

Communications Department

The Communication Event program provides opportunities for 4-H youth to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others. The events provide a series of developmental experiences for different age levels.

Working Exhibits, Share-the-Fun, Educational Presentations, and Extemporaneous Speaking will be judged on **Wednesday, July 20th**. 4-H'ers selected to represent Humboldt County at the Iowa State Fair will participate either Sunday, August 14 (p.m. only; Monday, August 15; Friday, August 19; Saturday, August 20 for Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits and Share-the-Fun Presentations. 4-Hers selected for the Iowa State Fair in Extemporaneous Speaking will participate on Sunday, August 21. Entrants may also be selected to compete at the Clay County Fair held in September.

The \$10.00 Communications Department Award, sponsored by Bank Iowa, will be awarded to Educational Presentations, Extemporaneous Speaking and Working Exhibits participants at the 2011 4-H Fall Awards Night. A trophy sponsored by Humboldt Motor Sales will be awarded to the top senior 4-H member from this section on Wednesday, July 27th. **Premiums:** Purple: \$5.00, Participation: \$4.00

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience in order to gain a desired response.

Class 881 Educational Presentations (Junior)—must have completed 5th or 6th grade in 2011.

Class 882 Educational Presentations (Intermediate/Senior)—must have completed 7th -12th grade in 2011.

Educational Presentation Rules

1. Time limit: Junior presentations must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.

WORKING EXHIBITS

Provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

Class 883 Working Exhibit (Junior)—must have completed 5th or 6th grade in 2011.

Class 884 Working Exhibit (Intermediate/Senior)—must have completed 7th -12th grade in 2011.

Working Exhibit Rules

1. Time limit: Junior Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 25 minute period. Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 45 minute period.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.

SHARE-THE-FUN

Provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

Class 885 Share-The-Fun Program

Share-The-Fun Rules

1. Eligibility: 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2011. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:
 - At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2011.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed eight minutes in length.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment will be acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All performers must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Encourages the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.

Class 886 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

Extemporaneous Speaking Rules

1. Participants must be senior 4-H'ers - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2011.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two entries.
3. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the program, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
 - The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
 - b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted each 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
 - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participant may bring his/her own books, magazines or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
 - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
 - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H'ers own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3"x5" note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the 3"x5" note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
 - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - f. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown time cards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the time keeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
 - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name and the county he/she represents. The participant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.
 - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium not will be available.
4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Content related to topic.
 - b. Knowledge of the subject.
 - c. Organization of material.
 - d. Power of expression.
 - e. Voice.
 - f. Stage presence.
 - g. General effect.
 - h. Response to questions.
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

POSTER COMMUNICATIONS

Provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate with and **tell a story or idea visually** about 4-H to the general public using the non-verbal form of communication on a poster.

Class 821 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit

Premiums: Blue: \$3.00, Red: \$2.75, White: \$2.50

4-H Poster Communication Rules

1. Only one poster per 4-H'er may be entered. Member must have completed the 5th grade.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22". Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage.
3. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
4. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
5. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
6. 4-H'ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
7. The themes for "Communicating Through 4-H Posters" are:
 - a. 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H'er's interpretation)
 - b. Join 4-H
 - c. *Aiming for Adventure* (2011 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
 - d. *Nothing Compares* (2011 Iowa State Fair theme)
8. All 4-H Communication Poster participants will be given Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit. Superior poster will receive Seals of Excellence.
9. All 4-H Communication Posters receiving a Seal of Excellence at the Iowa State Fair will be taken to the Extension 4-H Building on the Iowa State University campus for display.