

# Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival 2016



Date: Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Time: 1:00-5:00p.m.

Judging will be from 1:00-4:00p.m. You must check in no later than 2:00p.m., unless otherwise stated in your confirmation letter. The awards presentation will begin at approximately 4:15p.m. or at the conclusion of judging and go until approximately 5:00p.m.

Place: Union Grove High School, 3433 South Colony Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182

Please use the performance center doors.

Please join us for the 15th annual Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival.

This event is open to all 4-H members. Festival categories include:

- Creative Writing/Essay
- Demonstrations
- Photography
- Creative Art
- Performing Arts
- Speaking
- Poster Contest
- Computers
- Best All Around Communicator

## **Theme: "For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World"**

Each category features an entry related to this theme. You can write, talk, draw, create, or enter photographs based on your interpretation of what this theme means to you.

Use your communication skills to showcase what you would like your audience to know about this portion of the 4-H pledge or what it means to you.

## **Please read the following guidelines for more information.**

- All entries must be your own work and must have been made after the 2015 Racine County Fair.
- Projects made for this year's festival may be entered in the 2016 Racine County Fair, if you are enrolled in that project.
- You may enter as many festival categories as you wish according to the rules, and you may enter any of the festival categories, even if you are not enrolled in that project. For example, if you are not enrolled in the Photography project, you may still enter Photography in the festival.
- The Communication & Performing Arts Festival is a family event. Family members and friends of all ages are encouraged to attend this event and see what other members are doing. All entries must remain on display until the conclusion of the festival.
- Face-to-face is the method of judging for all entries, except for Creative Writing, Poster, and Performing Arts. Racine County 4-H reserves the right to use winning "special emphasis" entries as they see fit.

The registration form deadline is by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 4:30p.m.

Creative Writing and Poster entries are also due to the Burlington UW-Extension Office by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 4:30p.m. Please note that no late entries will be accepted.



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## Poster – Class A

Your poster can relate to the theme: *“For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World”* or you may promote any 4-H related activity, project, or upcoming event.

**Entries are due by 4:30p.m. on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with your festival entry form to the Burlington UW-Extension Office.**

- You are limited to one poster entry per 4-H member.
- Posters must be 14" x 22", horizontal or vertical.
- You must have 4-H or the 4-H clover design on your poster.
- On the back of the poster, describe where you might display the poster and list your name, club, and grade level.
- Posters will be judged prior to the festival and will be put on display at the festival.
- Awards will be given out during the awards ceremony.
- Refer to page 6 of this packet for additional poster contest guidelines.
- Ribbon placing will be lowered one level if guidelines are not followed.

**Resource:** "Making a Poster" is a handout that is available from the Racine County UW-Extension Office. You may request this resource by contacting Theresa Odell at (262)767-2929 or by e-mail at Theresa.Odell@goRacine.org.

## Creative Writing/Essay – Class B

You may write something related to the theme: *“For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World”* or you may write about 4-H in general, your favorite project, what 4-H has taught you, any other topic, or an account of an interview with someone.

**Entries are due by 4:30p.m. on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with your festival entry form to the Burlington UW-Extension Office.**

- Entries will be judged prior to the festival and will be put on display at the festival.
- Awards will be given out during the awards ceremony.
- Judging Criteria: 60% composition, 10% grammar, 10% punctuation, 10% spelling, and 10% neatness
- You may enter a poem, story and/or essay, up to 3 entries – one per category.
- Entries must be neatly printed, typed (double-spaced), or computer printed (double-spaced), on one side of the paper only.
- Your name, address, 4-H club, grade division and entry type (i.e. essay, story, or poem) must be in the upper right hand corner of the front page of your paper.

### Ø Grade divisions and length requirements:

K5-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Poem: any length	Essay and/or Story: up to 500 words
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Poem: any length	Essay and/or Story: up to 1,000 words
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Poem: any length	Essay and/or Story: up to 1,500 words
8 <sup>th</sup> grade and older	Poem: any length	Essay and/or Story: up to 2,000 words

**Resources:** Communications is a national 4-H project. You can refer to the following online booklets Creative Wordworking and Voices from the Past at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hprojects/arts-communication/communications/>. You may also call the Racine County UW-Extension office at (262)767-2929 for a copy. County fair exhibit ideas can be found at:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hprojects/files/2015/05/commfair.pdf>.

