

4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST SECTION

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Purpose

The Communications Department is designed to provide opportunities for youth to select a method by which they might develop their personal communication skills in sharing talents, knowledge or information with others. The classes are designed to provide a series of developmental experiences for various age levels. The ability to communicate will be the major criteria for evaluating in this department.

General Rules on all Communications Entries:

- 1 Entries in Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Extemporaneous Speaking, Share the Fun, Performing Arts, and 4-H Poster Communications are due to the Greene County Extension Office on June 1st on the Communications Entry Form. There is no entry fee.
- 2 All of the above, except the Performing Arts, Working Exhibits, and Share the Fun Divisions, will participate initially at the Communications Day. State Fair selections, Clay County Fair selection and other designated entries may be asked to perform again at the Greene County Fair.
- 3 A judge's critique and conference with each participant(s) will be included as part of the contest.
- 4 Participant's will conduct peer evaluations as an opportunity for another communication experience.
- 5 All entrants will receive a purple, blue, red or white ribbon.
- 6 Participants in the 4-H Communications Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topics of the presentation.
- 7 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.
- 8 All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

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.

Educational Presentation Rules

- 1 Time limit: Junior presentations must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be 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.
- 4 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.

Class

11101 Educational Presentations (Junior) (must have completed 5th or 6th grade in current year)

11102 Educational Presentations (Intermediate/Senior) (must have completed 7th – 12th grade in current year)

WORKING EXHIBIT

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: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-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 current year)

11202 Working Exhibit (Intermediate/Senior) (must have completed 7th – 12th grade in current year)

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.

Share-The-Fun Rules

- 1 Eligibility: 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in the current year. 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 the current year.
- 3 Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) 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

11300 Share-The-Fun 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
 - 4-H Grows . . . (4-H organizations national marketing theme)
 - Quest to Be Your Best (Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
 - Nothing Compares to 4-H Favorites (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

11530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit