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

FR: Carol B. Nansel, Extension Agent, 4-H

RE: 4-H Share-the-Fun Show

This year our 4-H Share-the-Fun Show will be held on the following dates. Please note that one of the dates that was mentioned during the County 4-H Council meeting in January had to be changed, so this is what has been confirmed.

Sunday, **March 3 – Mandatory Rehearsal** between 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

Sunday, **April 7 – Contest/Show/or Snow date for Rehearsal** – begins at 2:30 pm.

Sunday, **April 14 – Snow date for the Show.**

Everything will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Edinburg (321 Headquarters Road). Mr. Brandon Lamma will serve as our Show Director.

We'll use a Google form for registration. Please go to this link to sign your act up for the contest by Thursday, February 29: <https://forms.gle/dUCyxUvs2WWDrcun9>

The dress rehearsal is mandatory for all acts. It will start at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. There will be “practice” rooms for contestants to go to as soon as they arrive at the church. In the practice rooms, contestants will receive individual assistance/guidance to prepare them for their on-stage rehearsal. This will include such things as entering/exiting, use of props, use of microphones, stage set-up, etc. Persons working in the practice rooms will record the needs of each act on cards to be brought to the stage for final rehearsal. Of course, the best scenario is that not everyone arrives at 2:30 p.m.! You may want to talk with your members and establish various times for them to come during the afternoon. That would help us greatly!

NOTE: No one is exempt from going to a practice room—no matter how many times a member has participated in Share-the-Fun. There is always something to be learned and improvements made and the on-stage cards must be completed and brought along to the stage for final practice.

Share-the-Fun is an excellent learning opportunity for cloverbud, junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H'ers. Four-H'ers not only have the opportunity to develop poise and confidence in themselves, but also have the chance to learn many aspects of the entertainment field.

We are looking for a club to volunteer its leaders and parents to do a closing act of their own choosing. Anyone interested? Please call the Extension Office to volunteer your club.

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We'll also need 4-H'ers, who are not competing, and volunteers to serve in support roles, along with the 4-H Honor Club members. These 4-H'ers and volunteers must be at both the rehearsal and show. Positions available are:

- Sound Crew youth – must arrive by 1:30 p.m. to help set up before practice/show
- Stage Hand youth (props) – must arrive by 1:30 p.m. to help set up practice/show
- Timer – day of show only
- Curtain

Please encourage anyone interested to call the Extension Office.

The six categories of competition for 2024 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
- Jazz band
- Any other combination of up to four instruments



DANCE (Movement to music)

- Ballet
- Tap
- Jazz
- Modern
- Hip Hop
- Swing
- Any other kind of dancing



DRAMA (Dramatic presentation)

- Reading a poem
- Short, humorous skit
- Mime act
- Reading from a play
- Choral reading
- Dramatic monologue

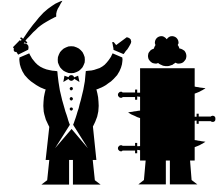


COMBINATION (Any combination of two or more talents)

- 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



Please note the following details about the contest:

-Entry forms are used to make up programs and emcee comments so they must be complete! Entry forms are due online by Thursday, February 29. Link is above.

PLEASE NOTE – Microphone(s) and sound system are provided, along with a cd player. If you need any other sound equipment for your act, you must bring it to both the rehearsal and the show - and have someone operate it for you. We can't guarantee that it will be compatible with our sound system. Rehearsal will give us a chance to test it. You are also welcome to bring your own cd player or phone if you prefer. A piano and a keyboard will be available to use or you are welcome to bring your own keyboard, if you prefer.

-An act may not last longer than four minutes.

-Cloverbud acts may be performed at the end of the Share-the-Fun Show.

-A contestant may participate once in an individual act and a second time in a group act in another category.

-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.

-Our district 4-H contest will be on April 13, at Johnson Williams Middle School in Clarke County. The state competition, for senior members, is during State 4-H Congress at VA Tech, June 18-21, 2024.

-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, 2024. Senior acts are performed by 4-H'ers who are 14 as of September 30, 2024.

-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.

-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.

-Each county may send six senior acts to the state contest. (The district contest is not mandatory, but is a good practice experience.) These must be one per category (that is, the top senior act from vocal, instrumental, variety, dance, combination, and drama will go to state.) No substitutions will be allowed. For instance, if Shenandoah County has senior winners in vocal, dance, and instrumental, but no one in drama, combination, and variety, we may only send three acts. We cannot send two in vocal.

-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.

The Share-the-Fun scoresheet is attached. Please share these scorecards with the 4-H'ers in your club who will be participating in the contest.

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

Attachments

cc: Brandon Lamma, Show Director
Lizzie Rhodes, Kristi Zirkle and Tressie Rigby, Honor Club Advisors