## Demonstrations – Class C

Demonstrations will be presented and judged between 1:00-4:00p.m. You will be assigned an approximate time to perform your demonstration and will be notified of that time by a letter prior to the festival. Each demonstration will be judged face to face immediately following the presentation.

The demonstration can relate to the theme: “For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World” or a different topic of your choice.

- All demonstrators will be competing against themselves.
- A demonstration should show the audience how to do something, explaining each essential step, with the use of visual aids. Tables and easels will be provided.
- All demonstrators, 8th grade and older, will have the opportunity to be chosen as a Wisconsin State Fair demonstrator. If chosen, there will be a Wisconsin State Fair participation fee.

Ø **Grade divisions and time requirements: (Demonstrations should be within the time indicated below or the ribbon will be lowered one placing.)**

K5-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	2-5 minutes
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade	4-8 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	8-12 minutes
8 <sup>th</sup> grade and older	10-15 minutes
Team Demonstrations	The time limit will be determined by the oldest participant.

Resource: Check out, “It’s showtime! How to demonstrate the 4-H way” on YouTube.

## Speaking – Class D

Speeches will be presented and judged between 1:00-4:00 p.m. You will be assigned an approximate time to perform your speech and will be notified of that time by a letter prior to the festival. Each speech will be judged face to face immediately following the presentation.

- Speeches must be the original work of the 4-H member.
- Speeches may be informative, persuasive, or entertaining.
- Note cards may be used as an aid, but the speech should not be read directly from the note cards.

Category Descriptions and Topic Ideas:

### SPEECHES:

- **K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Recite the 4-H Pledge or the Pledge of Allegiance from memory, or read a short story, poem, or nursery rhyme.
- **All other grade divisions:** You can write and present a speech relating to the theme: “For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World” or on a topic of your choice. Other speaking entries are read from a book, poetry, or prose.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (PSA):

- You can also write and read a 1 minute radio news announcement, commentary, or public service announcement. Pretend it will be heard on your local radio. Tell the audience who, what, where, when and why of something in a fun and creative way. Time yourself so that when read aloud, it takes about 1 minute to read.

Ø **Grade divisions and time requirements:**

K5-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	speaking up to 3 minutes	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade	speaking 3-5 minutes
K5-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	PSA of 1 minute	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade	PSA of 1 minute
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	speaking 4-8 minutes	8 <sup>th</sup> grade and older	speaking 5-10 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	PSA of 1 minute	8 <sup>th</sup> grade and older	PSA of 1 minute
Team Reading/Speaking:	The time limit will be determined by oldest participant.		

**Resources:** You can refer to the "Building Bridges" booklet, "Public Speaker's Handbook", "4-H Public Speaking Opportunities – A Parent's Handbook", or a publication called "Let's Demonstrate", available at the Racine County UW-Extension Office or online at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hprojects/arts-communication/communications/>.

## Photography – Class E

**Entries will be judged, face-to-face, between 1:00-4:00p.m.**

- Photos must be mounted on poster board, 11"x14".
- Please do NOT use photo corners to attach photos. Use rubber cement or photo mounting spray.
- You may have **two** entries, plus one additional entry related to the theme.
- Include your name, grade, and club on the back of each entry.
- Photos in collections should be no larger than 4"x6" each.
- Enlargements must be at least 5"x7" but no larger than 8"x10".
- Photography will be judged on the basis of technical quality, composition, and storytelling ability.
- Photos should **not** have captions, because the photo should tell a story on its own.

### Category Descriptions

You may have two entries, plus one related to the theme. Your entries may be two collections, two enlargements, or one of each. Photos may be color or black and white.

1. Collection of 4 photos – these may be 4 pictures of the same subject or object, or 4 photos that go together or have the same theme.
2. Enlargement – any subject
3. Theme: *"For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World"*  
(photos may be black and white or color, an enlargement or group of 4)

## Computers – Class F

Theme: *"For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World"*

Use your computer to communicate. Use the categories below to tell us about important events, moments, and people in 4-H. You may also use the categories to promote 4-H, a favorite project, or other event.

**Entries will be judged face-to-face, between 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

- A computer with Wi-Fi access will be available. You may also bring your own laptop.

