

# General Communication Event Rules and Regulations

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- 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2021 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See event rules for age guidelines.
- Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H'ers. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be subject to the time limits based on the grade of the member in the highest grade level (i.e. a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).
- 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.
- 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 schedule show to 15 minutes following the show.
- All participants are required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event. (Times subject to change.)
  - Educational Presentations: 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM (12 - 21)
  - Working Exhibits: 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM (12 - 21)
  - Share-The-Fun: 20 minutes prior to the show, normally Noon and 5:00 PM - times may vary (12 - 21)
  - Extemporaneous Speaking: 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM Monday August 16/Tuesday, August 17/Thursday, August 19; 8:30 AM Sunday, August 22
- Only presenters are allowed in the Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit and Extemporaneous Speaking preparation rooms.
- Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be involved in a "peer evaluation program".
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
- A \$12.00 fee per entry will be billed to the county. Entries should be selected from a county communication event program.
- 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.

State Fair Communication Judging Dates for our region will be

If selected to go to State Fair, you will be given set times to sign up for:

Thursday, August 12  
Friday, August 13

Tuesday, August 17  
Wednesday, August 18

## Division 111: Educational Presentations

## Exhibitors must comply with the General Exhibit Rules

**11101 Junior Educational Presentation** *not to exceed 15 minutes*

**11102 Intermediate/Senior Educational Presentation** *not to exceed 20 minutes*

An opportunity for 4-Hers to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information or a process. A presentation may be done by one member or by several from a club. A team consisting of youth that are of mixed grades must be entered in the class of the highest-grade team member. 4-Hers must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods, particularly if food samples are available to the audience. Presenters must comply with the copyright/trademark regulations. Judging of the Educational Presentations will take place at the Marshall County Extension office starting at 5:00 on July 8, 2021.

**NOTE:** Members will have the option to present during the Central Iowa Fair on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 in the Activity Building directly following the Share the Fun Presentation at approximately 2:15, please know that this is NOT required. Ribbons and evaluations will be given during the time of judging.

## Division 112: Working Exhibits

## Exhibitors must comply with the General Exhibit Rules

**11201 Junior Working Exhibit** *not to exceed 30 minutes*

**11202 Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibit** *not to exceed 30 minutes*

Provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to communicate, interact with and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way. The 4-H'er must be ready to answer questions about any step of a process. That will probably mean having many stages of a product to use in discussion. The audience can be involved in feeling, smelling, doing or judging. 4-Hers doing working exhibits that involve food must be concerned about food safety. They should use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times, particularly if samples are available to the audience. Judging of the Working Exhibits will take place in the Exhibit Building on Tuesday, July 13 at 9:30 AM.

## Division 113: Share The Fun

## Exhibitors must comply with the General Exhibit Rules

**11300 Share The Fun** *not to exceed 6 minutes*

This class provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. The presentation may be a skit, song, stunt, short one-act play, dance or other entertainment. Skits/acts must be in good taste, sensitive to diversity and culture/ethnic traditions of all citizens. Clover Kids may participate at county fair, but not the Iowa State Fair, unless the total club participates and at least 80% of members meet the eligibility requirements for state fair. [5<sup>th</sup> grade and older] Judging of Share the Fun will take place during the Central Iowa Fair on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:30 PM in the Activity Building.

**11301 Open Class Share The Fun** *not to exceed 6 minutes*

This class provides an opportunity for any youth or youth adult combination to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. The presentation may be a skit, song, stunt, short one-act play, dance or other entertainment. Skits/acts must be in good taste, sensitive to diversity and culture/ethnic traditions of all citizens. Judging of Share the Fun will take place during the Central Iowa Fair on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:30 PM in the Exhibit Building.

## Division 114: Extemporaneous Speaking

## Exhibitors must comply with the General Exhibit Rules

**11400 Extemporaneous Speaking for grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

- Extemporaneous Speaking- To encourage the development of the communication skills by providing the opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time. This class is for 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders only.
- Topics will relate to 4-H. Each contestant will draw three available topics, selecting one to speak on. Participants will have 30 minutes of preparation time. Reference material will be available. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H'ers own effort using approved reference material. To help prepare, 3x5" note cards will be provided each contest-ant. If notes are used, the 3 x 5" cards must be used in delivering the speech. Only notes prepared during the preparation period may be used.
- Each speech shall be not less than four or more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judge. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
- Judge's conference with each participant will be included as part of the program. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Content related to topic
- Knowledge of the subject
- Organization of material
- Power of expression

- Voice
- Stage presence
- General effect
- Response to question

Judging of the Extemporaneous Speaking will take place at the Marshall County Extension office starting at 5:00 on July 8, 2021. Times will be scheduled to allow time for participants to write their speeches.