COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

General Rules:

1. There will be three divisions. Junior- grades 4-6; Intermediate- grades 7-8; Senior- grades 9-12.
2. Pre-registration is required using the Fair Entry Online program by June 10, 2016. A member who was not registered by the June 10 deadline will be able to exhibit, but will not be eligible for the State Fair.
3. All participants will be awarded premiums. Single- $5.00, Team- $6.00, and certificates of Recognition, Seal of Merit, or Seal of Excellence.
4. 4-H’ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade are eligible to be selected for State Fair. 4th grade 4-H members are not eligible to compete at the State Fair level, the only exception being rule #2 under Share the Fun.
5. Individual or teams representing Clinton County at the State Fair must arrange for their own transportation and chaperones.
6. 4-H’ers participating in communications programs are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or topic of the communication exhibit.
7. 4-H’ers with communication exhibits involving food must be concerned about safe handling of the food they are using. 4-H’ers should use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. This is tremendously important if samples are available to the viewing public. Please see inappropriate food exhibit information at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/content/4-h-food-nutrition-projects
8. Presenters are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyright material may not be distributed without permission. See copyright information at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SFUseofCopyrightVI010401.pdf

Educational Presentation

Communications Day, Wednesday, June 29, 2016

1. Exhibitors must submit a Fair Entry in the Fair Entry Online program by June 10.
2. A maximum of six presentations will be selected by the judge to go to the State Fair.
3. Juniors must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate or Senior presentations should not exceed 25 minutes.
4. Posters may be used during the presentation and are strongly encouraged. Please refer to rule #5 under 4-H Posters.
5. A judges critique/conference with each participant(s) will be included as part of the program.

Division: Class
111:01 Educational Presentation Jr.
111:02 Educational Presentation Int./Sr.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Communications Day, Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Purpose: This program is designed to encourage the development of the communication life skill through enhancing the ability to think, to organize, to speak, and to answer questions readily by anticipation before an audience.

1. Exhibitors must enter by June 10, using the Fair Entry Online program.
2. A maximum of two entries will be selected for the State Fair.
3. Participants may be Junior members (4-6), Intermediate members (7-8), or Senior members (9-12). Only Senior members (9-12) are eligible to represent Clinton County at the State Fair.

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 for the other participants to choose from.
b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted every ten 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 another 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:
   o Participant may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the 30 minutes of preparation.
   o Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the participant or by any other person for use in this program).
   o 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 member’s own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3” x 5” note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the 3’ x 5’ 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 or 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, and 5) by the timekeeper. “Stop” will be said at six (6) 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:
   o Content related to topic.
   o Knowledge of the subject.
   o Organization of material.
   o Power of Expression.
   o Voice.
   o Stage presence.
   o General Effect.
   o Response to questions.
5. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included as part of the program.

**Division: Class**

114:01 Extemporaneous Speaking Jr.
114:02 Extemporaneous Speaking Int.
114:03 Extemporaneous Speaking Sr.

**Working Exhibit**

*Saturday, July 9, 2016 starting at 1:00 p.m.*

1. Exhibitors must enter by June 10, using the Fair Entry Online program.
2. A maximum of four working exhibits will be selected to go on for evaluation at the State Fair.
3. Working exhibits provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way.
4. Exhibits will be scheduled for 30-minute periods.
5. A working exhibit report form must be completed and submitted to the Judge prior to exhibiting. The report form may be downloaded at: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/content/4-h-communication-events](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/content/4-h-communication-events)
6. **Only participants are allowed in the preparation areas to set up their working exhibit supplies.**
7. A judge’s critique/conference with the participants will be held in the Auditorium 30 minutes after all youth have exhibited.

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112:01 Working Exhibit Jr.
112:02 Working Exhibit Int./Sr.

**Share-The-Fun**  
*Friday, July 8, 2016 starting at 2:30 p.m.*

**PURPOSE:** Share-The-Fun presentations will:
1. Provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to perform before an audience, purely for the sake of enjoyment.
2. Provide 4-H’ers an opportunity to share their skills and talent and to have fun and fellowship with members from other counties.

**Rules and Regulations:**
1. **Exhibitors must enter using the Fair Entry Online program by June 10, 2016.**
2. A maximum of three Share-The-Fun presentations will be chosen to represent Clinton County at the State Fair.
3. Age for participation- must have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) to be eligible to exhibit at the State Fair, and not have graduated from high school prior to 2015. **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% of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2015.
4. The performance must not exceed **EIGHT MINUTES IN LENGTH.** This time limit will be enforced.
5. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dances (folk, square, modern, tap), plus other entertainment will be acceptable. Entries involving talking or singing will be expected to use the microphones provided.
6. A judge’s critique/conference with the participants will be held in the Auditorium 30 minutes after all youth have exhibited.

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113:01 Share-the-Fun