### Category Descriptions

You may have up to three entries, but only one exhibit per category.

1. Create a flyer on the computer that expresses you, 4-H, another youth organization, or the Racine County Fair. A flyer consists of an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper printed on one side.
2. Create a four page newsletter on the computer that includes graphics. Print the 4 pages back-to-back on 8½" x 11" sheets of paper.
3. Create a multi-media presentation. Include a printout of the presentation for display. The original, uninterrupted presentation should take no longer than 10 minutes. Bring the presentation on a thumb drive. The presentation must be done in either Keynote or PowerPoint unless you are supplying your own computer for the presentation.
4. Create a tri-fold, 6 panel, brochure that includes graphics. The original paper size must be 8½" x 11" and the brochure must have text or graphics on all six panels.
5. Create an original piece of art on the computer.
6. Create a design. Examples include, but are not limited to, a landscape, garden, home, building, or CAD-CAM design.
7. Create and print a word cloud with at least 50 words, describing a topic.
8. Create and print a 12-page, computer-generated scrapbook. Each page should measure 8½" x 11".
9. Create an animation using an online website or software program (Claymation, animated cartoon, etc.).
10. Take a digital video clip, save it to the computer and edit the video. You must include the original video, as well as the edited version. The completed video should be no longer than 5 minutes.
11. Create a website for your 4-H club, 4-H project, or other youth organization.
12. Create a single page ad.

**Resource:** You can find more information on the following website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hprojects/arts-communication/computers/>

## Creative Art – Class G

Creative Art entries will be judged face-to-face between 1:00-4:00p.m.

- You may enter up to 3 categories, but only one entry per category.

### Category Descriptions

1. Create a children's book with illustrations: hand-drawn or computer graphics.
2. Create a scrapbook of a 4-H trip, family trip, special event, or any other topic.
3. Create an original drawing or painting (16" x 20" maximum size).
4. Create an original sculpture or 3-D art.
5. Create art of any other medium, as long as it tells a story.
6. Create a book review shoebox diorama.
7. Theme: "For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World"

## Performing Arts – Class H

All types of talent are welcome! It does not have to be musical. You are limited to 3-5 minutes per selection. A piano will be provided upon your request or you may bring your own keyboard. You must bring your own recorded music, if needed. Be sure to have your CD labeled with your name and queued to your song. Committee members will be available to help you backstage.

- You may participate in a group or/and an individual entry.
- Everyone will receive a participation certificate. The "Best of Show" entries will receive an award.
- A letter of confirmation will be sent to each participant before the event.
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

### Entry category suggestions are:

1. Musical – Instrumental or Voice
2. Dance
3. Clowning Act
4. Karaoke
5. Juggling
6. Drama (ex: group skits, club Cloverbud project skits, individual monologues, etc.)



## BEST ALL AROUND COMMUNICATOR AWARDS

On the entry form, list your three entries from classes A-G that best showcase your communication skills. Your three chosen entries must be related to your listed theme. Two awards will be given: One for the event theme, "For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World" and one for an original theme.

## THE AWARDS CEREMONY

The following awards will be presented following the judging:

- All K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade participants will receive a special ribbon and gift for participating.
- In all other age categories, each entry will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon. In addition, cash prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Public Service Announcements, Demonstration, and Speech (blue=\$4, red=\$3, white=\$2).
- Spotlight ribbons will be awarded at the judges' discretion in all areas and will receive \$5.
- All demonstrators, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up, have the opportunity to be chosen to compete at the Wisconsin State Fair. If chosen, there will be Wisconsin State Fair participation fees.

# Poster Contest Guidelines

1. Posters are due to the Racine County UW-Extension Office on or before 4:30p.m. on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> along with your Communication & Performing Arts Festival entry form.

Posters will be judged prior to the Communication & Performing Arts Festival. Your poster will be on display at the festival.  
 K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade entrants will receive a special ribbon and a gift.  
 All awards will be presented at the Communication & Performing Arts Festival at approximately 4:15p.m. or at the conclusion of judging.  
 Participants are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony to receive their award, but it is not mandatory.  
 Posters may be entered in the 2016 Racine County Fair under Department 34 or 31.

