

Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival 2020



Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

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



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

Please use the Performance Center doors.

Judging will take place from 1:00-4:00 p.m., but participants **MUST CHECK IN NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M.**, unless otherwise stated in your confirmation letter. The awards presentation will begin at approximately 4:15 p.m., or at the conclusion of judging, and conclude at approximately 5:00p.m.

Please join us for the 19th annual Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival.

This event is open to ALL 4-H members. More information on festival categories/classes follows:

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2020 Theme: “SPARK IN THE HEART”

Creativity, imagination and new beginnings are often associated with the word, “spark.” This year’s theme, “Spark in the Heart,” connects these ideas to the 4-H pledge and 4-Her’s personal commitment. Each 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 entry forms are due by **Mon., March 2, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.** The form may be dropped off in person at the Extension Racine County Office (1072 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington 53105) on weekdays between 8:00 a.m.-NOON or 12:30-4:30 p.m. by the stated date and time, placed in the drop box in front of the Burlington office by the stated date and time, postmarked via USPS mail by the stated date, emailed to theresa.odell@racinecounty.com OR beth.mattson@wisc.edu, OR faxed (262-767-8775) with a timestamp of the stated date and time. *Late forms are not able to be accepted.*
- All entries must be your own work and must have been made after the 2019 Racine County Fair.
- Projects made for this year's Festival may be entered in the 2020 Racine County Fair, if you are enrolled in the relevant project.
- You may enter as many Festival classes as you wish, 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.
- The Communication & Performing Arts Festival is a free, family event. Family and friends of all ages are encouraged to ATTEND this event.
- 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.
- Entry forms available at <https://racine.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-documents/>



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Posters – Class A

Your poster can relate to the theme, ***“SPARK IN THE HEART,”*** OR you may promote joining 4-H, a 4-H related activity, a project or an upcoming event.

Entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, along with your festival entry form to the Extension Racine County 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 poster back, describe where the poster might be displayed 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.

➤ **Entry descriptions** (one poster per exhibitor):

- Painted or hand-drawn
- 3-D and/or computer-aided

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

Racine County Fair Entries:

Department 31, Division 2 Creative Writing, Class No. 12: a poster relating to 4-H or your organized youth group <http://www.racinecountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/Department-31-Communications.pdf>

Creative Writing/Essay – Class B

You may write something related to the theme, ***“SPARK IN THE HEART,”*** 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 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, along with your festival entry form to the Extension Racine County 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 essay, but no more than one exhibit 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 nd grade	Poem: any length	Essay and/or Story: up to 500 words
3 rd - 4 th grade	Poem: any length	Essay and/or Story: up to 1,000 words
5 th -7 th grade	Poem: any length	Essay and/or Story: up to 1,500 words
8 th 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 Extension Racine County 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>.

Racine County Fair Entries:

Department 31, Division 2 Creative Writing, Class No. 4: any other piece of original creative writing (poem, short story, essay, or play) to be NOT more than 2000 words

<http://www.racinecountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/Department-31-Communications.pdf>

Demonstrations – Class C

Demonstrations will be presented and judged between 1:00-4:00 p.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, ***“SPARK IN THE HEART,”*** or a different topic of your choice.

- All demonstrators will be competing against themselves.
- Show the audience how to do something, explain each essential step and use visual aids.
- Tables and an easel 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 nd grade	1-4 minutes
3 rd -4 th grade	3-7 minutes
5 th -7 th grade	5-9 minutes
8 th grade and older	7-12 minutes
Team Demonstrations	Time limit will be determined by the oldest participant.

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

Wisconsin State Fair Entries: 4-Hers wishing to perform during the Wisconsin State Fair may apply through the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Hall Performance Participation Process. Individual or group performances are welcome. WSF admission required. **Applications DUE May 31, 2020.** For more information, visit <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/> 2020 applications will be available by May 1. Questions? Please email youthexpo@wistatefair.com.

Speaking (Speech, Dramatic Reading, Public Service Announcement) – 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.

Entry Descriptions and Topic Ideas:

SPEECHES:

- **K5-2nd grade:** Plan and practice telling the judge and audience about a topic you care about, like what makes 4-H fun, what makes a good friend, a place you've visited, your favorite book or another topic of your choice.
- **All other grade divisions:** Write and present a speech relating to the theme, **"SPARK IN THE HEART,"** or on a topic of your choice. Speeches must be the original work of the member: informative, persuasive or entertaining.
- Note cards may be used skillfully as an aid, but you should NOT read directly from the note cards.
- Visual aid and/or electronic slides are optional.

