



Buchanan County 4-H & FFA Communications and Clothing Day Rule Book



The purpose of Communications Day is to provide opportunities for youth to develop their personal communication skills in sharing talent, knowledge, or information with others. The events are designed to provide a series of developmental experiences for **ALL** age levels (including Clover Kids).

Projects for Communications Day include:

- Education Presentations
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Share the Fun
- Working Exhibits
- Clover Kid Communication
- Fashion Revue
- Clothing Selection
- The \$20 Challenge
- New 2023 - Innovative Design

DEADLINE FOR Entries on Fair Entry: JUNE 15th, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS DAY DATE: JUNE 30TH, 2023



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Iowa Youth Code of Ethics

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Grievance (Complaint) Policy

Any participant in the county fair (exhibitors, parents, volunteers, etc.) shall have 24 hours to file a claim concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action, or complaints concerning any rules/decisions. No claims will be considered based on the quality of the judges. All claims must be written on the official Grievance Form which will be made available at the 4-H Fair Office. All claims must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$25 cash deposit which must be submitted to a 4-H staff member in the 4-H Fair Office. Once a claim is filed it will be reviewed by the County Youth Coordinator and the Extension Executive Director as speedily as possible. Their decision in the matter will be final.

If a participant, parent, volunteer, etc. has a complaint they shall follow the procedures in the aforementioned paragraph. In the event that a participant's behavior becomes disrespectful (yelling, swearing, throwing items, etc.) the participant will be asked to leave the fairgrounds for a minimum of one hour to calm down. If the participant does not leave willingly, a member of the fair board will be called to the incident. The fair board member has the right to escort the participant from the grounds or call the police/sheriff's department for assistance. Depending on the severity of the behavior, the participant may be prohibited from all activities at the fair and/or banned from the fairgrounds. In the event that the participant needs to be banned from the fairgrounds, a meeting between the County Youth Coordinator, Extension Executive Director, a Fair Board member, and an Extension Council member will be conducted to determine the future eligibility of the participant to be involved in the 4-H program and the length of time the participant will be banned from the fairgrounds. In extreme cases, the State 4-H office will be contacted for assistance.

Exhibitor Learning Recommendations and Resources

All exhibitors are encouraged to learn more about their project area by visiting <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>.

- Additional helpful links:
 - Resources for Evaluating Exhibits <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/evaluatingexhibits>
 - Exhibit Resources by Project Area <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-static-exhibits-handbook>
 - Communication Events <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-communication-events>
 - Clothing Event <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/clothing>
 - Exhibit Tip Sheets <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>
 - Project Area Guides <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ProductList?CategoryID=143&S=0&A=0&F=0>
 - Copyright and all other Buchanan County Fair Information <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/county-fair>

Communications General Exhibit Rules

1. **Entries are to be registered on Fair Entry by June 1st, 2023.**

2. Buchanan County Fair exhibitions are open to qualified 4-H and FFA members.

Qualifications:

- a. Members must be enrolled on 4HOnline by May 1st in a Buchanan County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
- b. 4-H'ers who have completed the following grades (or that equivalent) of the completed 2023 school year are eligible in these divisions:

Seniors: 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades

Intermediates: 7th and 8th grades

Juniors: 4th, 5th and 6th grades

Clover Kids: K-3rd grade (see Clover Kid Guidelines on next page)

3. Those who have completed 5th–12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2023 are eligible to advance to the State Fair.

a. Exception: Share the Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking, see event rules for age guidelines.

b. Exhibits entered as FFA can not advance to the 4-H Exhibition at the Iowa State Fair. See FFA guidelines for exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair.

4. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will 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).

5. Topics selected by the member(s) should be an outgrowth of their learning experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.

6. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.

7. Participants are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.

8. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may **NOT** be used in any exhibit.

9. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits.

10. 4-H'ers 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. All judges' decisions are final.

12. Comments and placing will be given out on the day of the event.

13. Presentations will be judged on their own merit with awards of blue, red, and white.

14. No entry fee is required.

15. Exhibitors are discouraged from bringing items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Buchanan County and the Buchanan County Fair Association are not responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.

COMMUNICATION DIVISION RULES.

Working Exhibits

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for exhibitors to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience. .

1. Participants are required to fill out a "Working Exhibit Information Sheet" to present to the judge at the time of judging. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-communication-events>
2. Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30 minute period.
3. Exhibitors may participate in only **one** working exhibit per year.
4. Refer to the general 4-H communication rules.

Department Classes

11201 Junior Working Exhibit

11202 Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibit

Share-The-Fun

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for exhibitors to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. Share-The-Fun performance examples may include skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dances and all other entertainment will be acceptable.

1. Eligibility to advance to the Iowa State Fair: 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2023. 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:
 - a. • At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2023..
 - b. NEW 2023 Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair
2. Share-The-Fun performances may be given by one or more members. Exhibitors are permitted perform with members of another club. If more than one exhibitor participates in a presentation, all names should be listed on one entry form.
3. Share-The-Fun must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.
4. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
5. Participants are required to fill out a "Share-The-Fun Information Sheet" and must present it to the judge at the time of judging. (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-communication-events>)
6. Refer to the general 4-H communication rules.

Department Class

11301 Share the Fun

Educational Presentation

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for exhibitors to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.

