

COMMUNICATION CONTEST

The Communications Division provides opportunities for youth to develop their personal communication skills. The Communication Contests is not held at the county fair due to space requirements and scheduling conflicts. However, posters will be displayed and participants are invited to do their working exhibit or give their presentation during the county fair. Share the Fun is the one communication contest held in July.

Communication Activities (Except Share The Fun) will take place on one day, Saturday, April 9, 2016
Entries due March 7 The contest will take place at the Collegiate United Methodist Church in Ames
Volunteers are needed to help host each contest room.

Saturday, April 9

9:15 am– begin judging

12:30-1:00 pm lunch; resume judging at 1pm

5:30 pm clover kid presentations & posters; awards immediately following

Class Name

Clover Kid Poster - make a poster on any topic related to Clover Kids. Posters should be 14" x 22" (1/2 sheet of poster board) in size. A 4-H clover emblem may be included on your poster. You will bring the poster with you either Friday evening or Saturday morning to share your poster.

Class Name

3rd Grade Presentation - give a 2-5 minute presentation or demonstration, after the clover kid poster show-and-tell. Pick a topic that you have had experience with as a Clover Kid. Maybe your Clover Kid group learned about birdhouses. You could give a presentation about how you make a birdhouse. You may bring props and do the presentation with one friend who is also a Clover Kid.

Class Name

Junior Educational Presentation

Intermediate/Senior Presentation

Educational Presentation - Give a talk or speech with illustrations or posters that communicates knowledge, information or a process about a particular subject. Typically, the audience is involved visually, mentally, emotionally or through hearing. Topic selection should be appropriate and should be an outgrowth of the presenter's 4-H experience. Junior level 4-H'ers (grades 4-6) with presentations have a maximum time length of 15 minutes. Intermediate and senior level 4-H'ers (grades 7-12) with presentations have a maximum length of 20 minutes. Set-up must be done by exhibitor only (like state fair). Internet connections will not be available. If unable to give your presentation at the communication contest, the presentation may be video-taped and submitted for non-conference judging, but it will not be eligible for state fair selection. Up to 6 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.

Class Name

Junior Working Exhibit

Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibit

Working Exhibit - The Working Exhibit is an interactive communication activity with an audience. The intent is to teach a process, transmit knowledge and develop skills. Typically, the audience is involved physically, mentally, and through senses. Topic selection should be appropriate and should be an outgrowth of the presenter's 4-H experience. Use of sanitary and safe procedures and methods is always important, particularly if food samples are available to the audience. All processes used should be safe for involvement by audiences of all ages. All working exhibits at the county communication contest will be scheduled to be in progress for 20 minutes. Set-up must be done by exhibitor only (like state fair). Your presence at the contest is a must to enter this class. Entries selected to represent Story County at the Iowa State Fair will have different time lengths scheduled at the Iowa State Fair. Up to 4 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.

Class name

4-H Posters - Posters provide a way for 4-H'ers to non-verbally communicate to the public.

Rules for this contest include:

- **Only one poster per 4-H'er.** Conference judging time for posters will be scheduled and communicated in the exhibitor letter that will be mailed the week of March 16.
- Choose one of the following poster themes:
 - a. **4-H is . . .** (Open to 4-H'ers interpretation)
 - b. **Join 4-H**
 - c. **Dive to New Depths** (The 2016 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
 - d. **Nothing Compares** (The 2016 Iowa State Fair theme)
- The 2016 Poster Exhibit Entry Form should be attached to the back of the poster. This form will be mailed to you the week of March 28.
- All posters must be designed on or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board – size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22". Posters may be vertical or horizontal and completed with any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc. They cannot be 3-dimensional and materials used to make the poster cannot extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
 - The poster may include the 4-H emblem/clover. Do not print on or cover the emblem; however, because it is a copyright logo. Posters **cannot** incorporate copyright materials or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
- Up to 2 entries may be selected by the judge to be entered at the Iowa State Fair.

Class name

Extemporaneous Speaking - This contest is designed to encourage the development of the communication life-skill by enhancing the ability to think, organize, speak, and answer questions readily before an audience.

Rules include:

- **This contest is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4-12, but only 4-H'ers in grades 9 – 12 are eligible for advancement to the Iowa State Fair.**
- At the beginning of the assigned 30 minute preparation time in the preparation room, the contestant will draw three 4-H topics and select one to prepare a speech on. The selected topic will not be available to the other contestants. The other two topics may again be drawn by other contestants.
- The 4-H'er will have the rest of the 30 minutes in the preparation room to prepare a speech 4 minutes (minimum) to 6 minutes (maximum) in length without help from other 4-H'ers or adults. The contestant may not leave the preparation room when the 30 minute preparation time begins, until it is time to give his/her speech in the audience room.
- Plain note cards and some 4-H reference materials will be available in the preparation room for the contestant's use. The contestant may also bring their own printed reference materials (books, magazines, web pieces, etc) but no written notes or outlines. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used for the speech.
- In the audience room, a person timing the speech will show cue cards for each minute (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). The contestant will be asked to stop at six minutes. Questions may follow.
- Props, posters, or visuals of any sort are not allowed in the audience room.
- Evaluation criteria includes: content related to topic, knowledge of the subject, organization of material, power of expression, voice, stage presence, general effect, and response to questions.
- Up to 2 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.

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Class name

Extemporaneous Writing - The opportunity is available for 4-H'ers to enter an extemporaneous writing contest. Being able to collect your thoughts and write them legibly on paper in a way that communicates your ideas well and in a logical order is an essential skill to develop.

Rules:

- **This contest is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4-12.**
- A 4-H topic will be communicated with the 4-H'er in the writing room.
- In the writing room, the 4-H'er will then have a limited time to write about the topic. **Junior 4-H'ers will have 20 minutes, Intermediates 25 minutes, and Senior 4-H'ers will have 30 minutes to write about their topic.** The room monitor will track the minutes available to contestant. If done writing early, the contestant may leave the writing room, but will be unable to re-enter this room.
- Paper and some 4-H reference materials will be provided in the room for the contestant's use. The contestant may also bring their own printed reference materials (books, magazines, web pieces, etc), but no written notes or outlines.
- Evaluation criteria includes: content related to topic, organization of information, conciseness in wording, and neatness of writing
- A time for a conference between the 4-H'er and the judge will also be scheduled.
- **Entries in this Communication Contest Class CANNOT be selected for Iowa State Fair exhibition.**

See next page(s) for entry forms.

Communication Contest

Due Date: Monday, March 7, 2016

To: Story County Extension, PO Box 118, Nevada, Iowa 50201

OFFICIAL ENTRY – COMMUNICATION CONTEST

***Each participant must complete this form.**

Member Number: _____ **Name** _____ **Grade on 9/15/15** _____

Address	Town	Zip	Telephone/Email
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Name of 4-H Club: _____

* Juniors = grades 4, 5, 6

* Intermediates = grades 7, 8, 9

* Seniors = grades 10, 11, 12

# Entries in each	Contest Entry	Office Use Ribbon
1	SAMPLE: EXTEMPORANEOUS WRITING	
	Clover Kid Poster (grades K-3)	
	Clover Kid Presentation (3 rd graders only)	
	Jr. Educational Presentation - Also complete communication contest form	
	Int/Sr. Educational Presentation - Also complete communication contest form	
	Jr. Working Exhibit - also complete communication contest form	
	Int/Sr. Working Exhibit - also complete communication contest form	
	4-H Poster - The poster form will be mailed to you March 28. Complete & attach to your poster.	
	Extemporaneous Speaking	
	Extemporaneous Writing	

Entry made on or before Monday, March 7 (NO CLOVER KID FEE)

_____ exhibits entered x \$1.00 each = \$_____ total due Payable to Story County Fair Association

Late entry made March 8 - March 11 by 5 pm (NO CLOVER KID FEE)

_____ exhibits entered x \$6.00 each = \$_____ total due Payable to Story County Fair Association

4-H members: mark "X" if you prefer to exhibit in the morning or the afternoon:

* All Clover kids presentations and posters will be shared at **5:30 pm. Awards to immediately follow.**

_____ Saturday, April 9 AM _____ Saturday, April 9 PM

_____ I plan to participate in the contest, but also have the following commitment on April 9:

List event & time: _____

_____ **4-H Presentation – I cannot be at the contest, but would like my presentation evaluated.**

(I will submit my video-taped presentation on a dvd or vhs tape by **March 28** to the Extension office)

_____ **4-H Poster – I would like my poster non-conference judged (no conference with the judge).**

Communication Contest Form

Due Date: Monday, March 7, 2016

To Story County Extension, P.O. Box 118, Nevada, Iowa 50201

<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Exhibit	Please mark appropriate entry with "x"
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TITLE: _____

Name of Members	Club	Grade 9/15/15	Telephone/Email
Your Name 1.			
Your Partners 2.			
3.			

Technology needs: _____

(An easel and table will be provided for you. Other technology equipment may be requested or you may provide your own.)

Please Answer These Questions:

How many times have you participated in this contest event (**working exhibit**)? _____

How many times have you given your **presentation**? _____

What will you teach or show others?

What do you want people to learn to do?

What do you hope to gain from doing this communication project?

How do you plan to get people to stop and learn what you are teaching? (**working exhibits only**)
