4-H Building Exhibits & Communication Event
General Exhibit Rules & Class Descriptions

4-H EXHIBITS BUILDING
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4-H Communication Event Program
Superintendent - Mitchell Hoyer, Ames

4-H Building Exhibits Amount Offered --- $6,800
4-H Communication Programs Amount Offered --- $10,000
Special State 4-H Exhibit Amount Offered -- $500

4-H BUILDING EXHIBITS
This department is open to youth who are participating in 4-H Youth Development Programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension.
All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.

General Exhibit Rules
1. 4-H’ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2015 are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H’ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
3. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa. See also “4-H Department General Rules and Regulations”.
4. 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.
5. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.
6. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
   • Posters may not exceed 24” x 36” in size.
   • Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48” x 48” in size.
   • Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
   • Display boxes may not exceed 28” x 22” in height or width and 12” in depth.
7. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit.
8. 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. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H’ers.)
9. The 4-H’er’s goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white Iowa State Fair exhibitor’s ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each 4-H project page at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects.
10. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
   • What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
   • What steps did you take to learn or do this?
   • What were the most important things you learned?
***Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.
11. All judges’ decisions are final.
12. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, class number, and exhibitor’s name.
13. No entry fee is required. The exhibit should be selected at a county event. All entries must be made in the name of the county and certified by an Extension staff member.

14. All exhibits must reach the 4-H Exhibits Building on entry day, Tuesday, August 11. Exceptions: Exhibitors participating in alternative evaluation/educational learning experiences will enter exhibits as determined for program participation.

15. All exhibits must remain until Sunday, August 23, and checked out with the department superintendents before being removed from the 4-H Exhibits Building. RELEASE TIME 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Sunday, August 23, or Monday, August 24, 9:00-11:30 AM. All persons picking up (one or more) exhibits must adhere to this schedule and county assigned time.

Other Exhibit Information
1. Due to security, 4-H’ers are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.
2. The Iowa State Fair and Iowa State University Extension will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.
3. The Iowa State Fair Management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.
4. Instead of premium money for exhibits counties will be awarded a pro-rata amount of travel money based on participation and distance from Des Moines. Distance determination will be based on the established zones as determined by the Iowa State Fair.

Class Descriptions
Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are highly encouraged to go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

ANIMALS
10101 Animal Science - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows the learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of any animal is not required.
10102 Veterinary Science - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
10201 Crop Production - An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops.
10202 Environment and Sustainability - An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, stewardship, conservation, entomology, fish and wildlife, or forestry. Includes collections.
10203 Horticulture (includes Home Grounds Improvement) - An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, small fruits, vegetable and flower gardens, and landscape design. (Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department under 4-H Livestock.)
10204 Outdoor Adventures - An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.
10205 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports - An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms; archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows).
10206 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources - An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

CREATIVE ARTS
10301 Music - An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles or history.
10302 Photography - An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.

Photography Special Rules:
1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. They may be processed from negatives, slides, or digital cameras and computer manipulation programs. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs should be a minimum of 4” x 6”. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of photographs should not exceed 16” in height or width.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper. Photos printed on canvas, fabric, ceramic, etc.
Clothing and Fashion Special Rule:

1. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.

2. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source or inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included.

3. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist, or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.

4. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H’er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/visualart.htm.

**Clothing and Fashion Special Rule:**

Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H
Iowa State Fair exhibit.

10403 Consumer Management - An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

10404 Food & Nutrition - An exhibit that shows learning through cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, including safety practices.

Exhibits may include prepared products or educational displays. See also 4-H 3023 “Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs” for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products.

Food & Nutrition Special Rules:

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.
5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
6. The recipe must be included for any prepared food exhibit; credit the source of the recipe.
7. Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2014 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used.
8. Preserved food exhibits must include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a reclosable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag.
10. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

10405 Health - An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, safe activities and skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and healthy lifestyle choices.

10406 Home Improvement - An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items.

10407 Sewing and Needle Arts - An exhibit that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts, the use and care of fabrics and fibers, or the construction of clothing and other items.

Sewing and Needle Arts Special Rule:

Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.

