

Communications – Division Z

4-H Poster Communications

1. The purpose of this class is to provide the opportunity for any 4-H'er to tell a story about 4-H to the general public using the non-verbal form of communication of posters.
2. Two county entries may be selected for State Fair. State Fair exhibitors must have just completed 5th - 12th grades. One entry per 4-H'er to State Fair.
3. Enrollment in a specific project is not required for this class.

811J – Communicating through 4-H Posters.

Posters need to relate to one of the following themes for **2009**:

- a. 4-H is.....(open to 4-H'ers interpretation)
- b. Join 4-H
- c. "Voyage to Greatness" (2009 4-H Conference Theme)
- d. "It's State Fair Time" (2009 Iowa State Fair Theme)

Poster minimum dimensions are 14" x 20" or maximum 15" x 22". They may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium (watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage). 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.

Posters cannot incorporate copyright or trademark material like the cartoon character "Peanuts" or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Conference logo. 4-H'ers can include the 4-H clover, but do not copy/print other material over the 4-H clover.

All posters must be designed on, or affixed to standard poster board or foam core board. Evaluation will be based on information given and idea expressed; art, design, and lettering; construction; message; layout; and overall appearance.

Share the Fun

1. The purpose of Share-the-Fun presentations is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to perform before an audience, purely for the sake of enjoyment, share their talents, have fun and broaden the 4-H image.
2. The presentation may involve one or more of enrolled 4-H club members.
3. The presentation may be no longer than 8 minutes.
4. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dances, drill teams, comedy routines, etc. are appropriate.
5. Two cord microphones will be provided. Acts will need to use microphones to be heard. Practice accordingly. Acts must provide all of their own props including piano or keyboard if needed.
6. Presenters should all enjoy themselves during the presentation and use good showmanship skills. Presenters should be heard and understood and dressed appropriately (or wear clothing identifying the youth as 4-H'ers.)
7. Presentations must be well prepared, in good taste, appealing to the audience, and entertaining. Acts should be appropriate for the number of youth involved. Acts must sensitive to the diversity of Iowa's population.

8. Presenters will receive ribbons and premium money.
9. To enter a Share-the-Fun act, complete the form at the back of the Fair Book and return to the Extension Office by the due date.
10. Share the Fun will be preformed during the Fashion Day Style Show on **July 7 at 7 pm.**
11. Up to three Share-the-Fun Acts may be selected to represent Boone County at the Iowa State Fair in August. If an act involves an entire club at least 80% of the performing group must have just completed the 5th -12th grade.

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Working Exhibits

1. The purpose of working exhibits is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way. Many stages of the exhibit or product should be ready so that any step can be discussed. No set format needs to be used. Questions that might be asked as starters:
 Would you like to know how to _____ ?
 May I show you how _____ ?
2. The best subjects involve action by members or involve the audience in some doing, feeling, tasting, smelling, or judging. The subject of the 4-H member's exhibit should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience. It's important that the subject used in the working exhibit be of interest to fair audiences passing through the exhibit building.
3. 4-H'ers doing working exhibits that involve food must use sanitary and safe procedures and appropriate food storage at all times, especially if samples are available to the public. Examples are plastic gloves and tying back hair.
4. Presenters are expected to comply with all trademark/copyright regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
5. Wear appropriate attire for topic or attire that identifies youth as 4-H'ers. Shorts and skirts should be fingertip length or longer.
6. To enter a working exhibit, complete the form in the back of the fair book and turn it in to the Extension Office by the due date.
7. Working Exhibits will be given during Extravaganza for 60 minutes beginning at 9:00 am on Friday in the Community Building. Working exhibits may be given by one or more enrolled 4-H club members. The composition of working exhibitor can be any combination of eligible junior, intermediate, or senior age members. A team consisting of youth of mixed age must be entered in the class of the oldest team member.
8. Working exhibits will meet with the judge for 5-7 minutes between 10 - 11 am. Ribbon placings announced about 11:15 am.
9. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their Working Exhibit experience with an evaluator. All participants will receive a ribbon and premium money.
10. Up to 4 working exhibits may be selected to represent the county at the State Fair in August. To be eligible to participate at the State Fair, a member must have just completed 5th - 12th grades. A 4-H Member may participate in only one working exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.
11. Sansgaard Seed Farms, Story City, will help sponsor working exhibits selected for the Iowa State Fair and the Clay County Fair.

811H – Junior Working Exhibits: (Just completed 4th – 6th grades; 4th graders not eligible to go to the Iowa State Fair)

811I – Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibits: (Just completed 7th-12th grades)