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TO: County Extension Offices, 4-H Youth Program Specialists

FROM: Mitchell Hoyer, 4-H Youth Program Specialist, Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibits/Communication Superintendent

RE: 2020 Iowa State Fair Exhibits, Communication Events, Awardrobe Clothing Event

The 2020 4-H Building Exhibits & Communication Event General Exhibit Rules and Class Descriptions are now available. The Awardrobe Clothing Event program rules are also available. The rules and class descriptions are posted as a MS Word document for use in preparing county fair rule and premium books. You can download the document at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-static-exhibits-handbook>

### **Changes for 2020 Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibit Classes:**

#### **GENERAL RULES:**

Update 2019 to 2020 where appropriate. Change 2019 Iowa State Fair day/date references to corresponding 2020 day/dates.

**Added to #7:** additional explanation added about allowable and prohibited specimens in exhibits. This is a return to wording used several years ago and does not represent a change in practice.

Long version of *Justice Statement* added to comply with ISU Extension & Outreach guidance. Counties are encouraged to review the guidance and insert language appropriate to county fair books/premium lists.

#### **ANIMALS:**

**Class 10120 Veterinary Science** – additional examples of exhibit ideas added to class description

#### **AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Class 10210** – *class name changed to Crop Production and Plant Science*. Revised class description to include exhibits related to learning in these projects.

**Class 10220** – *class name changed to Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability*. Conservation added to class name to encourage exhibits related to conservation efforts. *Entomology, Fish & Wildlife, and Forestry removed from exhibit ideas in class 10220*.

**NEW Class 10222 – Entomology.** Entomology is again listed as an individual project. Providing a specific exhibit class allows more opportunities to showcase learning related to the entomology project.

**NEW Class 10224 – Fish and Wildlife.** Wildlife (which includes fish) is again listed as an individual project. Reinstating this exhibit class allows more opportunities to showcase learning in Fish & Wildlife projects. *Note: Based on advice from animal industry professionals, feral pigs are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits* at this time. While the risk is very small, concern exists about the possibility of transmission of the African Swine Fever virus from unmonitored swine populations. We will continue to monitor information from the industry and reserve the right to modify our guidance as needed.

**NEW Class 10226 – Forestry.** While Forestry continues to be included within the Environment & Sustainability project area, we can better showcase learning about Forestry and Forest products by reinstating a specific Forestry exhibit class.

## CREATIVE ARTS

### Visual Arts Special Rules:

**New #3** – *“If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.”*

Renumber previous #3 and #4 to #4 and #5. Application of design elements/art principles is part of the evaluation criteria for visual arts exhibits (which are a finished object). Adding the requirement to explain application of design elements/art principles will help the 4-H member apply learning and help exhibit judges better understand 4-H members intended learning outcomes. 4-H members should refer to the Visual Arts and Design Elements/Art Principles exhibit tip sheets for additional information.

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

**Class 10410 Child Development** – *Added to class description: “Exhibits that include items intended for use with children (books, toys, learning games, babysitting kits, etc.) should include information about what you have learned 1) about children while creating and using the exhibit or 2) what the child(ren) learned from use of the times(s) in the exhibit.”* The addition of this statement is a return to language in previous class descriptions for Child Development and in alignment with the evaluation criteria outlined in the Child Development exhibit tip sheet.

### Clothing & Fashion Special Rule:

**Add NEW #2:** *“Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles in appropriate for the exhibit.”* This is consistent with the exhibit evaluation criteria outlined in the Clothing exhibit tip sheet.

**Class 10440 – Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product.** *Removed references to “preserved” from this class.*

**NEW Class 10442 – Food & Nutrition – Preserved Product.** Separate prepared products from preserved products. Preserved products use modified evaluation criteria appropriate to the specific prepared product. *Processed honey* (per guidelines in Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide) *should be entered in this exhibit class. The “Food Preservation Exhibit Label” will be revised. A “Honey Label” will be made available for processed honey exhibits.* Both labels will be available on the 4-H Iowa State Fair Exhibits web page and the Food & Nutrition project web page.

