

Clothing and Communication Day Events

**July 6, 2021 at 10:00 am
Big 4 Fairgrounds, Nashua**

Clothing and Fashion Events - An exhibit that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits may include constructed or purchased clothing and accessories.

General Program Rules:

- Clover Kid, Junior, and Intermediate 4-H'ers may participate at the Chickasaw County Clothing Event, but will not be eligible to advance to the Awardrobe State Clothing Event in Ames. To advance, participants must be a 4-H Senior (grades 9-12).
- 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event participants will be able to participate as many times as they are selected at the county level in Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and/or \$15 Challenge categories. But all still participate in only one area each year at the state level. However, they can now participate more than once in the same category in different years.
- Outfits or accessories which will be worn in the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a county or state fair exhibit.

Fashion Revue:

- The purpose of this category is to encourage the sewing of a personal garment or outfit.
- Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
- Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
- A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear and/or coats.
- Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
- All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.
- Four Fashion Revue participants will be eligible to represent Chickasaw County at the Awardrobe Event, with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
- Must be enrolled in a 4-H Clothing and Fashion project in the current 4-H year.

Clothing Selection:

- The purpose of this category is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H'er's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
- Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
- There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of recordkeeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
- 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 second hand venues with a total price of over \$15. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H'er actually selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
- Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.
- Three participants with no more than one (1) participant with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume) will be eligible to represent Chickasaw County at the Awardrobe Event.

The \$15 Challenge:

- This category is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or similar place.
- Online venues are allowed, must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
- 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, but may be entered in Clothing Selection if 4-H member selected the items to meet a specific purpose/goal.
- Fifteen dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some second hand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax.
- Receipt(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 and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.
- 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 \$15 purchase price limit.
- Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
- There are no additional considerations for an outfit that cost less than \$15.
- The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.
- Three participants with no more than one (1) participant with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume) will be eligible to represent Chickasaw County at the Awardrobe Event.

Communication Events - The Communication Event 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 Program Rules:

1. Clover Kids through 12th grade may participate in communication events at the county level, however only 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2021 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share the Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - see event rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H'ers. 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'er(s) should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All participants are required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event.
5. Only presenters are allowed in the Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit and Extemporaneous Speaking preparation rooms.
6. All 4-H Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking participants will be given 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 the performance. Participants are expected to be present for awards given at the close of the event session.
7. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
8. 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.
9. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

11100 Educational Presentation

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience in order to gain a desired response.

Rules:

1. Time limit: Junior presentations must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
2. Each county may enter up to six Educational Presentations at the Iowa State Fair. However, 4-H’ers may participate in only one Educational Presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.

11200 Working Exhibits

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

Rules:

1. Time limit: Chickasaw County participants will be scheduled for 20 minutes each, however if chosen for State Fair, Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 30 minute time period.
2. Each county may enter up to four Working Exhibits at the Iowa State Fair. 4-H’ers may participate in only one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Working Exhibits should be safe for all ages.
4. Questions that may be asked as starters are: Would you like to make? Did you know? May I show you how?

11300 Share-the-Fun

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

Rules:

1. Eligibility: 4-H’ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2021. 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 2021.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of three Share-The-Fun Acts at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six minutes in length.
4. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment will be acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
5. All performers must make their own arrangements for special equipment and/or set-up prior to the event.

11400 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.

Rules:

1. Participants must be senior 4-H’ers - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2021.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the program, 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 his/her 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’ers 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 time cards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the time keeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.

- g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name and the county he/she represents. The participant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.
 - 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.
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

Division	Placing	Award
All	Participation	Certificate with Seal of Recognition
	Outstanding	Certificate with Seal of Merit
	Superior	Certificate with Seal of Excellence