

Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival 2021



Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021

Time: 1:00-4:00p.m.



Place: Racine Co. Fairgrounds (Rabbit & Poultry Barns), 19805 Durand Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182

Please park in the Case IH lot and follow the signs for check in.

Live judging will take place from 1-4 p.m. during the time slot you register for in Sign Up Genius (see links below). We ask that participants **CHECK IN NO LATER THAN 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR PERFORMANCE SLOT**, unless otherwise stated in your confirmation e-mail. 4-Hers presenting **LIVE** will receive their ribbon and certificate immediately following their performance. Spotlight awards will be announced following the event via Facebook and email.

Please join us for the 19th annual

Racine County 4-H Communication & Performing Arts Festival!

This event is open to ALL Racine County 4-H members, including Cloverbuds.

Performances may be LIVE (in-person) OR VIRTUAL (submit video file, YouTube link preferred).

More information on festival categories/classes follows:

- **Demonstrations** – Page 3 – Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ba4ae2fa5f85-racine1>
- **Speaking** – Page 4 – Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BA4AE2FA5F85-racine2>
- **Performing Arts** – Page 6 – Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ba4ae2fa5f85-racine>



2020-21 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. Use your communication skills to showcase this theme and what it means to you.

Please read the following guidelines for more information.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

- UW-Madison Division of Extension faculty, staff and volunteers may require that program participants leave a program, based on health concerns associated with COVID-19.
- Performers and/or their companions should stay home if they are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have had known contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Call or text Adult Chair Ellen LaRose at (262) 957-6509 with last minute cancellations.
- Please maintain 6 feet or greater distance from people outside of one's own household.



- **Masks must be worn upon arrival and during registration.** However, participants may remove their masks while performing, unless 6 feet or greater distance can not be maintained throughout the performance. Companions/audience members may also remove their masks once they are stationary and can maintain 6 feet or greater distance from people outside their own household.
- Please arrive/sign-in at the appropriate category table (Demonstrations, Speaking, Performing Arts) **10 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time.** Participants' companions must also sign in. Performance times are staggered to limit contact between groups.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided. Participants should avoid touching their face, mouth, nose, and eyes. Remember to cover coughs and sneezes.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Sign up Genius Registration must be completed **NO LATER THAN WEDS., MAY 12, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.** to be considered for judging. Entries must be submitted online. If you have questions or need help submitting your registration, please call, or text Adult Chair Ellen LaRose (262) 957-6509.
- All entries must be your own work and must have been made after the 2019 Racine County Fair.
- You may enter as many Festival classes as you wish.

JUDGING:

- Face-to-face is the method of judging for all entries. If your performance is virtual, judges' comments will be recorded and shared with the participant.
- Written feedback will also be provided.
- Racine County 4-H reserves the right to award "theme" entries as they see fit.
- 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.
- Entries recorded from this year's festival may be entered in the 2021 Racine County Fair, if you were enrolled in the relevant project on 4Honline by March 1st, 2021.
- 4-Hers ages 12-19 can apply to perform at the Wisconsin State Fair. Nominations are due by June 3, 2021. There is a small \$5 Wisconsin State Fair nomination fee.

https://wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/performance.pdf



Demonstrations

Please register for your timeslot to participate at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ba4ae2fa5f85-racine1> by 11:59 p.m. on Weds., May 12, 2021.

Demonstrations may be LIVE (in-person) on Sat., May 22, at the Racine Co. Fair Poultry Barn OR VIRTUAL (submit video file, YouTube link preferred). If the demonstration will be VIRTUAL, please sign up for the last available time slot of the day. LIVE demonstrations 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.
- Face-to-face judging will be based on **Demonstration Quality** (introduction, single theme, understandable/steps logical, conclusion), **Delivery** (audible/clear annunciation/varied tone, equipment set up and use, visual aids, confidence/poise, knowledge of subject, smile, eye contact), **Teamwork**, if appropriate, and falling within the **Time guidelines** (see below).

➤ **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.

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>

Wisconsin State Fair Entries: Demonstrators ages 12-19 can apply to be a Wisconsin State Fair demonstrator. Nominations are due by June 3, 2021. There is a small \$5 Wisconsin State Fair nomination fee.

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Speaking (Speech, Dramatic Reading, Public Service Announcement)

Please register for your timeslot to participate at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BA4AE2FA5F85-racine2> by 11:59 p.m. on Weds., May 12, 2021.

Speaking entries, including Original Speeches, Dramatic Readings and PSAS, **may be LIVE (in-person) on Sat., May 22, at the Racine. Co. Fair Poultry Barn OR VIRTUAL (submit video file, YouTube link preferred)**. If your speaking entry will be VIRTUAL, please sign up for the last available slot of the day. LIVE speaking entries will be judged face-to-face immediately following the presentation.

Face-to-face judging based on **Introduction, Composition & Content** (easy to understand, single main point, evidence), **Delivery** (clear, friendly/relaxed, interesting, effective gestures/movement, visual aids [optional], smile/eye contact), **Conclusion**, and **Teamwork**, if appropriate.

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 have 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:**

K5-2nd 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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Performing Arts – Class H

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Performing Arts entries may be presented **LIVE (in-person)** on Sat., May 22, at the Racine. Co. Fair Rabbit Barn **OR VIRTUAL (submit video file, YouTube link preferred)**. If your performance will be VIRTUAL, please sign up for the last available slot of the day. LIVE performing arts entries will be judged face-to-face immediately following the presentation.

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 15 minutes.**
- Judging based on **Performer(s)** (smile factor, enthusiasm/ease/confidence, appearance/costuming), **Selection** (appropriate for age, audience response, teamwork) and **Delivery** (tone, quality and accuracy, interpretation, technique).
- Written feedback will be provided.
- If the performance is virtual, judges' comments will be recorded and shared with the participant.
- Grade division will be considered during judging.
- Upload audio files to support your performance **no later than 8 a.m. Fri., May 21, 2021:**
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F0WZGKTOsSKUREi802SkBKQEJ3Yy7o1Y?usp=sharing>

This will give the Comm Arts Fest team time to program your files into their systems. Please also email 4h.commartsfest@gmail.com so the team knows to look for and test your files.

- 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.
- All presenters are solely responsible for obtaining any licensing or rights to all material they are presenting.
- For back up, please also bring a USB jump drive with your files clearly labeled and in the correct order for playback.



Entry descriptions are:

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

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Wisconsin State Fair Entries:

Individual and duet performers ages 12-19 can apply to perform in the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Hall (dance, instrumental, vocal, juggling, magic, standup comedy, clowning, acting). Nominations are due by June 3, 2021. There is a small \$5 Wisconsin State Fair nomination fee.

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