

# Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival 2017



Date: Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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 16th annual Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival.**

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

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

## **2017 Theme: "Lights, Camera, 4-H Action"**

Each category/class 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 this theme and 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 2016 Racine County Fair.
- Projects made for this year's festival may be entered in the 2017 Racine County Fair, if you are enrolled in that project.
- You may enter as many festival classes as you wish, and you may enter any of the festival classes, 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, Posters and Performing Arts. Racine County 4-H reserves the right to award "theme" entries as they see fit.

**The registration form deadline is Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 4:30p.m.**

**Creative Writing and Poster entries are also due to the Racine Co. UW-Extension Office in Burlington by Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 4:30p.m.**

**Please note NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted.**



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## Poster – Class A

Your poster can relate to the theme, **“Lights, Camera, 4-H Action,”** OR you may promote any 4-H related activity, project or upcoming event.

**Entries are due by 4:30p.m. on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, along with your festival entry form to the Racine Co. UW-Extension Office in Burlington.**

- 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, **“Lights, Camera, 4-H Action,”** 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, along with your festival entry form to the Racine Co. UW-Extension Office in Burlington.**

- 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 entry per genre.
- 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. poem, story or essay) must be in the upper right hand corner on the front page of your entry.

### ➤ **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/>. 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, ***“Lights, Camera, 4-H Action,”*** or a different topic of your choice.

- All demonstrators will be competing against themselves.
- A demonstration should show the audience how to do something, explain each essential step and use 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.

➤ **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	4-7 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	6-9 minutes
8 <sup>th</sup> grade and older	8-12 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

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

- Speeches and PSAs must be the original work of the 4-H member. They 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.
- Dramatic readings (poems, short story, book excerpts, etc.) also compete in Class D.

### Entry Descriptions and Topic Ideas:

#### **SPEAKING ENTRIES:**

- **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, ***“Lights, Camera, 4-H Action,”*** or on a topic of your choice. Other speaking entries are read from a book, poetry or prose.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (PSA):**

- Write and read a one 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.

➤ **Grade divisions and time requirements:**

K5-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	speaking up to 3 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade	speaking 3-5 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	speaking 4-8 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
8 <sup>th</sup> grade and older	speaking 5-10 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
Team Reading/Speaking	time limit 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” 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 submit **two (2)** entries, plus one additional entry related to the festival 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.

### Entry 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 – 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: "Lights, Camera, 4-H Action" (photos may be black and white or color, an enlargement or group of 4)

## Computers – Class F

Use your computer to communicate about the theme, "Lights, Camera, 4-H Action." You may also construct your entry to promote 4-H, a favorite project or other event.

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

- Wi-Fi access is available. Please bring your own laptop if computer display is required.

### Entry Descriptions

You may submit up to three entries, but only one exhibit per entry number.

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 4-page newsletter 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.
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 share 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

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

### Entry Descriptions

You may submit up to three entries, but only one exhibit per entry number.

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 in any other medium, as long as it tells a story.
6. Create a book review shoebox diorama.
7. Theme: "Lights, Camera, 4-H Action"

## Performing Arts – Class H

All types of talent are welcome! It does not have to be musical. 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 and/or an individual entry. **Please limit your selection to 3-5 minutes.**
- **Performances will be judged between 1:00-4:00p.m.** You will be assigned an *approximate* time to perform and notified of that time prior to the Festival. Note that performance times are subject to change. Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your scheduled performance.
- Score sheets will be distributed during the Awards Ceremony.
- The "Best of Show" entry will receive a special award. Performing Arts entries also have the opportunity to be chosen to compete at the Wisconsin State Fair. If chosen, there will be Wisconsin State Fair participation fees.
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

### Entry descriptions 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 your entry form, list three exhibits from classes A-G (Performing Arts excluded) that best showcase your communication skills AND represent a theme.

Your three chosen entries MUST be related to your listed theme. Two All-Around Communicator awards will be given: one for the event theme, **"Lights, Camera, 4-H Action,"** 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. K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade participants are not eligible for cash prizes or Spotlight ribbons based upon State 4-H policies.
- 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 classes: Demonstrations, Speaking and Public Service Announcements (blue=\$4, red=\$3, white=\$2).
- Spotlight ribbons will be awarded at the judges' discretion in all areas to participants 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older. Each Spotlight winner will also receive \$5.
- All demonstrations, 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.
- In Performing Arts, "Best of Show" will receive a special award. Performing Arts entries also 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

- Posters are **due to the Racine County UW-Extension Office on or before 4:30p.m. on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, 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 2017 Racine County Fair under Department 34 or 31.

- There is a limit of one poster per 4-H member.
- Posters must be 14" x 22" and may be horizontal or vertical.
- You must have 4-H or a 4-H clover on your poster. Copyright material or subjects are not allowed except for the 4-H clover.
- All posters should include the following on the back:** name, club and grade level. Also, list where you might display this poster.
- A good poster 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.
- No more than 25% of the poster 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:

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

Below is a sample score card sheet for your information.

- Information Given and Idea Expressed
  - Theme
  - Simplicity
  - Originality
- Art, Design, Lettering
  - Pleasing composition, attractive
  - Dynamic, eye-catching, original
  - Use of color
- Construction
  - Materials: texture, shape, size
  - Durability
  - Neat, easily read lettering

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT



# Communication & Performing Arts Festival 2017 Entry Form

Entry Form Deadline: **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017** 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 classes and entries you plan to submit.

### Class A - Poster

Posters are due with this entry form by 4:30p.m. on or before Monday, February 13, 2017.

Posters must include your name, grade, 4-H club and where you might display this poster 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

You may enter a poem, story and essay, but no more than one exhibit per genre.

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

You may submit two entries, plus one themed entry.

Entry #1  Collection  Enlargement

Entry #2  Collection  Enlargement

2017 Themed Entry  "Lights, Camera, 4-H Action"

### Class F - Computers

You may submit up to three *different* entries.

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

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

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

### Class G - Creative Art

You may submit up to three *different* entries.

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

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

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

### BEST ALL AROUND COMMUNICATOR (GRADE 3 AND UP)

My theme is (check one box ONLY):

"Lights, Camera, 4-H Action"

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

List **3 classes (A-G only, NOT Performing Arts) & entry descriptions** that best showcase your communication skills and theme.

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

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

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

(OVER)

**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 & Performing Arts Festival Chair, at (262) 853-5175, or Jen Reese, Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator, at (262) 767-2915.