Communications Day
June 22, 4 pm, Faith Untied Church in Tripoli
No entry fee, no premiums, ribbons only
Must be entered in FairEntry.com by June 15th

Educational Presentations
1. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits should be an outgrowth of the member’s 4-H experience during the current year.
2. Dress Code - Participants at Communications Day are expected to wear clothing that represents the 4-H program (4-H shirt) or the topic of the Communication Entry. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be fingertip length or longer. If clothing contributes to the topic being presented, such as wearing a beekeepers outfit when doing an Educational Presentation or Working Exhibit on raising bees that is acceptable.
3. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given as an individual presentation by one person or as a team presentation by two or more persons. Teams comprised of members of different ages will be classified by the oldest member’s age.
4. Presenters are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
5. As a general guideline, Clover/Junior Educational Presentations should not exceed 15 minutes in length; Intermediates/Seniors should not exceed 20 minutes in length
6. No more than six Educational Presentations will be selected to represent Bremer County at the Iowa State Fair. In order to be eligible for State Fair, the exhibitor(s) must be in 5th-12th grade.

Educational Presentations
11101: Junior Educational Presentation
11102: Intermediate/Senior Educational Presentation

Working Exhibit
1. During a working exhibit, the member communicates informally with the audience. Many stages of the exhibit or the product should be ready so that any step can be discussed. No set format should be used. Questions that might be asked as starters are: Have you seen...? Would you like to know how...? May I show you how...? The best subjects involve action by the youth or involve the audience in some doing, feeling, tasting, smelling or judging. 4-Hers doing Working Exhibits that involve food must be concerned for the safety of the food that 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.
2. No more than four Working Exhibits will be selected to represent Bremer County at the Iowa State Fair. In order to be eligible for State Fair, the exhibitor(s) must be 5th - 12th graders.

Working Exhibits
11201: Jr. Working Exhibit
11202: Int./Sr. Working Exhibit
Share-The-Fun
1. Share-the-Fun skits/acts must not exceed (8) minutes in length. Skits/acts will be stopped that exceed this time limit. All acts must adhere to this requirement. Share-the-Fun acts are entertainment. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dances, plus other entertainment will be acceptable.

2. Skits/acts must be sensitive to the diversity of Iowa’s population. Skits/acts must be in good taste and not offensive to minority groups of Iowan’s or U.S. citizens.

3. To be eligible to participate in a Share-the-Fun skit/act at the Iowa State Fair, the 4-Hers must have completed the 5th grade. They must be an active member of an Extension-sponsored 4-H group in the current year. If a Share-the-Fun skit/act selected to participate at the 2014 State Fair involves a club, or a group from a given club, at least 80% of the performing group must have completed 5th grade.

4. Share-The-Fun participants may wear clothing and/or costumes appropriate to the skit/act.

5. No more than three Share-The-Fun skits/acts from Bremer County will be selected to advance to the Iowa State Fair (5th grade or above).

Extemporaneous Speaking Contest
This contest is designed to encourage the development of the life skill of communicating with others. Participating 4-Hers will enhance their ability to think, to organize, to speak, and to answer questions before an audience.

1. Participants must be senior aged 4-Hers, having completed the 9th grade for the Iowa State Fair.

2. Contest format:
   a. The Iowa State Fair guidelines will be used at Bremer County Communications Day.
   b. Each contestant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on, thirty minutes before the contest. The selected topic will not be available to the other contestants. The two unselected topics will be returned to the available topics for other contestants. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H.
   c. A preparation room is to be used with one contestant admitted initially, and one additional contestant permitted every 15 minutes as the contest progresses. A contestant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a contestant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. Each contestant will have 30 minutes of preparation time. A contest official will assist contestants with the time requirements.
   d. All reference material will be screened by a contest official on the following basis:
      (1) Contestant may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper clipping for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
      (2) Reference material must be printed materials such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the contestant or by another person for the purpose of use for this contest.)
      (3) Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. The material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
   e. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-Hers’ own effort using approved reference material which contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3” x 5” note cards will be provided for each contestant in the preparation room.
   f. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
   g. Each speech shall be not less than four minutes or more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judge. The contestant will be shown time cards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. “Stop” will be used at six (6) minutes.
   h. Each contestant will be introduced by a contest timekeeper. The contestant will be expected to introduce
his/her speech by title only.
i. Contestants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audio-visuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
j. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
   (1) Content related to topic
   (2) Knowledge of the subject
   (3) Organization of material
   (4) Power of expression
   (5) Voice
   (6) Stage presence
   (7) General effect
   (8) Response to questions

k. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the contest.

3. No more than two entries will be selected from Bremer County to advance to the Iowa State Fair.

Extemporaneous Speaking
11401: Extemporaneous Speaking