

Arts Fest Rules and Instructions

Arts Fest Entries: Arts and Crafts

All 4-H members can enter arts and crafts, even if they are not enrolled in that project on 4HOnline. Youth may enter 2 arts and crafts items of their choosing. Youth must attach a 3x5 index card to each entry with the following information: name, club, grade, and brief description. You can either attach the card to the item or place it next to the item on the table. Entries need to be in place by 8:30 in order to begin judging.

Arts Fest Entries: Photography

All 4-H members can enter photography, even if they are not enrolled in that project on 4HOnline. Youth may enter two photographs, and they must be 5x7 sized and mounted on poster board. Either on the poster board or on an index card, the following information must be listed: name, club, grade, and title of the photograph(s). Entries need to be in place by 8:30 in order to begin judging.

Arts Fest Entries: Communication Arts

All 4-H members can enter communication arts entries, even if they are not enrolled in that project on 4HOnline. When selecting material for presentations, please keep in mind that 4-H is a family organization--presentations should be appropriate for audiences of all ages.

- The following categories must have 1 or 2 readers, and have a maximum time limit of 5 minutes
 - Memorized selection: Prose, poetry, or any other piece, which must be memorized. No notes allowed.
 - Prose reading: Includes stories, narratives, anything not written as a poem; should be presented as a reading, no props
 - Poetry-reading: May be an original poem or a selection written by someone else, either in verse form or open-ended; should be presented as a reading. No props

For tips on how to prepare for the above categories, watch this instructional YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlyCnaMX8oE&t=8s>



- The following rules apply to drama entries, maximum time limit is 12 minutes, or 30 minutes for a full drama. No open flames, hay, straw, cornstalks, shavings or sawdust are to be used.
 - Drama can be one of the following: one-act play, commercial, mini drama or original drama
 - No directing is permitted from the audience or in front of the stage.

Arts Fest Entries: Music Performances/Dance

All 4-H members can enter music/performances within Arts Fest and they do not need to be enrolled in that project.

Arts Fest Music Entries include the following: group performances of 3 or more, and Cloverbuds. All other music/vocal entries should be entered under the fair section.

If tapes are used, only instrumental accompaniment tapes are permitted. Vocal tapes will be allowed for dance numbers only. No open flames, hay, straw, cornstalks, shavings or sawdust may be used.

Maximum time limit is 12 minutes.

Vernon County Fair Entries: Demonstrations

Members must be enrolled in the communications project or related project in 4HOnline in order to compete. If you have questions or need help enrolling in the project, call the Extension Office.

Demonstrations can be done as an individual or team. For teams, it includes an 'action center' approach. 15 minute max for individual demos and 15-30 minutes for action center

Demonstrations either teach someone how, or show and tell how to do something. Demonstrations should consist of four parts: introduction, body, conclusion, and questions from the audience. Visuals and charts can be used and are strongly recommended. Some examples may include: maps, charts, posters, graphs, pictures, slides, or models.

Action Centers: show and tell, with an emphasis on showing

- presenters carry on a conversation with passerby (no seated audience)
- people watching take part by: a. watching and listening b. talking with demonstrator, c. trying things with senses, d. judging things, e. asking questions
- handouts may be used (instructions, directions, recipes)
- posters or pictures can be used to show key steps or to show a close-up view

Vernon County Fair Entries: Music Entries

This includes, music, instrumental and voice entries. Make sure that youth are enrolled in the equivalent project in 4HOnline. If tapes are used, only instrumental accompaniment tapes are permitted--no vocal. You may have an accompanist, tape, or acapella.

Performers should bring two copies of the music they are performing-the judge will use one to track notes, etc. during the performance. The maximum performance time will be 12 minutes. No minimum.

Arts Fest will provide a piano and stands/chairs for performing. There may or may not be a warm-up room for youth to practice in.

After Arts Fest

Arts Fest entries are also meant to be shared with your clubs. Inform your leader that your youth is participating in Arts Fest and in what. Club leaders are encouraged to have members perform at club meetings, and or show their entries in clothing/arts/crafts/photography and encourage youth to join in next year.

Finally, in order to receive a fair premium for your youth's participation in the fair portion of this event, the youth must be enrolled in the music/communications project on 4HOnline and enter again when officially signing up for September Vernon County Fair entries.