

# Communications Day

**Working Exhibits:** TBD, Bremer County Fair Grounds

**Judging:** TBD

**Educational, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous:** TBD, Bremer County Fair Grounds

No entry fee, no premiums, ribbons only

Must be entered in <https://bremer.fairentry.com> by **July 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.**

This department is open to youth who are participating in the 4-H Youth Development programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

All participants are responsible for reading and complying with the Iowa State 4-H Communication Event program rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and specific class rules and regulations.

**PURPOSE:** The Communications Day 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.

## **General Rules**

1. 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
2. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

## **Education Presentation**

### **Class:**

<b>11100:</b> Educational Presentation Intermediate/Senior
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<b>11101:</b> Educational Presentation Junior
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**Purpose:** *Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.*

## **Educational Presentation Rules**

1. Time limit: Junior Presentations (5th and 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th - 12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to "STOP" when they exceed the time limit.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Educational Presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.
4. Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.

## **Working Exhibit**

### **Class:**

<b>11200:</b> Working Exhibit Intermediate/Senior
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<b>11201:</b> Working Exhibit Junior
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**Purpose:** *Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.*

## **Working Exhibit Rules**

1. Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.

## SHARE-THE-FUN

### Class:

**11300:** Share-The-Fun Program

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

### Share-The-Fun Rules

1. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2024.  
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 2024.
  - Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All acts 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

### Class:

**11400:** Extemporaneous Speaking Program

**Purpose:** *Encourage 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.*

### Extemporaneous Speaking Rules

1. Participants must be senior 4-H members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2024.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two (**2**) entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Program format:
  - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, 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 their 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 members own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the 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 timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.

- g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, the county they represent, and read the selected question.
  - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not 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

## **Iowa State Fair General Communication Event Program Rules and Regulations**

1. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in **2024** are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See class rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be subject to the time limits based on the grade of the member in the highest grade level (i.e., a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking participants cannot be involved in another event (communication event, clothing programs, livestock show or judging) during the half-day they are scheduled to participate in their communication event. Share-The-Fun participants cannot be involved in another event from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the schedule show to 15 minutes following the show. **Participation in multiple activities may not always be possible because of schedule conflicts.**
5. All participants are required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event. **(Times subject to change.)** Educational Presentations: 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. (August 8-17)
  - Working Exhibits: 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. (August 8-17)
  - Share-The-Fun: 20 minutes prior to the show, normally Noon and 5:00 p.m. - times may vary (August 8-17)
  - Extemporaneous Speaking: 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 12, Thursday, August 15, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, August 18
6. Only presenters are allowed in the Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking preparation rooms.
7. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be involved in a "peer evaluation program."
8. All 4-H Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking participants will receive Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Seals of Merit will be presented to those giving outstanding presentations. Seals of Excellence will be presented to those giving superior presentations. Share-The-Fun participants will receive participation ribbons and a written critique of their performance. Participants are expected to be present for awards given at the close of their event session.
9. Participants in the 4-H Communication Program are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.

10. 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
11. Stickers are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason.
12. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2024 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building or on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
13. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
14. A \$12.00 fee per entry will be billed to the county. Entries should be selected from a county communication event program.
15. Allocated premiums will be paid to counties based on participation in the 4-H Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking opportunities. There will be no premium allocations for Share-The-Fun.