

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Guidelines

PURPOSE OF FESTIVAL

Participants:

- Experience enjoyment in creating a performance.
- Expression through art.
- Promote good sportsmanship within club and county.
- Work with others in a group.
- Gain confidence before an audience.

Format of Festival

- All clubs must check in *15 minutes before the contest begins*.
- Each club must hand in a final list of participants in each entry on the day of the Festival. If the entire club is participating, everyone's name **MUST BE LISTED** – Do NOT indicate "entire club".
- A representative must stay until the end of the Contest to receive the Club Award.
- Wisconsin State Fair selections will be announced at the conclusion of the Festival.
- Groups are responsible for their own props and equipment (stage sets). Be especially careful with props that can cause problems with the building (examples: helium balloons, liquids that can spill or stain, etc.). The 4-H Leaders Association is responsible for any damage to the building. Please be sure to clean up if you use props that leave a mess (confetti, straw/hay, etc.).
- Clubs waiting to perform should be prepared to go on early in case of a cancellation.
- Judges will visit with and critique each group immediately following its performance. (Entire group meets with the Judges).
- Introductions of each performance will be made by the Master of Ceremonies.
- Clubs are encouraged to participate in as many categories as possible.
- Cloverbuds may be included.

Drama Guidelines:

- Performance may be one member, two members, or a group.
- Length of play, including setup and removal of props, is not to exceed 30 minutes.
- Length of skit, including setup and removal of props, is not to exceed 15 minutes and is only one act.
- Plays and skits can be any suitable subject matter and need not include a 4-H theme.
- All plays must be one-act presentations. A one-act play may have several scenes. Scene changes may be included by a blackout or some other indication to avoid confusion. However, no curtains may be pulled.
- Only those groups with a performance of a maximum of 15 minutes (which includes setup and take down time) will be eligible for State Fair.

Music Guidelines:

Length of performance will be no less than 3 minutes each and no more than 20 minutes.

Clubs may enter in the following categories:

- Vocal:** Any type of music
Limited dancing or action
Director may be visible
- Dance:** Any type or style
Singing is optional, but judging is on dance only
Director may be visible
- Instrumental:** Any type of music
Director may be visible
Include copy of sheet music
- Novelty:** Story told in musical form with a minimum of acting
No lip sync to recording

Audience Guidelines:

- Audience must stay seated during performances.
- No talking during performances.
- Doors will be shut during performances, if possible. Avoid unnecessary movement during performances.
- Children must remain in the auditorium or must be accompanied by an adult or older youth when outside the auditorium.
- Row directly in front of Judges must be left vacant throughout the performances.

Food will be available in the commons area during the Performing Arts Festival sold by 4-H project groups. Hot foods and desserts (pie, cookies)...YUM!



2019 4-H PERFORMING ARTS DAY
Sunday, February 24, 2019
1 p.m. – Completion
Mauston High School – Auditorium

ENTRY FORM

May enter as many as your Club would like. Please use a separate sheet for each group.

Name of Youth: _____

Name of Club: _____

Circle One: Skit Play Vocal Dance Instrumental Novelty

Do you need pre-recorded music plugged into the sound system? _____ Yes _____ No

Title: _____

Approximate length of Performance: _____
(Include setup and take-down time).

Would you like to be considered for Wisconsin State Fair: _____ Yes _____ No (follow eligibility rules-state fair is requiring video footage so if you are wanting to be considered for state fair plan to video your performance)

Written description of how you want the entry announced by the MC: _____

Director's Name and Telephone Number: _____

Names of Performers: (include everyone) _____

Return by Friday, February 15, 2019 to:

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