

GENERAL COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H'ers that have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) of the current 4-H year are eligible to participate.
Exception: Share the Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking – See rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits 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 grade 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. 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.
5. 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.
6. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
7. All communications participants must provide their own equipment with the exception of microphones.

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 (4th, 5th, and 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th - 12th grade) 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.
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

11110 Junior Educational Presentation (Grades 4, 5, & 6)

11120 Intermediate Educational Presentation (Grades 7 & 8)

11130 Senior Educational Presentation (Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12)

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 (4th, 5th, and 6th grade) will be scheduled for a 25 minute period. Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibits (7th - 12th grade) will be scheduled for a 45 minute period.
 2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
- 4-H'ers may participate in one Working Exhibit per year.

Class

11210 Junior Working Exhibit (Grades 4, 5, & 6)

11220 Intermediate Working Exhibit (Grades 7 & 8)

11230 Senior Working Exhibit (Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12)

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 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2019. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, at least 80% of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2019.
2. **Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed eight minutes in length.**
2. 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.
3. 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 (all ages)

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 2019
2. Each youth may make one entry into Extemporaneous Speaking.
3. Program format:
 - 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.
 - 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium not will be available.
10. 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.
11. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

Class

11400 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

RADIO BROADCASTING DEPARTMENT (County-Only Division)

Union County 4-H Radio Broadcasting communications event is unique to Union County; this is not a communications event that qualifies for the Iowa State Fair.

All 4-H members, 4-12 grades, may participate in the radio broadcasting communications project.

Radio Broadcasting Classes & Rules:

11510 Radio Broadcasting Junior Division (Grades 4, 5, and 6)

The junior competition is open to 4-H members who have completed the 4th– 6th grades. Member will prepare a 3 minute story which must include one commercial. Stories must be a factual local story written by the member. Commercials must be original commercials written by the member. Commercials may NOT promote an established business or product name (ex: Coca Cola or McDonalds; Willy’s Wiggly Worms would be acceptable). Judge(s) will have questions for member following the judging of the taped broadcast.

11520 Radio Broadcasting Intermediate Division (Grades 7 & 8)

The intermediate competition is open to 4-H members who have completed the 7th and 8th grades. Member will prepare a 3 minute story which must include one commercial. Member must write one factual local story and one original commercial (commercial cannot promote an established business or product). Member will have three minutes to broadcast live their two stories and one commercial. Judge(s) will have questions for member following the judging of the live broadcast.

11530 Radio Broadcasting Senior Division (Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12)

The senior competition is open to 4-H members who have completed the 9th through 12th grade. Member will broadcast two news stories and at least one commercial. Member must write one factual local story, and at least one original commercial (commercial cannot promote an established business or product). Member will have no more than five minutes to broadcast live their two stories and one or more commercials. Judge(s) will have questions for the member following the judging of the live broadcast.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Members will be judged by the following criteria:

Fluency – the flow of words, story and commercial

Timing – use of time (too fast or too much silence).

Excitement – energy to which the broadcast is presented.

Story Line – quality of the news being reported.

Diction – how crisp the words are spoken in the broadcast.

Creativity – creativity of the story line and commercial.

AWARDS

An outstanding member will be selected from each division for the most complete broadcast. Outstanding members from each division will assist in hosting the Union County Fair radio broadcast on KSIB radio. Members will receive ribbons.

4-H CLOTHING EVENT CATEGORIES

These are the descriptions of what each clothing category is and requires, which follow the State Fair rules and guidelines.

4-Hers wishing to participate in a clothing category will attend the county judging day prior to county fair. Date and location TBD

4-Hers will complete a write-up prior to judging, participate in conference judging during judging day, and walk for the judge while showing off their outfit. Ribbons and awards will be given out during the Fashion Show during the county fair Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Show Arena. 4-Hers are encouraged to bring their clothing garments to static exhibit day on Thursday, July 18th at the County Fair to be judged as projects for another judge

Clothing Selection:

12201 Junior

12202 Intermediate

12203 Senior

1. Participants should select and purchase an outfit that represents the 4-Hers goal or intended use of the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of recordkeeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other second hand venues with a total price of over \$15. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-Her actually selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

\$15 Challenge:

12301 Junior

12302 Intermediate

12303 Senior

1. This category is designed to expand the 4-H'er's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or similar place.
2. Online venues are allowed, must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling is not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify, but may be entered in Clothing Selection if 4-H'er selected the items to meet a specific purpose/goal.
4. Fifteen dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some second hand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax.
5. Receipt(s) MUST be turned in with the Clothing event Report form.
6. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.

7. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt and pants or a dress. Shoes, undergarments and accessories are not included in the \$15 purchase price limit.
8. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-Hers' goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-Her should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.
9. \$15 Challenge participants will model their garment(s) and answer judges' questions regarding fit, care, quality and construction features and cost.
10. Three \$15 Challenge participants (one male, one female, or minority) will be eligible to represent Union County at the Iowa State Fair. Participants must be Senior 4-Hers (grade 9-12).
11. A 4-Her may NOT be selected for the Iowa State Fair more than once in the Iowa State Fair \$15 Challenge Event.

Fashion Revue:

12101 Junior Fashion Revue

12102 Intermediate Fashion Revue

12103 Senior Fashion Revue

1. The purpose of this category is to encourage the sewing of a personal garment or outfit. Garments do not have to be perfect to advance.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.
7. Appropriateness of an outfit or garment will only be considered in terms of fit.
8. Four participants will be eligible to represent Union county in the Fashion Revue portion of the Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event with no more than two in each category (categories: male, female and minority). Participants must be Senior 4-Hers (grades 9-12). A 4-Her may be selected for the Iowa State Fair more than once in the Iowa State Fair Fashion Revue Event.

Mother and Son/Daughter Challenge (County-Only Event):

12400 Mother and Son/Daughter Challenge

This is a Union County specific category, therefore no State Fair selections are made for this challenge.

1. \$40.00 limit excludes shoes & accessories
2. Mother substitute may be used
3. Clothing may be purchased anywhere
4. Youth picks out an outfit for themselves and their mother.
5. Mother/ Daughter Challenge participants will model their garments and answer judges' questions regarding fit, care, quality and reasons for choosing outfits for them and their mother.