1. Participants are required to fill out an "Educational Presentation Information Sheet" and must present it to the judge at the time of judging, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-communication-events>
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Exhibitors may participate in only **one** educational presentation per year.
5. Refer to the general 4-H communication rules.

Department Classes

11101 Junior Educational Presentation

11102 Intermediate/Senior Educational Presentation

Extemporaneous Speaking

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.

1. **Entries are to be registered on Fair Entry by June 15th, 2023.**
2. Participants must be Senior 4-H members, 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalents) in 2023 school year.
3. Contest format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the contest, the exhibitor will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
 - i. The other two topics will be returned to the available topic envelope for other contestants. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H.
 - b. A preparation room will be available to the contestant. 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 preparation time.
 - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - i. Contestant may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - ii. 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 use in this contest).
 - iii. 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 exhibitors own efforts using approved reference material which contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each contestant 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 not be less than four minutes or more than six minutes. Five minutes of additional time will be allowed for questions from the judge. The contestant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six (6) minutes.
 - g. Contestants 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; stage presence
 - f. general effect
 - g. response to questions.
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the contest.
6. Exhibitors may only participate in one Extemporaneous Speaking event per year.
7. *Refer to the general 4-H communication rules.*

Department Class

11401 Extemporaneous Speaking

Clothing Division General Exhibit Rules

1. **Entries are to be registered on Fair Entry by June 15th, 2023.**
 2. Buchanan County Fair exhibitions are open to qualified 4-H and FFA members.
- Qualifications:**
- a. Members must be enrolled by May 1st in a Buchanan County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
 - b. 4-H'ers who have completed the following grades (or that equivalent) of the completed 2023 school year are eligible in these divisions:
 - Seniors:** 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades
 - Intermediates:** 7th and 8th grades
 - Juniors:** 4th, 5th and 6th grades
 - Clover Kids:** K-3rd grade (see Clover Kid Guidelines on next page)
3. Those who have completed 9th–12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2023 are eligible to advance to the State Fair.
- a. Exhibits entered as FFA can not advance to the 4-H Exhibition at the Iowa State Fair. See FFA guidelines for exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair.
4. Participants are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program.
5. All judges' decisions are final.
6. Comments and placing will be given out on the day of the event.
7. Presentations will be judged on their own merit with awards of blue, red, and white.
8. No entry fee is required.
9. Categories include athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, and costume. Judging will not be grouped by clothing categories
10. Participants are required to fill out a "Clothing Event Information Sheet" for each exhibit, to present to the judge at the time of judging. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/county-fair>
- a. Exception, Clover Kid exhibitors are not required.
11. All participants will be expected to model in the Communications Day Style Show.
12. A garment entered in the Clothing Division may be entered as a static Clothing Exhibit at the County Fair. If a garment or outfit is selected for Iowa State Clothing Division, it cannot be selected as a State Fair static Clothing Exhibit.
13. Exhibitors may only have one entry per clothing class, per year.
14. All participants will be expected to model in the Communications and Clothing Day Style Show.

CLOTHING DIVISION RULES

Fashion Revue

Purpose: to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.

1. Fashion Revue garments are constructed, hand-knitted, or crocheted by the member during the current 4-H year.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.

Department Classes

12101 Junior Fashion Revue

12102 Intermediate Fashion Revue

12103 Senior Fashion Revue

Clothing Selection

Purpose: to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the exhibitor's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.

1. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
2. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
3. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the exhibitor selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
4. *Refer to the general 4-H clothing division rules.*

Department Classes

12201 Junior Member Clothing Selection

12202 Intermediate Member Clothing Selection

12203 Senior Member Clothing Selection

The \$20.00 Clothing Challenge

Purpose: This class is designed to expand the exhibitors shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing.

1. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.
2. Online venues are allowed, must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.
4. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax.
5. Receipts(s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.
6. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt and pants or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
9. *Refer to the general 4-H communication rules.*

Department Classes

12301 Junior Member \$20 Challenge

12302 Intermediate Member \$20 Challenge

12303 Senior Member \$20 Challenge

Innovative Design *New 2023*

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.
10. *Refer to the general 4-H communication rules.*

Department Classes

12500 Junior Member Innovative Design

12501 Intermediate Member Innovative Design

12502 Senior Member Innovative Design

Clover Kid Division

1. **Entries are to be registered on Fair Entry by June 1st, 2023.**
2. Clover Kids may give a 2-5 minute presentation or demonstration in the communication class.
 - a. Pick a topic that you have experience with as a Clover Kid. **Example:** Maybe your Clover Kid group learned about birdhouses. You can give a presentation about how you make a birdhouse.
 - b. May bring props and do the presentation with one friend who is a Clover Kid.
 - c. Must read the 4-H rules for working exhibits, share the fun and educational presentations to help understand what each communications area is about.
3. Clover Kids may participate in the Clothing classes.
4. Clover Kids are not required to use written information sheets for judging.
5. Participants will receive a participation ribbon; no premium money will be given.
6. Exhibitors may only participate in **two** clover kid classes.
7. *Refer to the general 4-H communication and clothing rules.*

Department Class

12400 Clover Kid Communication

12104 Clover Kid Fashion Revue

12204 Clover Kid Clothing Selection

12304 Clover Kid \$20 Challenge

12503: Clover Kid Innovative Design