

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Guidelines

PURPOSE OF FESTIVAL

Participants:

- Experience enjoyment in creating a performance.
- Expression through art.
- Promote good sportsmanship within club and county.
- Work with others in a group.
- Gain confidence before an audience.

Format of Festival

- All clubs must check in *15 minutes before the contest begins*.
- Each club must hand in a final list of participants in each entry on the day of the Festival. If the entire club is participating, everyone's name **MUST BE LISTED** – Do NOT indicate "entire club".
- A representative must stay until the end of the Contest to receive the Club Award.
- Wisconsin State Fair selections will be announced at the conclusion of the Festival.
- Groups are responsible for their own props and equipment (stage sets). Be especially careful with props that can cause problems with the building (examples: helium balloons, liquids that can spill or stain, etc.). The 4-H Leaders Association is responsible for any damage to the building. Please be sure to clean up if you use props that leave a mess (confetti, straw/hay, etc.).
- Clubs waiting to perform should be prepared to go on early in case of a cancellation.
- Judges will visit with and critique each group immediately following its performance. (Entire group meets with the Judges).
- Introductions of each performance will be made by the Master of Ceremonies.
- Clubs are encouraged to participate in as many categories as possible.
- Cloverbuds may be included.

Drama Guidelines:

- Performance may be one member, two members, or a group.
- Length of play, including setup and removal of props, is not to exceed 30 minutes.
- Length of skit, including setup and removal of props, is not to exceed 15 minutes and is only one act.
- Plays and skits can be any suitable subject matter and need not include a 4-H theme.
- All plays must be one-act presentations. A one-act play may have several scenes. Scene changes may be included by a blackout or some other indication to avoid confusion. However, no curtains may be pulled.
- Only those groups with a performance of a maximum of 15 minutes (which includes setup and take down time) will be eligible for State Fair.

Music Guidelines:

Length of performance will be no less than 3 minutes each and no more than 20 minutes.

Clubs may enter in the following categories:

- Vocal:** Any type of music
Limited dancing or action
Director may be visible
- Dance:** Any type or style
Singing is optional, but judging is on dance only
Director may be visible
- Instrumental:** Any type of music
Director may be visible
Include copy of sheet music
- Novelty:** Story told in musical form with a minimum of acting
No lip sync to recording

Audience Guidelines:

- Audience must stay seated during performances.
- No talking during performances.
- Doors will be shut during performances, if possible. Avoid unnecessary movement during performances.
- Children must remain in the auditorium or must be accompanied by an adult or older youth when outside the auditorium.
- Row directly in front of Judges must be left vacant throughout the performances.



2017 4-H PERFORMING ARTS DAY
Sunday, February 12, 2017
1 pm - Completion
Mauston High School - Auditorium
SNOW DATE: Sunday, February 19, 2017

ENTRY FORM

May enter as many as your Club would like. Please use a separate sheet for each group.

Name of Youth: _____

Name of Club: _____

Circle One: Skit Play Vocal Dance Instrumental Novelty

Title: _____

Approximate length of Performance: _____
(Include setup and take-down time).

Would you like to be considered for Wisconsin State Fair? _____ Yes _____ No (follow eligibility rules)

Written description of how you want the entry announced by the MC: _____

Director's Name and Telephone Number: _____

Names of Performers: (include everyone) _____

Return by Friday, February 3, 2017 to:

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