



CLOTHING SELECTION EVENT

This event introduces Clover Kids to the 4-H Clothing Project Area by asking each participant to select an outfit to wear. The chosen garments may be selected from one's own wardrobe, borrowed, or purchased, and can be acquired from a combination of sources. Each child receives a participation ribbon following their showcase.

Each child will:

- Learn about personal clothing preferences (self-understanding).
- Engage in positive social interaction.
- Gain experience making decisions.

Suggested Event Format

Each child selects an outfit, wears it to the event, and fills out a half-sheet participation card. A suggested template for the half-sheet card is available.

At the event, each participant hands his or her card to the reviewer for a one-on-one conversation. The reviewer asks a variety of questions to encourage the child to share about their outfit. Because cost and price is not relevant for this event, reviewers should focus on other aspects of the outfit. Each child receives a participation ribbon during the showcase.

Suggested questions to choose from:

- Tell me about your outfit.
- Where did you get the parts of your outfit? (home/closet, borrowed, hand-me-down, store, etc.)
- Where do you wear your outfit? (school, to play, sports, camping, party/special occasion, etc.)
- What color/s did you choose to wear?
- What is your favorite color?
- Did someone help you choose your outfit? Who?
- What is your favorite part of your outfit? (shirt, pants, shoes, color, sparkles, feel of fabric, etc.)
- Is your outfit comfortable to wear?
- Would you like to change anything about your outfit?
- Is there anything else you would like to share?

Optional Style Show:

A Clover Kids style show opportunity may be provided following the conversation with a reviewer. During the style show, each child will take a turn handing their participation card to the emcee. The emcee shares the information on the card with the audience as each participant takes a turn standing on stage. The participant exits the stage and receives a participation ribbon. Not all children will feel comfortable participating in a style show, so this should not be a requirement for the Clover Kids clothing selection showcase.

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My name is _____.

I selected my outfit for _____

_____.

I like my outfit because _____

_____.

Draw a picture of your outfit in the box!

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