

Department J – COMMUNICATIONS

Purpose: An opportunity for 4-H'ers to personally demonstrate their communications skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to gain a desired response from an audience.

The topic selected by the 4-H'er should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience.

General Rules

1. Exhibition in the communications department (Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Pride of Iowa) is open to any individual 4-H'er or team of 4-H'ers.
2. Premium money will be awarded as follows:

Purple Ribbon	\$8.00
Blue Ribbon	\$6.00
Red Ribbon	\$4.00
White Ribbon	\$2.00
Maximum premium for groups	\$40.00
3. Harrison County can send communication entries to the Iowa State Fair as follows:

Educational Presentations	6
Working Exhibits	4
Share the Fun	3
Extemporaneous Speaking	2
Communicating through Posters	2
Pride of Iowa	no state fair entries – this is a county contest only
4. All communication entries from Harrison County will perform at the Iowa State Fair on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16. Extemporaneous Speaking will be Sunday, August 23.
5. To be eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair in the communications division, a 4-H member must have completed the 5th grade. For the Extemporaneous Speaking division, exhibitor must be a senior 4-H'er.
6. The Iowa State Fair prefers 4-H'ers not to participate in both the Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit program the same year at the State Fair. We are glad to have 4-H'ers participate in both at County Fair.
7. **Dress Code:** 4-H'ers participating in the 4-H Communication programs are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be fingertip length or longer. If clothing contributes to the topic being presented, such as wearing a beekeepers' outfit while doing a presentation on bee raising, the 4-H'ers should be aware this is acceptable and appropriate. Where distinctive clothing is not involved, clothing that alerts the public it is a 4-H'er giving the presentation is strongly encouraged.