**Class 10445 – Food & Nutrition – Educational Display.** *Added statement “Exhibits showing learning about meal planning & service must include a menu.”* Planning for special meals, include table service, can be a fun learning experience. When these type of exhibits are part of a Food & Nutrition exhibit, menu information is an expected part of the project learning. A 4-H member who desires to only plan and prepare the table service and decorations, but not the meal, should exhibit in Class 10460 Home Improvement.

#### **Food & Nutrition Special Rules:**

**#7 – Change 2018 to 2019.** Preserved foods must have been preserved/processed since the previous state fair.

**#9.** *Added statement to include recommended number of items to include with prepared product food exhibits.*

**Class 10460 – Home Improvement –** *Added to class description “Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied”.* This addition is consistent with exhibit evaluation criteria in the Home Improvement exhibit tip sheet.

**NEW Class 10490 - \$10 Meal Challenge.** *This will be a special exhibition for the 2020 Iowa State Fair. Each county may enter one exhibit. All exhibits will receive an evaluation and a participation ribbon.* Counties are encouraged to include this exhibit class, host a special event, or workshop, or other learning opportunities related to preparing balanced, nutritious meals on a limited budget. For more information about the \$10 Meal Challenge and how to implement in your county, contact Laura Liechty, 4-H Healthy Living Specialist.  
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### **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Class 10530 – 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit** (Note: This class is listed in both Personal Development and in the Communication Event program.) – *Change two poster themes: “Strive For Gold”* (2020 Iowa 4-H Conference theme, and *“How Do You 4-H?”* (adaption of 2020 Iowa State Fair theme “How Do You Fair?”

## SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

**Class 10612 – Automotive** – *updated class description* to include educational display and examples. *Change date of restored auto display* for 2020 to Thursday, August 13.

**Class 10616 – Tractor** – *updated class description* to include educational display and examples. *Change release time to 2020 date/time* of Sunday, August 23, 7 p.m.

**Class 10630 – Science, Engineering & Technology.** *Edit class description to remove aerospace and robotics.*

**NEW Class 10632 – Aerospace.** Aerospace is listed as a separate 4-H project area. Reinstating this exhibit class allows better opportunities to showcase learning in this project area.

**NEW Class 10634 – Robotics.** Robotics is listed as a separate 4-H project area. Having a specific exhibit class allows better opportunities to showcase learning in this project area.

## 4-H COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM

**For the 2020 Iowa State Fair – Regions used will be the current (FY2020) ISU Extension and Outreach regions.** We will transition to the new regional structure for the 2021 Iowa State Fair.

*Change/update all dates to corresponding 2020 dates.*

**Class 10530 – 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit.** *Change two themes for 2020.* See previous comments under Personal Development section.

## 4-H AWARDBOARD CLOTHING EVENT

Contact Bonnie Dalager for additional information related to the 2020 Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event [bdalager@iastate.edu](mailto:bdalager@iastate.edu)

### General Overview

*Change 2019 to 2020 in appropriate places.*

**#2a. Fashion Revue Class:** Add the word “total” so that *new description reads “Four participants total with no more than .....”*

**#2b. \$15 Challenge Class:** Add the word “total” so that *new description reads “Three participants total with no more than .....”*

**#2c. Clothing Selection class:** Add the word “total” so that *new description reads “Three participants total with no more than .....”*

**#7** – Add the words “for ALL classes”. *Language within ( ) now reads (report form and photo – for ALL classes – plus receipt for \$15 challenge)*

### **Special Criteria Related to Event Participation**

#### **Fashion Revue**

**#1.** Delete previous statement in parentheses. *New Statement is: The purpose of this category is to encourage the sewing of a personal garment or outfit.*

**Previous #7** – *Delete.*

#### **The \$15 Challenge**

**#1.** *Change “4-H’er’s” to “4-H member’s.”*

**#4.** *Change “4-H’er” to “4-H member”.*

**#9.** *Change “4-Hers” to “4-H members” and change “4-Her” to “4-H member”.*

#### **Special Recognition**

*Change date of Iowa State Fair event to August 13, 2020.*