March 4, 2021

TO: 4-H Organizational Leaders / 4-H Share-the-Fun Participants

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RE: 4-H Share-the-Fun Show

Preparations have begun to hold the **2021 4-H Share-the-Fun Contest IN PERSON on Sunday, March 21 (snow date March 28), at the New Market Community Center (9148 John Sevier Road, New Market)**. Due to Covid-19 restrictions this year, this will be a contest with judges, not a show with an audience. We will have Covid-19 protocols in place and everyone will need to wear a face covering.

Additional details are as follows.

- There will be no practice day. Plan to practice before you come on March 21.
- Everyone will be required to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing. While acts are on stage, we realize that social distancing may be compromised, but masks will still be required. Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies will be provided.
- We will announce a schedule for the day. Acts will come, perform, and then leave.
- If everyone in the act has a signed media release, we will record the act to post on Facebook. We will try to livestream, but if that’s not possible, we will record and post later.
- There will be a set of judges and we’ll get the completed scoresheets, and ribbons to the acts after the contest.
- A stage, and a sound system will be available. Please plan to bring any other items you need for your act, including a keyboard if you need one.

**And a big incentive this year……**

There will be **two cash prizes awarded to the two 4-H Clubs that have the most acts participating in the Share-the-Fun Contest.** We are collecting donations in a “pot of money”, which will be divided 60% and 40% between the two clubs with the most acts. We are starting with $100 in this fund, so the prizes are $60 and $40 right now, but we hope we’ll get more contributions. We hope that this money will be used for clubs to award 4-H Camp scholarships, but it can be used in any way to benefit the members of the club.

Acts performed by, and including, 4-H leaders and parents **CAN be counted**, so get everyone involved from your club! There is no limit to the number of acts that each club can enter. Let’s really share-the-fun!
This year we’ll use a Google form for registration. Please go to this link to sign your act up for the contest: https://forms.gle/r19xfX6rXNEbap6y6

The six categories of competition for 2021 are:

**VOCAL (Singing)**
- Singing without accompanist
- Singing with accompanist
- Group of singers with or without accompanist
- Singer or singers with recorded music

**INSTRUMENTAL (Playing a musical instrument)**
- Piano player
- Flute player
- Banjo and guitar
- Band
- Any other combination of up to four instruments

**DANCE (Movement to music)**
- Ballet
- Tap
- Modern
- Hip Hop
- Swing
- Any other kind of dancing

**DRAMA (Dramatic presentation)**
- Reading a poem
- Short, humorous skit
- Mime act
- Reading from a play
- Dramatic monologue

**COMBINATION (Any combination of two or more talents)**
- Singing while playing an instrument
- Singing and dancing.

**VARIETY (Novelty or unclassified routine)**
- Baton twirling
- Puppet act
- Karate routine
- Lip sync
- Imitations
- Juggling act
- Gymnastic routine
- Magic act
- Clowning
- Other
- Rapping
- Marionette act
- Stand up comedian
- Baton twirling to music
- Floor exercise routine
- Imitating a singer
- Circus act
- Drill team
- Ventriloquist act
An act may not last longer than **four minutes**.

The Share-the-Fun Contest is divided into Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions: Seniors - ages 14-19; Intermediate - ages 12-13; Juniors - ages 9-11; and Cloverbuds - ages 5-8. To participate in a junior act, the 4-H'er must be nine years old as of September 30, 2021. Senior acts are performed by 4-H'ers who are 14 as of September 30, 2021.

Awards given at the Share-the-Fun Contest are as follows: Everyone receives either a blue, red, or white ribbon and comes away a winner! (Blue - excellent; Red - very good; White - average). Cloverbuds are non-competitive and receive participation ribbons.

This link has scoresheets and information about scoring Share-the-Fun acts. Please share these scorecards with the 4-H'ers in your club who will be participating in the contest. [http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/388/388-064/388-064.html](http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/388/388-064/388-064.html)

The number of participants in each act is unlimited at the county level. However, junior, intermediate, and senior acts may have only one to four members in order to advance to district and state competition. Senior acts must be composed of only senior members at district and state.

Junior and intermediate members may work together in an act, but they will be judged in the age division of the oldest member. For example, a vocal act with a junior and an intermediate member would be judged as an intermediate vocal act. Only senior members may compete in senior acts at the district and state level.

If you want to participate in the virtual district or state contests, you are welcome to record your performance on stage on March 21 and use it for district or state if you like. **Video entries for the virtual district contest must be submitted by April 10.** More details will be sent by email.

Senior members must have been enrolled in a 4-H club or 4-H activity for one previous year in order to compete in the **State** 4-H Share-the-Fun Contest.

Please call the Extension Office at 540/459-6140 if you have any questions.