

4-H COMMUNICATION ARTS FESTIVAL

Government Center, Elkhorn WI

April 27, 2009 — 6 p.m.

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2009

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION:

1. Members may participate in all divisions if they wish. Plan to participate in all divisions that you enter. Scheduling becomes difficult if there are cancellations and "no shows".
2. Speeches and artwork prepared for school, forensics, FFA, etc., are eligible for entry in the 4-H Communication Arts Festival.
3. All entries must be the work of the youth involved and cannot have been presented at the 4-H Communications Arts Festival in a previous year.
4. This is a pre-fair event for members enrolled in Communications, Speaking, and Creative Writing projects. These members may enter their work in the Fair according to the requirements in the Junior Fair Premium Book and will receive fair premiums and awards.

Division I: Demonstration and Illustrated Talk (*Pre-Fair Activity: Participants enrolled in the Communications or Speaking projects may enter the Fair and will receive fair premiums and ribbons.*)

A demonstration is a speech in which you use tools, equipment, models, or props to actually show how to do something while explaining each essential step. An illustrated talk is a speech in which you use posters to show how to do something while explaining each essential step.

Age Divisions and Time Limits:

Category A — Junior Division	Grades 3-5	Time: 4-8 minutes
Category B — Intermediate Division	Grades 6-7	Time: 6-10 minutes
Category C — Senior Division	Grades 8-12	Time: 10-15 minutes

(Team demonstrations in each division will have the same time limits. Team members must share the work and speaking equally.)

Awards:

Each demonstrator receives a blue, red or white ribbon. The top demonstrator in grades 6 and over is eligible to present his/her demonstration at State Fair.

Division II: Photography

Qualified photography experts will be on hand to evaluate photographs and to answer members' questions. You may enter up to three photographs for review. A photo story is the same as one entry. Photographs do not need to be mounted. Entering this division is a great opportunity to learn more about photography.

- Each picture needs to be labeled with:
- Name of the Exhibitor
 - Grade
 - Fixed Focus or Adjustable Camera (35mm film or digital)

Awards:

This category is not judged. Each participant will receive a participation ribbon and constructive criticism.

Division III: Writing (*Pre-Fair Activity: Participants enrolled in the Creative Writing project may enter the Fair and will receive fair premiums and ribbons.*)

Members will be able to demonstrate their writing abilities. **The essay must be the work of the youth and be submitted with the entry form by April 10.** Writers will meet with the evaluators the evening of Communication Arts Festival. No late entries will be accepted. No theme for 2007. Write on any topic that interests you. Be creative!

Category A	Grades 3-4	100 words minimum
Category B	Grades 5-6	200 words minimum
Category C	Grades 7-8	300 words minimum
Category D	Grades 9 & above	400 words minimum

Writers are to share their thoughts and feelings in a creative way. Each story needs to be labeled with:

- Name of Writer
- Writer's Age
- Title of Story

Awards:

Each writer will receive a blue, red or white merit ribbon.

Division IV: Speech (*Pre-Fair Activity: Participants enrolled in the Communications or Speaking project may enter the Fair and will receive fair premiums and ribbons.*)

Category A — Interpretive Reading of Prose Time Limit: 3-5 minutes (*all age groups*)
Include stories, play cuttings, narratives (anything not written as a poem). Note cards can be used.

Category B — Interpretive Reading of Poetry Time Limit: 3-5 minutes (*all age groups*)
May be an original poem, either in verse form or open-ended. Note cards can be used.

Category C — Memorized Declamation Time Limit: 3-5 minutes (*all age groups*)
Any piece – prose or poetry – must be memorized. No note cards can be used.

Category D — Original Speech Time Limit: 3-5 minutes (*all age groups*)
A speech written by the speaker on any topic, preferably one pertaining to his/her 4-H work. Note cards can be used.

(Teams in each division will have the same time limits. Team members must share the work and speaking equally.)

Awards:

Each speaker will receive a blue, red or white merit ribbon.

Division V: Art

Members may make one entry, any media, in the proper age division. All two-dimensional entries must be suitably framed. A film should protect charcoal and pastels, and computer art must be an original design.

Category A — Junior Division	Grades 3-5
Category B — Intermediate Division	Grades 6-7
Category C — Senior Division	Grades 8 & above

Awards:

Each participant will receive a blue, red or white merit ribbon.