



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



Judging: Saturday, June 25

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1. Judging for Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speaking will be on Saturday, June 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
2. Judging for Share-the-Fun will be Tuesday, July 12, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Building at the fairgrounds.
3. Judging for Working Exhibits will be immediately following Share-the-Fun.
4. Results will be announced at the end of each division.
5. Members are responsible for all of their own props including musical instruments.
6. Any number of 4-Hers may participate as an entry and two or more clubs may work together. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades must be entered in the class of the member in the highest grade level (i.e. A team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader must be entered in the intermediate/senior class).
7. State Fair entries must have completed grade 5 or above, except for group Share-the-Fun entries which may include 4-Hers completing grade 4.
8. Rules regarding number of times a 4-Her can participate at the State Fair have been dropped. State Fair Communications dates for Southeast Iowa are August 12, 13, 16 and 17.
9. Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H program and/or their topic of presentation (shorts, skirts, and dresses should be fingertip length or longer).
10. 4-Hers giving presentations involving food must be concerned about safe handling of the food they are using. 4-Hers should use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. This is tremendously important if samples are available to the viewing public.
11. Presenters are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Educational presentations may be given by one or more 4-H member(s). The topic selected by the 4-Her should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience.
2. The topic of the presentation should determine its length. Minimum suggested time should be: Juniors: 5 minutes; Intermediates, 8 minutes; Seniors, 10 minutes. Junior presentations have a maximum length of 15 minutes. Intermediate and Senior presentation have a maximum length of 20 minutes.
3. Participants are expected to watch all of the presentations during their hour.
4. Participants are encouraged to wear the 4-H emblem during their presentation. Clothes practical to the presentation are recommended.

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EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1. Participants must be senior-aged 4-Hers, completed the 9th grade or older.
2. Each participant will select three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on, thirty minutes before the contest. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H.
3. A preparation area will be provided for participants. Participants may not leave the preparation area once topic is selected. Participants may not receive help from anyone. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
4. Some reference material will be available, and will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program. Participants may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings. Reference material will be screened by the committee, and may not include notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the participant or any other person for the purpose of this contest.
5. Each speech shall be between 4 and 6 minutes in length, with 5 additional minutes of questions from the judge. The participant will be given signals as to the time elapsed while presenting.
6. Speeches will be evaluated on the following:
 - Content of Topic
 - Voice
 - Subject Knowledge
 - Stage presence
 - Organization of material
 - General effect
 - Power of expression
 - Response to questions
7. Additional rules and details will be provided to all participants upon registering.

SHARE-THE-FUN

1. Share-the-Fun is an opportunity for an individual or group to share their talents with an audience.
2. Skits, songs, stunts, short plays, dances, magic and other forms of entertainment can be used in Share-the-Fun.
3. The participants normally perform on a stage in front of an audience.
4. Time length may not exceed 8 minutes.
5. This activity gives youth the opportunity to perform before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

WORKING EXHIBITS

1. Working exhibits provide an opportunity for members to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way.

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2. Many stages of the exhibit or product should be ready so that any step can be discussed. No set format need to be used.
3. Questions that might be asked as starters are:
Have you seen ?
Would you like to know how to ?
May I show you how. ?
4. The best subjects involve action by the members to involve the audience in some doing, feeling, testing, smelling or judging. The member's subject should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience. It is important that the subject used in the Working Exhibit is of interest to Fair audiences.
5. Contact the Extension Office for additional guidance on preparing working exhibits.

NATIONAL 4-H POSTER ART EXHIBIT

This class provides the opportunity for 4-Hers to communicate to the public using the non-verbal form of communication on a posters. The objective of this class is to provide the opportunity for 4-Hers to tell a story visually about 4-H to the general public.

811J, Communicating Through 4-H Poster

1. Posters must be a minimum of 14" x 20" or a maximum of 15" x 22" in dimension.
2. They may be vertical or horizontal.
3. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage. They cannot be 3-dimensional.
4. Posters cannot incorporate copyright material like the cartoon character "Peanuts" or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo. The 4-H Clover is a copyright logo. 4-Hers can include the clover, but do not copy/print other material over the clover.
5. All posters must have a Poster Exhibit Entry Form (VI-8128-SAS) attached. This form is available at the Extension Office, or judging day at the fair.

Themes:

- 4-H is.... (open to 4-Her's interpretation)
- Join 4-H ..
- Aim for Adventure (2011 IA 4-H Youth Conference Theme)
- Nothing Compares (2011 Iowa State Fair Theme)

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