10408 Other Family and Consumer Science - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any previous Family & Consumer Science class listed.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

10501 Citizenship - An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country or your world.

10502 Communication - An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills in their many forms.

10503 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit – Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

- 4-H is . . (open to 4-H’er’s interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- Dare to Discover (2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- Nothing Compares (Iowa State Fair theme)

Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. Only one poster per 4-H’er may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14” x 20” or maximum of 15” x 22”.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage.
4. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
5. Each poster must have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
6. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
7. 4-H’ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
8. All 4-H Communication Poster participants will be given Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit. Superior poster will receive Seals of Excellence.

10504 Digital Storytelling - Any exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video.

10505 Leadership - An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

10506 Self-Determined - An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
10601 Mechanics - Any exhibit that shows skills or learning in automotive, electrical, small and large engines, tractors, welding, and restoration.

10602 Woodworking - Any exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

10603 Science, Engineering & Technology - Any exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), robotics, or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.

Science, Engineering & Technology Special Rule:
Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology classes may not enter in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice-versa.
**4-H COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM**

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

All participants are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair Communication Event program rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and specific program event rules and regulations.

**PURPOSE:** 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.

**2015 COMMUNICATIONS SCHEDULE**

Iowa State Fair dates allocated to Extension 4-H Areas for all 4-H Communications:

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Counties may bring up to 6 Educational Presentations, 4 Working Exhibits, 3 Share-The-Fun, and 2 Extemporaneous Speakers. No more than two (2) performances from any county will be scheduled during a Noon Share The Fun show. Limit of two (2) Communications Posters per county.

**General Communication Event Program Rules And Regulations**

1. 4-H’ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2015 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 Exhibit may be given by one or more 4-H’ers. 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).
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. 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 program. Share The Fun participants cannot be involved in another event from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled show to 15 minutes following the show.
5. All participants are required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event.
   - Educational Presentations: 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM (August 13 – 122)
   - Working Exhibits: 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM (August 13 – 22)
   - Share-The-Fun: 20 minutes prior to the show, normally Noon and 5:00 PM – times may vary (August 13 – 22)
   - Extemporaneous Speaking: 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM Tuesday, August 18; 8:30 AM Sunday, August 23
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 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.
9. 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.

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 participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

12. A $12.00 fee per entry will be billed to the county. Entries should be selected from a county communication event program.

13. Allocated premiums will be paid to counties for distribution based on the participation in the 4-H Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking opportunities. There will be no premium allocations for Share-The-Fun.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION DEPARTMENT

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.

Educational Presentation 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. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.

3. 4-H’ers may participate in one Educational Presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.

Class

11101 Educational Presentations (Junior) — must have completed 5th or 6th grade in 2015.

11102 Educational Presentations (Intermediate/Senior) — must have completed 7th -12th grade in 2015.

WORKING EXHIBIT DEPARTMENT

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: Junior Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 25 minute period. Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 45 minute period.

2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.

3. 4-H’ers may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.

Class

11201 Working Exhibit (Junior) — must have completed 5th or 6th grade in 2015.

11202 Working Exhibit (Intermediate/Senior) — must have completed 7th -12th grade in 2015.

SHARE-THE-FUN DEPARTMENT

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’ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2015. 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:

2. At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2015.

3. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed eight 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 turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.

Class

11301 Share-The-Fun Program

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING DEPARTMENT

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’ers - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2015.

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 not will 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.

Class
11401 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

POSTER COMMUNICATIONS
Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to communicate with and tell a story or idea visually about 4-H to the general public using the non-verbal form of communication on a poster.

4-H Poster Communication Rules
1. Only one poster per 4-H’er may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14” x 20” or maximum of 15” x 22”.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage.
4. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
5. Each poster must have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
6. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
7. 4-H’ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
8. The themes for “Communicating Through 4-H Posters” are:
   - 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H’er’s interpretation)
   - Join 4-H
   - Dare to Discover (2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
Nothing Compares (Iowa State Fair theme)

9. All 4-H Communication Poster participants will be given Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit. Superior poster will receive Seals of Excellence.

Class
10503 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit