

**2023 4-H EXHIBIT HALL**  
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**RULES, REGULATIONS & SCHEDULE**

This department is open to youth who are participating in 4-H Youth Development Programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, or Iowa FFA: Van Buren- Harmony FFA Chapter.

1. All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.
2. Pre-Entry intentions are made on [www.FairEntry.com](http://www.FairEntry.com) and are due by 11:59 p.m. the Sunday before static judging day. This is not an exhaustive list of static projects, but pre-entry will streamline the process and allow entry tags to be pre-made for exhibitors. Additions, changes or deletions can be made to all pre-entered static projects during judging on Tuesday.
3. All exhibitors are to wear the proper attire which is: 4-H / FFA t-shirts provided by the fair board with blue jeans (*NO SHORTS*) and full shoes (*NO SANDALS or FLIP FLOPS*) when in the presence of judge. The only exceptions allowed are the clothing event or the communications if a costume is part of the presentations.
4. Clubs may arrange their exhibits before or after the judging.
5. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
6. 4-H'ers who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in the 2022-2023 year are eligible to exhibit.
7. 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2022-2023 are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
8. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class. When an exhibitor is in both 4-H and FFA they should select 1 club to enter projects for that department. They may exhibit static projects FFA but it will not be considered for state fair, FFA has a separate nominating process for projects entered into FFA categories at the Iowa State Fair.
9. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.
10. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned
  - Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size.
  - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
  - Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
11. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are not permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits
12. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers.)
13. Along with conference judging, the 4-H'er's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive verbal evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each 4-H project page at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets).
14. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
  - What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
  - What steps did you take to learn or do this? What were the most important things you learned?

\*\*\*Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.
15. All judges' decisions are final.
16. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, class number, and exhibitor's name.
17. No entry fee is required.
18. All exhibits must reach the Exhibit Hall during your clubs assigned judging time on Tuesday.. Exceptions: Exhibitors participating in alternative evaluation/ educational learning experiences will enter exhibits as determined for program participation by Extension Council. Exhibitor MUST submit in writing why they will be absent to the extension office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

19. All exhibits are to remain in place until Saturday July 22, . Exhibits will be released from 5:00 pm to 7 pm on Sunday. **State Fair Selectees will have their pictures taken Saturday evening. If you cannot make this time please have someone take the pictures for you and submit them to the office by July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Other Exhibit Information**

Due to security, 4-H'ers are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.

The Van Buren County Fair board and Extension Council will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and Placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.

Large projects selected for state fair will be required to be transported by the exhibitor/ family, if the family is unable to transport, the project will not be selected for state fair and an alternate will be taken.

**Home improvement state fair rule: If your home improvement project is selected for state fair items entered must be ready for display in the home: pictured framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips, or other quick attached products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing. This is a 4-H member responsibility and not the responsibility of 4-H fair staff to prepare the exhibit for display.**

### **Class Descriptions**

Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are highly encouraged go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets) to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

### **Static Exhibit Silent Auction- Jenny Gardner Superintendent**

A silent auction will take place for static exhibits throughout the fair. All exhibits for sale must be in place by Noon on Wednesday. The silent auction will begin at Noon Wednesday and end at 5:00 pm on Saturday. Clover Kids are not eligible to sell items in the Static Exhibit Silent Auction.

1. A limit of 3 items per exhibitor
2. Any static exhibit is eligible. (see special rules for food and state fair)
3. All auction items will be in a special designated area
4. A bid sheet will be placed beside the item
5. The exhibitor may set a starting price
6. The exhibitor can reject the final bid
7. Exhibits sold need to be picked up on Saturday between 5:00 pm and 5:30 by the buyer. Youth selling need to be in attendance for the buyer to pick up their items.
8. Payment will be made directly to the exhibitor
9. There will be no commission or sale fees.

### **Special rules for state fair exhibits**

1. Exhibitors will only sell their ribbon, not the actual exhibit

### **Special rules for food**

1. A bid sheet will be placed on the auction table for prospective buyers to see. The item will be listed ( 1 dozen chocolate chip cookies, 1 loaf of wheat bread)
2. A NEW product will be made and delivered to the auction area. This must be the same product that was judged.

#### Roberts Building Judging Schedule

8:30 AM

Jolly Trio, Friendly Four Corners, Sharp Shooters (if this is your primary club)

10:30 AM

### **VAN BUREN COUNTY FAIR CLASS LIMITS**

*The following are the number of entries per class allowed per exhibitor at the Van Buren County Fair*

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Class Limit</u></b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Clothing Event</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Special Exhibits</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Ag and Natural Resources</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Creative Arts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Family and Consumer Sciences</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Science Engineering and Technology</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Horticulture</b>	<b>2</b>

#### **Justice Statement:**

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## **ANIMALS**

**10110 Animal Science** - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of an animal is not required.

**10120 Veterinary Science** - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human health interaction, or other learning related to veterinary science

## **AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**This department will be judged by the ANR Judge.**

**Exhibitor may bring 4 exhibits per class in this department, exhibits must be different. For example, cannot bring 2 butterfly collections for the same class. You may bring a butterfly collection and an insect collection.**

**10210 Crop Production and Plant Science** – An Exhibit that shows learning about the growth , use and value of field crops, plant growth, soils, soil fertility, or any other learning related to crop production and plant science. **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10220 Conservation, Environment and Sustainability** – An exhibit that shows connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat etc. **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10222 Entomology** – **An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience.** Includes specimen collections and may include products (ex: honey) or equipment as part of the display. **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10224 Fish and Wildlife** – An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest and who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvests. Feral Pigs( including Russian/European boar) are not permitted in taxidermy exhibits **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10226 Forestry** – An exhibit including collection, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10230 Horticulture and Plant Science** - An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. (Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department.) **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10235 Home Grounds Improvement** – An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc. **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10240 Outdoor Adventures** - An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities. **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports** - An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms; archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows). **4 entries per exhibitor**

**10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources** - An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above. **4 entries per exhibitor**

## **CREATIVE ARTS**

**Exhibitor may bring 6 entries per class.**

**10310 Music** - An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles or history. **6 entries per exhibitor.**

**10320 Photography** - An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video. **6 entries per exhibitor, will be judged by the photography judge.**

## Photography Special Rules:

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs must be a minimum of 5"x7". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11"x14". Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 24" in length.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ¼" thick.
4. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats, or have matting done professionally.
  - 4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.
  - Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.
5. A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series should not exceed 6"x8".
6. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
7. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
8. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
9. Van Buren County Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
10. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice-versa.

**10340 Creative Photography** - A photographic image that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. Could be a composite of multiple photographs.

## Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. Photograph/Image may be mounted/matted or submitted digitally. IF submitting digitally please bring it on a flash drive, or email it to Jennifer Plowman CYC [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu).
2. If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 4" in length or larger than 14" in length.
3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created or from a film negative.
4. Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop exhibit.
5. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

**10345 Photography Idea/Educational Display** - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography. **6 entries per exhibitor will be judged by the photography judge**

**10350 Visual Arts Original Art**- An exhibit that shows learning through creation of original art. Original art is a one of a kind, non replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another's work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art . **Maximum of 6 entries per exhibitor**

**10355 Visual Arts -Design , Process, or Technique Exploration** — This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. An

explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit must be included. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. See Visual Arts Special Rule #5 and #6. **Maximum of 6 entries per exhibitor**

**10360 Visual Arts - Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics** — Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc. **Maximum of 6 entries per exhibitor**

#### **Visual Arts Special Rules:**

1. Items entered for exhibition at the Van Buren County Fair must be ready for display in the home, gallery, or intended final display location: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing. **This is a 4-H member responsibility and not the responsibility of 4-H fair staff to prepare the exhibit for display.**
2. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.
3. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source or inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>.
4. If the exhibit is a finished art object information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.
5. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist, or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.
6. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H'er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.

Class 10540 Digital Storytelling – is now cross listed in Creative Arts and Personal Development. Class number remains as 10540

### **FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES**

An exhibitor may bring 5 different exhibits per class in this department. For example Class 10440 Food and nutrition: Cannot bring 5 plates of cookies. You may bring drop cookies, cutout cookies, cake, yeast bread, and jam.

**10410 Child Development** – An exhibit that shows learning about children. Exhibits that include items intended for use with children (books, toys, learning games, babysitting kits, etc.) should include information about what you have learned 1) about children while creating and using the exhibit or 2) what the child(ren) learned from use of the item(s) in the exhibit. Exhibit examples include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, safety and health, etc. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by general FCS judge.**

**10420 Clothing and Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories** - A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/ or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by clothing/sewing judge.**

**10422 Clothing and Fashion – Purchased Garments & Accessories** - Purchased garments or accessories that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/ or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by clothing/sewing judge.**

**10424 Clothing and Fashion – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits** - Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including but not limited to design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by clothing/sewing judge.**

Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:

1. *Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit. You may enter it in county, however the awardrobe form is not acceptable, you must fill out an exhibit form.*
2. *Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principals. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principals if appropriate for the exhibit*

**10430 Consumer Management** - An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, or consumer rights and responsibilities. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by general FCS judge.**

**10440 Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product**- An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See food & nutrition special rules below and HS 76 Food for Iowa 4-H fair- quick reference guide at [www.store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434](http://www.store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434) for additional info regarding prepared food products. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by food and nutrition judge.**

**10442 Food & Nutrition – Preserved Product** -An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See food and nutrition special rules below and HS76 Food for Iowa 4-H fair-quick reference guide at [www.store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434](http://www.store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434) for additional info regarding preserved food products. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by food and nutrition judge.**

**10445 Food & Nutrition – Educational Display** - An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food and Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about meal planning and service must include a menu.

**VB951 Cake Decorating County Only**

**Food & Nutrition Special Rules:**

1. *Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.*
2. *All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.*
3. *Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.*
4. *Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.*
5. *Meat jerky products are prohibited.*
6. *The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit; credit the source of the recipe.*
7. **Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2022 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the honey label for 4-H Exhibits**
8. *Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.*
9. *Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a reclosable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. The minimum number of food articles for an exhibit will be: 4-6 cookies-brownies, muffins, biscuits, 1 cake, 1 quick bread, 1 pie. **After judging, 1 piece will remain for viewing.***
10. *The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.*

**10450 Health** - An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, safe activities, skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/ or healthy lifestyle choices. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by general fcs judge.**

**10460 Home Improvement** - An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics. Must include information on how design element and art principals were applied. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by home improvement judge.**

**Home Improvement Special Rules:**

1. *Items entered for exhibition at the Van Buren County must be ready for display in the home: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.*
2. *Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).*

**10470 Sewing and Needle Arts** – A Constructed item(sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc.. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by clothing/ sewing judge.**

**10472 Sewing and Needle Arts – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits** - Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by clothing/ sewing judge.**

**10480 Other Family and Consumer Science** - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family & Consumer Science class listed. **5 entries per exhibitor- will be judged by general fcs judge.**

**10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge** – Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the five food groups with a budget of \$11. The Van Buren County exhibit form is not to be completed; the thrifty meal challenge worksheet is to be used.

**Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:**

1. *Each county may enter one (1) exhibit in this class.*
2. *All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.*
3. *Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.*
4. *The meal must include a serving for each person from each of the five (5) food groups. Recommended portion sizes per person: ½ cup fruit, ½ cup vegetable, 3 ounces protein, 1-2 ounces grain, 1 cup equivalent dairy.*
5. *The meal must serve four (4) people.*
6. *Total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.*
7. *The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 20" x 30") that includes:*
  - a. *Menu*
  - b. *Meal type*
  - c. *Copy of receipts (up to 2)*
  - d. *Photos of participant experience*
  - e. *Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet (required)*

For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.



## **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**All classes will be judged by general fcs judge. 3 different entries per class.**

**10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement** - An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country or your world.

**10520 Communication** - An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills in their many forms. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc.

**10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit** - Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

- 4-H is.. (open to 4-H members interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- Opportunity4All (2022 National 4-H Week theme)
- Spy Your Potential (2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- Best Days Ever (in 4-H0 (variation of Iowa State Fair Theme)

Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. *Only one poster per 4-H'er may be entered. Limit of two posters per county.*
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. Etc.*
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 member's may include 4-H'ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.*

**10540 Digital Storytelling** - An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video.

**10550 Leadership** - An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

**10560 Self-Determined** - An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

**VB900 4-H History – County only-** This class is designed to help participants gain a greater appreciation for and to focus on 4-H history. Any exhibit by one or more 4-H'ers and one or more adults which is an outgrowth of goal identified by participants. Topics might include: History of 4-H, History of a 4-H project, history of an educational experience, activity or club. **This will not be considered for state fair.**

**VB904 4-H Record Keeping- County only-** Exhibit consists of 4-H member entering their project record and or a total record book. Member will participate in conference judging by asking about goals, accomplishment of goals and evaluation. This exhibit may be submitted and evaluated of a project completed at home physically unable to bring as an exhibit. Pictures not needed, an exhibit form still must be used. **This will not be considered for state fair**

**VB910 Family Heritage- County only-** This class is designed to help participants gain a greater appreciation for and to focus on history and family heritage. Any exhibit by one or more 4-H'ers and one or more adults which is an outgrowth of goal identified by participants. Topics might include: Family Heritage, genealogy, Iowa, County, Township or another historical item. **This will not be considered for state fair.**

**VB915 Scrapbooking- County only-** This class is designed to help participants gain a greater appreciation for the ability to record historical data through the use of clippings, pictures, keepsakes and any other item used to record an event or spot in time through creative designs. **This will not be considered for state fair.**

**VB950 REUSE, RECYCLE, and REPURPOSE – County only** Using anything recycled (no new items except for nails, glue, etc.) the exhibit should be turned into a functional or decorative item. Sample ideas include: making pencil bags from juice drink pouches or clocks from disposable ink pens. INCLUDE INFORMATION ON: How does my/our goal relate to the reuse, recycle, repurpose issue? What did I/we learn about this issue? What did I/we do to educate others about the issue? Information that could be included: before and after photos, list of materials and expenses, economic/environmental savings by reusing or reclaiming the item, etc. **This will not be considered for state fair.**

## **SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

All Classes will be judged by the SET judge.

An exhibitor may bring 9 different exhibits per class. Example class 10630 you may not bring 9 robots.

You may bring a robot, an aerospace exhibit, a computer exhibit, climate exhibit, GPS exhibit etc.

**10610 Mechanics** - An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or that involve a combination of skills.

**10612 Automotive** - Repaired or restored

**10613 Automotive** – Educational display showing learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.

**10614 Electric** - Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.

**10615 Small Engine** - Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.

**10616 Tractor** - Repaired or restored tractor

**10617 Tractor** – Educational Display showing learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

**10618 Welding** - Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

**10620 Woodworking** – An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

**10630 Science, Engineering & Technology** - Any exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.

Science, Engineering & Technology Special Rule:

1. *Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology classes may not enter in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice-versa.*

**10632 Aerospace** – Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic

**10634 Robotics** – Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) that shows learning about robotics and robotic systems.

## 4-H HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Only actual vegetable specimens, from the current crop year, are entered in this division and are shown. Any display depicting a concept, idea or learning process with a horticulture project is entered in Horticulture in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department

Exhibitors are permitted up to two entries per class (except one entry per class in the division- Jumbos).

Specimens should be prepared for exhibit as stated below. Publication 4H-462 "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit", available online and from the local County Extension Office may be used as a reference. **However, the number of specimens required per exhibit MUST match the class listing below. Incorrect numbers of specimens will cause the entry to receive a white ribbon.**

All produce (**including Jumbos**) must be in exhibit condition to qualify for exhibition and placing.

Each exhibit tag MUST show the variety name. If exhibiting an unnamed variety, use the term "**standard**".

Exhibition plates, bottles and special containers are the exhibitors responsibility to provide

It is the exhibitors responsibility to take care of their plants (watering etc.)

Each exhibit should be labeled as to species and variety of fruit, vegetable, herb, flower or house plant on a 3X5 card. Card will also include a record of the plant including planting date (for annuals), fertilizer (how much and when), care and harvest date.

### DIVISION 401 - GARDEN CROPS

40102	Beans, green, snap, six specimens	40155	Okra, green or red, three specimens
40103	Beans, purple, snap, six specimens	40160	Onions (dry), red, three specimens
40104	Beans, yellow (wax), snap, six specimens	40161	Onions (dry), white, three specimens
40110	Beets, cylindrical, three specimens	40162	Onions (dry), yellow, three specimens
40111	Beets, globe, three specimens	40164	Onions (green), three specimens
40120	Cabbage, round, one head	40170	Potatoes, red, three specimens
40121	Cabbage, flat, one head	40171	Potatoes, white, three specimens
40122	Cabbage, red, one head	40172	Potatoes, yellow/gold, three specimens
40123	Cabbage, savoy, one head	40173	Potatoes, any other, three specimens (includes blue, etc.)
40124	Cabbage, any other, one head	40177	Pumpkin, pie type, one specimen
40127	Carrots, three specimens	40180	Squash, summer, scallop or patty pan, three specimens
40128	Chard (Swiss), three leaves (quart jars will be provided)	40181	Squash, summer, zucchini, green, three specimens
40130	Cucumbers, for slicing, three specimens	40182	Squash, summer, zucchini, yellow, three specimens
40131	Cucumbers, dill, three to five inches, three specimens	40183	Squash, summer, any other variety, three specimens
40132	Cucumber, for pickling, six specimens	40184	Squash, winter, acorn type, green, one specimen
40140	Eggplant, standard or traditional, one specimen	40185	Squash, winter, acorn type, all other colors, one specimen
40141	Eggplant, oriental type, one specimen	40186	Squash, winter, butternut type, one specimen
40143	Garlic, three bulbs	40187	Squash, winter, spaghetti type, one specimen
40145	Kohlrabi, purple, three specimens	40188	Squash, winter, any other variety, one specimen
40146	Kohlrabi, green, three specimens	40190	Sweet Corn, yellow and white, three ears exhibited with no husks
40150	Melon, Cantaloupe or Muskmelon, any variety, one specimen	40191	Sweet Corn, white, three ears exhibited with no husks
40151	Melon, Honeydew, one specimen	40192	Sweet Corn, yellow, three ears exhibited with no husks
40152	Melon, Watermelon, any variety (large), one specimen	40195	Sweet Potatoes or Yams, three specimens
40153	Melon, Watermelon, any variety (small), one specimen (includes Sugar Baby, etc.)	40197	Turnips, three specimens
		40199	Any other kind of vegetable, not included in any previously named class of Division 401/402 (no popcorn), three specimens

## DIVISION 402 - PEPPERS, TOMATILLOS & TOMATOES

<p>40201 Peppers, sweet, bell, blocky, green, three specimens</p> <p>40202 Peppers, sweet, bell, elongated, green, three specimens (includes Gypsy, Giant Marconi)</p> <p>40203 Peppers, sweet, bell, red, three specimens</p> <p>40204 Peppers, sweet, bell, yellow, three specimens</p> <p>40205 Peppers, sweet, bell, blocky, any other, three specimens</p> <p>40206 Peppers, sweet, bell, elongated, any other, three specimens</p> <p>40207 Peppers, sweet, banana, yellow, three specimens</p> <p>40208 Peppers, sweet, red, three specimens</p> <p>40209 Peppers, sweet, any other variety, three specimens</p> <p>40220 Peppers, hot, Cayenne type, three specimens (includes Cayenne, Thai)</p> <p>40221 Peppers, hot, Habanero, three specimens (includes Aji Dulce, NewMex Suave, etc. sweet habanero types)</p> <p>40222 Peppers, hot, Hungarian Yellow Wax/ banana, three specimens</p> <p>40223 Peppers, hot, Jalapëno, three specimens (includes "Tam," "Senorita," etc. mild varieties)</p> <p>40224 Peppers, hot, green, Chili, three specimens (includes Anaheim, Big Slim, Slim Jim, Garden Salsa, Big Chile, etc.)</p> <p>40225 Peppers, hot, green, Poblano, three specimens (includes Ancho, Poblano, etc.)</p> <p>40226 Peppers, hot, green, Serrano, three specimens</p> <p>40227 Peppers, hot, any other variety, three specimens (includes Cherry Bomb, Mariachi, etc.)</p> <p>40235 Tomatillo, husk on and opened, three specimens</p>	<p>40240 Tomato, red slicing, three specimens</p> <p>40241 Tomato, yellow slicing, three specimens</p> <p>40245 Tomato, any other color slicing, three specimens</p> <p>40250 Tomato, cherry type, red, large type (one inch or more in diameter), six specimens</p> <p>40251 Tomato, cherry type, red, small type (less than one inch in diameter), six specimens</p> <p>40252 Tomato, cherry type, any other color, large type (one inch or more in diameter), six specimens</p> <p>40253 Tomato, cherry type, any other color, small type (less than one inch in diameter), six specimens</p> <p>40254 Tomato, cocktail type (bite-size), grape, red, six specimens (includes Juliet)</p> <p>40255 Tomato, cocktail type (bite-size), grape, any other color, six specimens</p> <p>40256 Tomato, cocktail type (bite-size), pear, red, six specimens</p> <p>40257 Tomato, cocktail type (bite-size), pear, any other color, six specimens</p> <p>40258 Tomato, processing type, three specimens</p> <p>40259 Tomato, any other, three specimens</p>
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## DIVISION 403 - VEGETABLE COMBINATIONS

