Committee member.
- Clean up on the Saturday evening also requires inventory verified and signed off by a Life Skills Committee member.
- We cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged items. we try to be as accurate as possible for sales but with the clerical errors mistakes can be made and we hope with doing inventory before and after this will correct some issues.

Requirements for specific types of pieces:

Hanging Pieces:

Items such as photographs and paintings must be ready to hang with proper hanging mechanisms appropriate for the size and weight of the piece. Pieces that are not deemed safe to hang (without damaging the piece) will not be entered in the market.

We strongly suggest that members consider the best size for their pieces to optimize impact and function. Members are responsible for displaying their own items and can stack or alter as the sales progress.

Food Items:

Food items must be made by the member, with minimal assistance from parents or guardians. These homemade food items should be properly packaged and sealed to maintain freshness, and ingredients must be clearly listed for allergy purposes. Non-perishable food items can be displayed as-is for the market.

Please note that the Life Skills Committee does not permit the resale of open or repackaged food items, as this would be considered unsafe. For example, selling assorted candy bags would not be allowed.

Competition Entry Pieces:

Due to the cost and time involved in producing some items, the Life Skills Committee will use their discretion to allow some pieces to be both a Project Competition entry and a Market or Silent Auction entry. If you are planning to sell your competition piece you must contact the committee by May 15, 2026 and have written acknowledgement from the committee prior to the set-up of the Market and Silent Auction. If your competition piece is accepted as your market entry, a photo, a detailed description and the price of the item including the competition area where the actual item may be viewed must be submitted to the market at the same time as other entries.

Member Biography Card

When pieces are submitted to the Silent Auction they must be accompanied by a Member Biography Card which will tell the viewing audience about the member and their market items. It is the responsibility of the member to create this bio card.

Cards must be a maximum of 5”x7” in size and include: member’s name, club, age PLUS details pertaining to their 4-H career, their projects and info about the product(s).

Members will be provided with a single number to be affixed to each item so that funds received will be allocated to the correct member.