DRAMATIC READINGS:

- **K5-2nd grade:** Recite the 4-H Pledge and/or the Pledge of Allegiance from memory, or read a short story, poem or nursery rhyme.
- **All other grade divisions:** Select one or more readings – poetry, short story or a book excerpt – to fit time guidelines. The reading may be an original work or by another author.
- More than one selection may be chosen to meet time requirement.
- Delivery must convey your personal interpretation of the material.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (PSA):

- **K5-2nd grade:** Be part of a team of 4-Hers presenting a PSA.
- **All other grade divisions:** 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. PSAs should take about 60 seconds or less to read.

➤ Grade divisions and time requirements:

K5-2 nd grade	speaking up to 4 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
3 rd -4 th grade	speaking 3-7 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
5 th -7 th grade	speaking 5-9 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
8 th grade and older	speaking 7-12 minutes	PSA of 1 minute
Team	time limit determined by oldest participant	PSA of 1 minute

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 Extension Racine County Office or online at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hprojects/arts-communication/communications/>.

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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 additional entry 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: ***"SPARK IN THE HEART"*** (photos may be black and white or color, an enlargement or group of 4)

Racine County Fair Entries:

Department 20: <http://www.racinecountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/Department-20-Photography.pdf>

Computers – Class F

Use your computer to communicate about the theme, *“SPARK IN THE HEART.”* 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/>

Racine County Fair Entries:

Department 21: <http://www.racinecountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/Department-21-Computers.pdf>

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: ***"SPARK IN THE HEART"***

Racine County Fair Entries:

Department 18 Arts & Crafts:

<http://www.racinecountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/Department-18-Cultural-Arts-Crafts-2020-Final.pdf>

Performing Arts – Class H

All types of talent are welcome! Performances do not need to be musical.

- You may participate in one group and/or one individual entry. **Please limit *INDIVIDUAL* entries to no more than 5 minutes. Please limit *GROUP* entries to no more than 10 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.
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
- A piano will be provided upon your request or you may bring your own keyboard.
- Please upload audio files to support your performance **no later than 8 a.m. Fri., March 27, 2020:**
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F0WZGKTOsSKUREi802SkBKQEJ3Yy7o1Y?usp=sharing>

This will give the UGHS team time to program your files into their systems.

- File names should include the performer's last name.
- Audio files must be in the .mp3 OR .acc format. If your files are NOT in one of those two formats, you need to convert the file(s) to one these two formats before submitting.
- While UGHS can accept video for projection, the use of video files for sound files is not allowed. Video can take a fair amount of time to load into the system due to their size.
- All presenters are solely responsible for obtaining any licensing or rights to any and all material they are presenting in the UGHS Performance Center.
- For back up, please also bring a USB jump drive with your files clearly labeled and in the correct order for playback. UGHS can also accept CD's of audio files as long as they are .mp3 OR .acc formats. Please note UGHS uses a computerized playback system, and will require time to download your files into our system before we can play them back.
- UGHS can accommodate one personal audio playback device at a time. We will provide a 1/8" or mini plug to attach to your device to our system. **You are responsible for any and all adapters that may be needed to connect your device to our sound system, as we only provided the one input as listed above.** If you are unsure if your device is compatible with our sound system, then we would recommend that you bring your files on a USB drive.
- Use of technical equipment is restricted to properly trained UGHS staff and students. UGHS staff reserves the right to make final decision on volume levels in our Performance Center.

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.)

Racine County Fair Entries:

Department 18 Arts & Crafts, Division 9 Drama/Division 10 Music/Division 15 Clowning/Division 16 Puppetry:
<http://www.racinecountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/Department-18-Cultural-Arts-Crafts-2020-Final.pdf>

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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, ***"SPARK IN THE HEART,"*** and one for an original theme.

THE AWARDS CEREMONY

The following awards will be presented following the judging:

- All K5-2nd grade participants will receive a special ribbon and gift for participating. K5-2nd 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 3rd grade and older. Each Spotlight winner will also receive \$5.
- In Performing Arts, "Best of Show" will receive a special award.