**40301 Vegetable Container Display** - The vegetable display must include at least five but not more than seven different kinds of vegetables (from classes in Division 401/402 above) grown in the exhibitor's garden and will not include flowers, herbs, other ornamental or decorative items, or other plants. More than one variety of any particular vegetable can be displayed; however, not more than four items of the same vegetable can be displayed. For example, four tomatoes would constitute one vegetable, e.g., one large red slicing, one cherry tomato, one yellow tomato, and one processing tomato. The container display will be reduced one placing if it contains more than four vegetables of any one kind, e.g., more than four beans. **The container display will be reduced one placing if it contains more than four specimens of any one kind of vegetable, e.g., more than four beans.** The amount of produce exhibited should fit into the container and specimens may not overflow onto the table. The vegetables should be prepared for exhibit as instructed in 4H-462, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit." Any decorative basket, box, or container, not larger than one-half bushel can be used. The exhibit will be judged 75% for the cultural perfection of the vegetables and 25% for decorative arrangement.

**40302 First Year Exhibitor's Class** - Plate of mixed vegetables exhibited by a 4-H member who has never participated in the Iowa State Fair 4-H Horticulture Show before. Plate is to consist of one

tomato, one onion, one pepper, and one each of two other vegetables of the exhibitor's choice from classes in Division 401/402.

**40303 Salsa Tray** - This tray must include vegetable specimens (grown by the exhibitor) to make salsa. The salsa tray must contain two specimens each of tomatoes, peppers, and onions. In addition, it must contain two specimens each of two other vegetables (from classes in Division 401/402 above) that are included in the salsa recipe. A copy of the recipe card must be included in the tray. The number of specimens must fit on the tray.

**40304 Group Vegetable Platter – This platter consists of vegetables grown by at least two 4-H exhibitors who already are exhibiting vegetables in the other Horticulture classes (#s 40102 through 40648).** Platter must include 5 different kinds of vegetables and must include 2 tomatoes, 2 onions, 2 peppers, and 2 other kinds of vegetables from the following list: 2 beets, 2 carrots, 2 cucumbers, 2 potatoes or 2 summer squash. The amount of produce exhibited MUST fit on the platter

**40305 Vegetables of The Same Color Platter** - This platter consists of 4 kinds of vegetables and/or herbs that are the same color (of the exhibitor's choice—from classes in Divisions 401/402/404). For example, a red platter could have red slicing tomato, red cherry tomato, red bell pepper and cayenne pepper; while a green platter could include green variety eggplant, green bell pepper, green beans, and green kohlrabi. There is no limit to the number of individual specimens; however, the amount of produce exhibited MUST fit on the platter. Platters will be judged 75% on exhibit quality and 25% on accuracy of hue and appearance. Each exhibitor may enter up to two color platters, but each must represent a different color group.

#### **DIVISION 404 - HERBS**

All herb specimens should include sprigs with stems of adequate length to reach the water level and that reach at least six inches above the top of the bottle, but not more than twelve inches above the top of the bottle. Bottles are the exhibitor's responsibility.

**40401** Basil, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40402** Chives, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40403** Cilantro, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40404** Dill, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40405** Mint, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40406** Parsley, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40407** Rosemary, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40408** Sage, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40409** Any other individual herb, three sprigs in bottle of water

**40410** Collection of four different herb species (three sprigs each) to be displayed in four separate bottles of water.

## **DIVISION 405 - ORNAMENTALS**

**40501** Pumpkin, miniature, orange, three specimens

**40502** Pumpkin, miniature, white, three specimens

**40503** Pumpkin, Jack-O-Lantern type, one specimen

**40504** Pumpkin, warty type, one specimen

**40511** Gourds, small ornamentals, Autumn Wings, three specimens

**40512** Gourds, small ornamentals, Crown of Thorns, three specimens

**40513** Gourds, small ornamentals, Spoon or Globe, three specimens

**40514** Gourds, small ornamentals, assorted, three specimens

**40525 Potted Ornamental Lavender Patio Plant Container** - One ornamental lavender plant grown in a patio container with a saucer no larger than 14 inches in diameter. No other plants, ornaments or decorations allowed in the container. Entries will be judged on quality, culture, stage of development and attractiveness

**40530 Potted Ornamental Pepper Patio Plant Container** - One ornamental pepper plant grown in a patio container with a saucer no larger than 14 inches in diameter. No other plants, ornaments or decorations allowed in the container. Entries will be judged on quality, culture, stage of development and attractiveness.

