



Bureau County



Dear Bureau County 4-H Members and Parents:

We are excited to announce that we will again host a **Master Showmanship Contest** at the 2023 Bureau County 4-H Fair. The contest will be coordinated by the Bureau County Farm Bureau and Bureau County 4-H. The winner of the local competition will represent Bureau County at the state MSC event on Friday, August 11 at the Illinois State Fair.

The local contest will take place on **Friday, July 14 at approximately 7:30 p.m.** in the Swine/Sheep Show Ring. Rules are as follows:

1. The exhibitor must be a Bureau County 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 (must be at least 14 as of September 1, 2022, but cannot have reached their 19th birthday before September 1, 2022 - birthdate between 9/2/2003 and 9/1/2008).
2. An exhibitor may participate in the Master Showmanship Contest for more than one consecutive year.
3. The exhibitor must be able to attend and participate in the state contest **Friday, August 11, 2023** @ 7:00 p.m. (or 30 minutes following the conclusion of the beef cattle show) at the Illinois State Fair. If the county winner cannot participate in the state contest, the Reserve Master Showman may attend in his/her place.
4. Each contestant must exhibit one of each: a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb, and a market hog or breeding gilt. Participants must supply their own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own or borrow the livestock from other registered 4-H members. These animals must be shown at the current 4-H Fair. The winner will be responsible for securing their own animals for the county and state competition.
5. Prizes will be awarded to both the Champion and Reserve Champion Master Showmen. The champion will represent Bureau County at the state level.
6. Contest organizers maintain the right to expel any individual who has violated any of the rules or who exhibits improper conduct that is unbecoming of a 4-H member.
7. The contest organizers have the right to cancel the contest if too few participants register for the event.
8. In the event of a state contest cancellation, contest organizers (Bureau County Farm Bureau and Bureau County 4-H) are not liable for any lost revenues, expenses incurred, or schedule inconvenience, and are not bound to issue any awards or prizes at the state level.
9. The county and state contests will adhere to any and all guidelines in relation to the Illinois State Fair issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture
10. Registration for the county event is being coordinated through the University of Illinois Extension – Bureau County office, 850 Thompson, Princeton, IL 61356.

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If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact the registration office.