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**4-H Project Entries Division**

**Entry Time:** Wednesday, March 9, 2016 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Removal Time:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

1. Any registered 4-H member in Madison County, ages 5-18, may exhibit articles he/she has made, grown or prepared. Projects must fit into one of the categories found in this document.

2. Entries must be the work of the individual and completed within the last (12) months. Entries should be the result of 4-H project work. A project book will not be considered an entry. ONLY three (3) entries per category will be accepted.

3. Unsuitable exhibits or exhibits of poor quality will be refused.

4. All entries must be tagged with an index card legibly indicating the individual’s name, address, age, 4-H Club, and name of product or project.

5. Any articles not claimed by end of removal time will become property of the MCES. All articles must be checked out by person in charge of division.

6. There will be Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13 and Senior 14-18 age divisions. “A Best of Class” ribbon and small prize will be awarded for each age division in each category.

7. 4-H Cloverbuds age 5-7 may enter articles for participation ribbons only. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior youth will be judged on a Blue, Red, White, and Green ribbon scale.
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Categories

A. Horticulture
- Entries will be judged based on general appearance, condition, and quality.
- Plants and flowers must be labeled with their common names.
- You must provide a saucer or dish for draining.
- Harvested fruits and vegetables do not qualify. Must be a living plant.

B. Clothing & Textile Arts
- Includes projects such as personally sewn garments, embellished items, knitted or crocheted items, quilts, repurposed clothing, doll clothing, embroidered items, etc.
- Items should be clean, neat, pressed, and presented on a hanger if appropriate.
- Those wishing to model their outfits should enter those items in the Fashion Revue category only.

B. Crafts
- Includes projects such as hand-made jewelry, crafted house-hold items, textile weaving, soaps, candles, recycled art, etc.

B. Architectural Models
- The Architectural Models project is designed to allow members to create 3D models.
- Projects may be constructed using blocks or similar pieces (i.e. Legos). Kits may be used for the Cloverbud, Junior, and Intermediate Levels only.
- The project size must not exceed 30 X 48 X 48 inches.

E. Fine Arts
- This category includes projects such as paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, woodworking, etc.

E. Photography
- Follow all guidelines found at http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/photo/

G. Posters
- Follow all guidelines found at http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/poster/
  *To be replaced in 2016-2017 by Graphic Designs competition.

H. Scrapbooking
- Must be neat and legible with embellishments securely attached.

I. Poetry
- Must be typed and displayed in a professional fashion. No notebook paper.
4-H DEMONSTRATION ENTRIES DIVISION

MANDATORY Pre-Registration: February 16th – March 9th, 2016.
Check-In: March 12th, 2016 9:00am – 9:30am
Judging: Assigned time between 9:00am-Noon

1. Entries in this Division include Share the Fun Talent Show, Fashion Revue (Clothing & Textile Arts), and Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks.

2. Regardless of category entered, the following regulations apply:
   - No living vertebrates (i.e. fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals) may be brought to district or state level events.
   - Demonstrations or illustrated talks must be between 3-12 minutes for Juniors and Intermediates, and 5-12 minutes for Seniors.
   - A team demonstration is one in which two team members participate both in speaking and presentation. No more than two members per team.
   - Each presentation (i.e. demonstration, illustrated talk, Share-the-Fun activity, speech, etc.) will be the same from district level to state level. A 4-H’er should definitely improve on his/her activity but it must remain basically the same.
   - If a 4-H’er is participating with a similar illustrated talk or demonstration to the previous year, the demonstration or illustrated talk must be changed to include more depth and growth.
   - Participants must provide all equipment and supplies for their presentations.
   - Competitors are responsible for all aspects of their preparations and set-up of their competitions.

Categories:

A. Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks
   - Categories can be found at http://florida4h.org/events/files/Demo_Category_Definations.pdf

B. Public Speaking
   - http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/publicspeaking/
   - 4-H Tropicana Speaking Contests speeches are allowed in this category, but the speech must be tailored to meet the Public Speaking guidelines.

C. Share the Fun Talent Show
   - Guidelines can be found at http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/sharethefun/
   - Participants must provide all of their own props, equipment, instruments, etc.
D. Fashion Revue (Clothing & Textile Arts)

- Regardless of Division all participants must follow these guidelines:
  - The outfit must be created, coordinated and modeled by the 4-H member participant.
  - Outfits are subject to review for modesty and appropriate attire. Formal wear may be strapless or have spaghetti straps. No backless dresses, excessive visible cleavage, visible undergarments, lingerie or swim suits. Please follow 4-H dress code.
  - Each participant may only enter one category.
  - Interview, Garment photos (before and after for Repurposed only) of the participant wearing the garment, and Modeling are required for all participants at each level of competition
  - Members may model only one outfit.
  - Members must submit a commentary.
  - Members will be judged while wearing their outfits; and must model in order to be eligible for award recognition.
  - The same outfit must be worn at all levels of the Fashion Revue competition (County, District, and State).
  - State and District fashion revue competition participants must have been awarded a Blue Ribbon at County Events Fashion Revue.
  - Member must be in the Senior age division (age 14-18) to compete at State Fashion Revue Competition.

