

ROLE COMPARISON

There is often confusion about the roles between the Kenosha County 4-H program, the Kenosha County Fair and the Livestock Sales Team. This chart attempts to clarify the roles of these three unique organizations.

KENOSHA COUNTY 4-H *Focus on Education*

- Youth from 1st grade through 13th grade can join 4-H through a local 4-H club.
- Once enrolled in a club, youth can enroll in a wide-variety of projects. There are over 50 different projects to choose from.
- Projects are offered in one of three ways:

Independent Study: Youth teach themselves with support from 4-H project literature.

Club Project: Youth are taught by a local club volunteer. Usually these meetings have 2 – 8 youth participate.

County-wide Project: Youth attend county-wide project meetings. Usually these meetings have 10 – 125 youth participate. These meetings are structured and have rules about who may represent Kenosha County 4-H at the Kenosha County Fair.

- Although many 4-H members showcase their work at the Kenosha County Fair, this is not a requirement for achievement in the 4-H program.

KENOSHA COUNTY FAIR *Focus on Exhibition*

- Many of the Kenosha County 4-H members choose to showcase their project work at the Kenosha County Fair. Although 4-H members dominate the youth entries, youth from any recognized youth organization can enter in the Fair Junior Division.
- The Kenosha County Fair does seek input on an annual basis from 4-H project leaders and 4-H project teams on rules and guidelines for Fair Junior Division participation. These recommendations are often followed, but the Kenosha County Fair does reserve the right to make any modifications or adjustments.
- The Kenosha County Fair publishes their own Fair Book on an annual basis listing entry requirements.
- The Kenosha County Fair hires judges to evaluate and place Kenosha County Fair entries.
- The Kenosha County Fair hires department superintendents to oversee the day-to-day operation of fair activities.

LIVESTOCK SALES TEAM *Focus on the Investment*

- At the Kenosha County Fair, one of the major events is the Livestock Sale.
- The Livestock Sale is coordinated by a group of volunteers who have formed an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- Youth are selected for participation in the sale by a set of rules established by this group of volunteers.
- A small percentage of the proceeds are deducted from each animal sold to cover operating expenses of the group.
- In addition to the large animal sale, there is a small animal sale.