



Jones County 4-H Communication Event

WHO: Jones County 4-H Members

WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2020, 9 a.m. start time (schedule will be sent out to participants closer to event)

WHERE: Jones County Extension & Outreach Office, 800 N. Maple Street, Suite 2, Monticello, IA 52310

WHAT: The purpose of the Great Jones County Fair and Iowa State Fair 4-H 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. During our Spring Communication Event, members may participate in any of the three categories below, which will be split into classes for Juniors (4-6th grades), Intermediates (7-8th grades) and Seniors (9-12th grades).

4-H Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

Extemporaneous Speaking encourages 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.

4-H'ers will develop and increase their communication skills by:

- Enhancing their ability to think and organize information and thoughts
- Speaking effectively with a minimum of preparation
- Responding to audience questions and discussing the speech with a judge

Contest details and format:

- Thirty minutes before the program, each participant will draw three of the available topics and select one to speak on. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H
- Member will have 30 minutes of preparation time in the prep room. Printed and digital resources will be available for research. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
- Speeches must be between 4-6 minutes, with 5 additional minutes for related questions from the judge
- Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort
- Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Content related to topic and knowledge of the subject
 - b. Organization of material
 - c. Power of expression, voice and stage presence
 - d. General effect
 - e. Response to questions
- A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

4-H Share the Fun

Share the Fun provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. 4-H'ers will develop and increase their communication skills by:

- Working individually or in a small group to prepare and perform a 4-H Share the Fun Presentation
- Researching methods of presenting entertainment to a large audience
- Performing for a large group and enjoying themselves while they entertain a large group
- Preparing skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance and other entertainment



Performances must not exceed 8 minutes in length.

4-H Educational Presentations

Educational Presentations 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.

4-H'ers will develop and increase their communication skills by:

- Working individually or in a small group to analyze an audience, prepare, and facilitate a 4-H Educational Presentation
- Selecting a topic appropriate and of interest to 4-H'er(s) and an audience
- Researching a presentation topic of interest
- Using different resources to communicate about a topic
- Organizing information into an introduction, body, and conclusion
- Sending verbal and nonverbal messages to a small or large group
- Responding to audience questions in front of a group of people
- Discussing the presentation with a judge

Junior presentations must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes.

Other Communications Opportunities

*Check out these other options for communications projects
aside from the ones listed above for the Communications Event.*

FAST/STATIC Projects

4-H'ers involved in a 4-H Communication project or program can create an exhibit for display and evaluation based on their interest in communication. These may be entered as exhibits during FAST day at the Great Jones County Fair and can be selected for the Iowa State Fair.

- **Personal Development: Communication**
4-H'ers will develop their communication skills in areas not included in other 4-H Communication opportunities by:
 - Completing an exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills in their many forms
 - Selecting a communication topic of interest
 - Researching and reporting to a particular audience about a communication topic of interest
 - Organizing information
 - Using communication channels such as video or audio tapes, slide shows, notebooks, computers, computer assisted presentations, etc., to send messages
- **Personal Development: 4-H Poster Communication**
4-H'ers will develop their visual communication skills by:
 - Creating a special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must choose from a list of themes (these will be listed in the Fairbook)



- Organizing printed and visual information on a poster to attract an audience and send a message

4-H Working Exhibits

Working Exhibits provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way. **Working Exhibits will be judged during the Great Jones County Fair.** Fairgoers will be the audience and 4-H'ers should prepare to run their station for 30 minutes.

In this project, 4-H'ers will develop and increase their communication skills by:

- Working individually or in a small group to prepare and facilitate a 4-H Working Exhibit
- Selecting a topic appropriate and of interest to 4-H'er(s) and an audience
- Researching a presentation topic of interest and organizing information in a logical sequence
- Planning and implementing ideas to attract and encourage audience participation
- Demonstrating and interacting with one or more persons
- Controlling communication apprehension associated with talking to more than one person
- Responding to audience questions in front of a group of people
- Discussing the presentation of the Working Exhibit with a judge
- (4-H'ers doing Working Exhibits involving food must always use appropriate storage of food items and sanitary and safe procedures in handling of food)