2. There is a limit of one poster per 4-H member.
3. Posters must be 14" x 22" and may be horizontal or vertical.
4. You must have 4-H or a clover on your poster. Copyright material or subjects are not allowed except for the clover.
5. **All posters should include the following on back:** name, club, and grade level. Also, list on the back of the poster where you might display this poster.
6. A good poster is self-explanatory and it speaks for itself. Posters make people stop, look, read and remember. Effective posters: (1) attract attention, (2) focus your interest on one idea, and (3) sell you on taking action. Make your poster say something. Stick with one idea and keep it simple. Check your spelling.
7. No more than 25% of the content may be clippings from magazines.

**Your ribbon placing will be lowered one level if the poster guidelines are not followed. Please follow the rules listed above carefully.**

**TO BE SUCCESSFUL, A POSTER MUST:**

- A. Catch the eye of the passerby.
- B. Be simple and clear: don't be too wordy.
- C. Impress an idea or a fact upon the viewer.

Below is a sample score card sheet for your information.

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
I. Information Given and Idea Expressed				
Theme				
Simplicity				
Originality				
II. Art, Design, Lettering				
Pleasing composition, attractive				
Dynamic, eye-catching, original				
Use of color				
III. Construction				
Materials: texture, shape, size				
Durability				
Neat, easily read lettering				



**Communication & Performing Arts Festival 2016 Entry Form**  
**Entry Form Deadline: Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by 4:30p.m.**



Mail, fax, or bring to: Racine County UW-Extension Office  
 209 North Main Street, Burlington, WI 53105 Fax: (272)767-2949

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please put an (X) in front of all the categories and classes you are entering.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Class A - Poster**

Posters are due with this entry form by 4:30p.m. on or before Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Posters must include your name, grade, and 4-H club on the back of the poster.

\_\_\_\_\_ K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Poster    \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Poster    \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Poster    \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older Poster

**\_\_\_\_\_ Class B - Creative Writing/Essay**

All writing entries are due with this entry form by 4:30p.m. on or before Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

You may enter a poem, story, and essay.

\_\_\_\_\_ K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Poem    \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Poem    \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Poem    \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older Poem

\_\_\_\_\_ K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Story    \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Story    \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Story    \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older Story

\_\_\_\_\_ K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Essay    \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Essay    \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Essay    \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older Essay

**\_\_\_\_\_ Class C - Demonstrations**

Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

If Team Demonstration, list other member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade    \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade    \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade    \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older

**\_\_\_\_\_ Class D - Speaking**

You may enter a speech and a public service announcement (PSA).

PSA Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ Speech Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade PSA    \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade PSA    \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade PSA    \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older PSA

\_\_\_\_\_ K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Speaking    \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Speaking    \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Speaking    \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older Speaking

If Team Speaking, list other member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ Class E - Photography (list enlargement or set of 4 under description)**

You may have two entries, plus one themed entry.

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

2016 Communication Arts Festival Themed Entry Description \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ Class F - Computers**

You may enter up to three *different* categories

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ Class G - Creative Art**

You may enter up to three *different* categories

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ BEST ALL AROUND COMMUNICATOR (GRADE 3 AND UP)**

My theme is (check one box ONLY):

"For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World"

Original Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

List **your three classes & descriptions** from above that best showcase your communication skills.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLASS H - PERFORMING ARTS**

Name		Grade	Age
Club	Phone	E-Mail	
Address		City	Zip

Please put an (X) in front of all the categories and classes you are entering.

Individual  
 Group  
 Cloverbud Skit (K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

How many participants? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many participants? \_\_\_\_\_

Please put an (X) in front of all the type of performance you are entering.

**Musical**

Vocal  
 Instrumental  
 Type of Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

**Theater**

Dance/Interpretive Dance  
 Type of Dance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Novelty/Drama/Skit  
 Type \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Selection/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a piano? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing a keyboard? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you providing music on a CD? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have one, what is the name of your accompanist? \_\_\_\_\_

How many microphones do you need? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything special you want everyone to know about your performance? \_\_\_\_\_

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If this is a GROUP performance, include the first and last names of all group members and their grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, please contact Ann Voge, Communication & Arts Festival Chair, at (262)853-5175 or Jen Reese, 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant, at (262)767-2915.