GENERAL COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Judging for Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speaking will be on Saturday, June 13, 2015, beginning at 8:30 a.m. held at the Henry County Extension Office.

2. Judging for Working Exhibits will be Thursday, July 16, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Wright Pavilion at the fairgrounds.

3. Judging for Share-the-Fun will be immediately following Working Exhibits.

4. Results will be announced at the end of each division.

5. Members are responsible for all of their own props including musical instruments.

6. Any number of 4-Hers may participate as an entry and two or more clubs may work together. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades must 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).

7. 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.

8. State Fair entries must have completed grade 5 or above, except for group Share-the-Fun entries which may include 4-Hers completing grade 4.

9. State Fair Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H program and/or their topic of presentation (shorts, skirts, and dresses should be fingertip length or longer).

10. 4-Hers giving presentations involving food must be concerned about safe handling of the food they are using. 4-Hers should use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. This is tremendously important if samples are available to the viewing public.

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

12. Youth exhibiting in the communications department will be evaluated using the following ribbon placement: excellence merit, and participation. Share the Fun participants will receive participation ribbons. All communication entries are eligible for $5 premiums.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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.

1. Educational presentations may be given by one or more 4-H member(s). The topic
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selected by the 4-Her should be an outgrowth of his/her 4H experience.

2. The topic of the presentation should determine its length. Minimum suggested time should be: Juniors: 5 minutes; Intermediates, 8 minutes; Seniors, 10 minutes. Junior presentations have a maximum length of 15 minutes. Intermediate and Senior presentation have a maximum length of 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit. Participants will be involved in peer judging during their session.

3. Participants are expected to watch all of the presentations during their hour. Participants are encouraged to wear the 4-H emblem during their presentation. Clothes practical to the presentation are recommended.

Class
11101  Educational Presentations (Junior)

must have completed 4th, 5th or 6th grade (5th-6th can advance to state fair) in 2015.

11102  Educational Presentations (Intermediate/Senior)

must have completed 7th -12th grade in 2015.

TEMPORANEOUS 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. Participants must be senior-aged 4-Hers, completed the 9th grade or older.

2. Each participant will select three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on, thirty minutes before the contest. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H.

3. A preparation area will be provided for participants. Participants may not leave the preparation area once topic is selected. Participants may not receive help from anyone. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.

4. Some reference material will be available, and will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program. Participants may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings. Reference material will be screened by the committee, and may not include notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the participant or any other person for the purpose of this contest.

5. Each speech shall be between 4 and 6 minutes in length, with 5 additional minutes of questions from the judge. The participant will be given signals as to the time elapsed while presenting.
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6. Speeches will be evaluated on the following:
   a. Content of Topic  
   b. Voice  
   c. Subject Knowledge  
   d. Stage presence  
   e. Organization of material  
   f. General effect  
   g. Power of expression  
   h. Response to questions

Class
11401 Extemporaneous Speaking

Program

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.
1. Skits, songs, stunts, short plays, dances, magic and other forms of entertainment can be used in Share-the-Fun.
2. The participants normally perform on a stage in front of an audience.
3. Time length may not exceed 8 minutes.

Class
4. 11301 Share-The-Fun Program

Working Exhibits
1. Working exhibits provide an opportunity for members to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way.
2. Many stages of the exhibit or product should be ready so that any step can be discussed. No set format need to be used.
3. Questions that might be asked as starters are:
   a. Have you seen . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ?
   b. Would you like to know how to . . . . ?
   c. May I show you how. . . . . . . . . ?
4. The best subjects involve action by the members to involve the audience in some doing, feeling, testing, smelling or judging. The member’s subject should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience. It is important that the subject used in the Working Exhibit is of interest to Fair audiences.
5. Contact the Extension Office for additional guidance on preparing working exhibits.

Class
11201 Working Exhibit (Junior)  
must have completed 4th, 5th or 6th grade in 2015.

11202 Working Exhibit (Intermediate/Senior)  
must have completed 7th -12th grade in 2015.
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National 4-H Poster Art Exhibit

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:
   a. 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H’er’s interpretation)
   b. Join 4-H
   c. Dare to Discover (2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
   d. 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

Communications Department Award Donors
Outstanding Jr. Educational Presentation - Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis
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Outstanding Sr. Educational Presentation - Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis
   Outstanding Jr. Working Exhibit - Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis
   Outstanding Int. Working Exhibit - Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis
   Outstanding Sr. Working Exhibit - Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis

2015 Communications Schedule
Iowa State Fair dates allocated to Extension 4-H Areas for all 4-H Communications:
   Thursday, August 13
   Friday, August 14
   Tuesday, August 18
   Wednesday, August 19
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