Divisions:

1. PERSONALLY SEWN
   - To showcase the member’s sewing skills and their ability to coordinate an outfit.
   - Garment(s) must be sewn by the 4-H member.
   - As skill levels range from beginning to advanced, entries in the Personally Sewn category will also vary. The entry might be a one-piece dress or it might be three coordinated pieces.
   - A sewn costume would be considered Personally Sewn category.

2. REPURPOSED
   - The member designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used materials. The completed garment is different from its original use. This category focuses on creativity as well as sewing skills.
   - The original garment is not yardage like a bedspread or sheet, but an actual garment. It might even be two or more original garments. Additional fabric and trim may be added to complete the new garment.
   - The new garment must show at least 50% change in construction. This means it can’t just be a t-shirt dress cut in half to construct a tank top and elastic-waist skirt. It could be a pair of jeans made into a skirt and apron...
with calico fabric and trim added. It could be a large dress made into a skirt to fit a smaller person with the dress collar cut down to fit onto a new blouse. It could be 2 old shirts re-made into shorts and a light jacket with trim from a man’s tie. It could be an old prom dress made into a new blouse with dress pants cut down from a pair of men’s slacks. Be creative!

- Photos must be included with garments being worn by member BEFORE and AFTER alterations.

3. **1st Year Sewer**

- The member must be a 1st year clothing/textile participant without prior sewing experience.
- Member must submit only ONE garment. The garment may be paired with other purchased garments.
- A beginning member might even sew one garment and purchase another, for example a sewn jumper worn with a purchased blouse.
- Garment must be sewn by the 4-H member.
4-H PET SHOW

The purpose of the Pet Show is for 4-H members to learn to be responsible pet owners. For this reason the 4-H member, not the pet, will be judged. The 4-Her will be judged on how well they take care of their pets and how much they know about their pets. The pet will be judged only on how well it is cared for.

Registration & Judging: March 12th, 2015 9:30am-10:30am

Costume Judging: 10:45am-11:00am

1. Limit of 1 pet per 4-H Member may be shown. Siblings may share an animal if they both are responsible for the care of the pet. The only exceptions to this rule are fish sharing the same bowl and birds sharing the same cage.

2. Eligible Pets: Birds: All pet birds, Cats: All pet cats, Dogs: All pet dogs, Mammals: Ferrets, guinea pigs, hedgehogs, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats and sugar gliders, Reptiles (Non-poisonous): Lizards, snakes, toads and turtles. Any other animal may be exhibited only upon approval of the 4-H Agent. If any category is unusually large, it may be subdivided.

3. Loss of pet: An animal that is unavailable due to loss or illness may be replaced with any qualified animal provided the 4-H Agent is notified in advance of the show.

4. Show Award Categories: Talent & Tricks, Best Costume, Funniest, Most Obedient, Cutest and Best of Show (Talents, Tricks, and Costumes optional.)

5. Entry Rules: Pets must be brought to the Showcase in a secure, solid bottom carrier or cage. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Do not bring aggressive pets. All participants must clean up after their pets. It is advisable that participants provide a small water container for their animals to keep them cool and treats. During the show, animals must remain in their carrier/cage or under control at all times in the specified Show Area. No 4-H youth should handle the pets of other 4-H
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...youth during the show. Animals must be removed from the Show Area immediately following conclusion of the show. Please note that any animal removed from the contest site prior to end of show without approval of their 4-H Club leader, a judge, or the 4-H agent will automatically be disqualified. Pets must be at least four months of age. No animals in season, known to be pregnant or nursing may be shown. All animals must be current on their vaccinations and health checked by a veterinarian within one year prior to the show. All dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and/or distemper.

6. **Judging:** Judging will be on the following areas: interview during show on the youth’s knowledge of their pet, pet’s health and appearance, cage conditions, and ease of handling.

7. **Veterinary Rules:** All pets should be free from disease and/or parasites and fleas. Any animal showing signs of ANY infectious disease, parasites, or fleas will not be allowed to show. The 4-H youth will be asked to remove the animal from the show area.

8. **Parents:** We welcome all family members and friends to the show. During the show, all grooming, handling and showing of the animal must be done by the 4-H members. Exceptions to this rule must have prior approval of the 4-H Agent. Parents must remain at the Pet Show to chaperone their 4-Her and pets.
SAMPLE PET SHOW SCORECARD

I. Owner .........................................................60
   A. Questions about the care of the pet.
      1. What kind of food do you feed your pet? Why? How often?
      2. How often should your pet be bathed?
      3. Is it important to take care of your pets’ teeth? How?
      4. Explain where your pet is living.
      5. Is your pet warm-blooded or cold-blooded?
   B. Questions about the health of the pet.
      1. Should your pet be vaccinated? If so, how often? Against what diseases? At what age should your pet receive its first vaccination?
      2. Is your pet on heartworm medication? Why or why not?
      3. What external parasites can your pet get?
      4. What internal parasites can your pet get?
      5. What is the #1 killer of your type of pet?
      6. Do you have an evacuation plan for your pet?

II. General Health and Appearance of the Pet ...............................40
   A. Seems to be in healthy condition.
   B. Is free of parasites.
   C. Pet is free of any obvious diseases or illness.
   D. Pet is not fat from over-eating.
   E. The pet seems to be content and healthy.
   F. Animal is clean and has a good appearance.
   G. The animal’s cage or surroundings are neat and clean.

Contact your local veterinarian for information regarding pet care.