## **DIVISION 406 - JUMBO VEGETABLES**

NOTE: All produce (**including Jumbos**) must be in exhibit condition to quality for exhibition and placing., Exhibitors are permitted only one entry per class in this Division.

**40641** Cabbage (maximum of three wrapper leaves), one head

**40642** Gourd, one specimen

**40643** Kohlrabi (trimmed to 1½"), one specimen

**40644** Potato, one specimen

**40645** Pumpkin (woody stem), one specimen

**40646** Squash, zucchini, one specimen

**40647** Squash, any other variety with fleshy stem, one specimen

**40648** Tomato, one specimen

## **Cut Flowers**

**VB430** Flower Arrangement

**VB431** Corsage or Boutineer

## **4-H COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM- Steve Westercamp Superintendent**

### **Chrissy Westercamp and Jennifer Plowman Extension Reps**

This department is open to youth who are participating in the 4-H Youth Development programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension.

All participants are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair Communication Event program rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and specific program event rules and regulations.

**PURPOSE:** 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.

### **General Communication Event Program Rules And Regulations**

1. 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2022- 2023 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See event rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit 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 grader 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.

### **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 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. 4-H'ers may participate in Two Educational Presentations per year at the Van Buren County Fair.
3. 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

11100 Educational Presentation

### **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 and 6th grade) will be scheduled for a 30 minute period. Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibits (7th - 12th grade) will be scheduled for a 30 minute period.

2. 4-H'ers may participate in two Working Exhibit per year at the Van Buren County Fair.  
Class

11200 Working Exhibit

## 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 members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2023. 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:
  - At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2023.
  - Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
2. At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2022-2023 year.
3. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed 6 minutes in length.
4. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.

Class

11300 Share-The-Fun Program

## 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 can be any age, but only senior 4-H'ers - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2022-2023 year can be selected to advance to the Iowa State Fair.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.

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.
- All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
- Participant may bring their 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.
- 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.
- Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
- 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.
- The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name and the club(s) he/she represents. The participant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.
- Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium not will be available.
- 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 questions.
  - A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

Class

11400 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

**DEPARTMENT 14 - CLOTHING EVENTS**  
**Chrissy Westercamp- Superintendent**  
**Jennifer Plowman Extension Rep**

*THIS IS A MODELING CLASS ONLY*

*WITH JUDGING DONE ON Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fair View Barn- Farm Bureau Room*

1. Participants must be in the 4-H senior designated level (grades 9-12) to be eligible for participation at the Iowa State Fair Clothing Events.
2. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Clothing Events at the Iowa State Fair MAY NOT be entered as a 4-H State Fair exhibit.
3. Participant MAY enter in both Clothing Events and exhibit classes at the county level. If selected in both categories to advance to the Iowa State Fair, the participant must choose which class the exhibit will go as.
4. The Van Buren County 4-H program will reimburse all entrance fees for Clothing Events at the Iowa State Fair after participating at the State Fair. Exhibitors will be responsible for all fees due with registration.
5. Clothing Event Times are First come first served.

**AN EXHIBITOR MAY HAVE 2 ENTRIES PER CLASS IN THIS DEPARTMENT**

**CLASS A - CLOTHING SELECTION**

Lot 1 – Senior (9-12)

Lot 2 – Intermediate (7-8)

Lot 3 – Junior (4-6)

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, 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 record keeping 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 secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member 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.
6. Participants must submit 4-H Clothing Selection Report Form provide from the Extension Office. A photo must accompany the form.

**CLASS B - FASHION REVUE**

Lot 1 – Senior (9-12)

Lot 2 – Intermediate (7-8)

Lot 3 – Junior (4-6)

Fashion Revue Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, 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 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. Participants must submit 4-H Fashion Revue Report Form provided from the Extension Office. A photo must accompany the form.

**CLASS C - THE \$20 CHALLENGE**

Lot 1 – Senior (9-12)

Lot 2 – Intermediate (7-8)

Lot 3 – Junior (4-6)

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.
2. Online venues are allowed, must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are 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 for this class.

4. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax.
  5. Receipt(s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.
  6. 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 \$20 purchase price limit.
  7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
  8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
  9. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.
- Participants must submit 4-H \$20 Challenge Report Form provided from the Extension Office. A photo must accompany the form.

### **Class D Innovative Design**

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

