April/May 2017

TO: 2017 4-H State Day Communications Contest Participants
(Demonstrations, Public Speaking and Illustrated Talks)

FROM: Sarah Kleinman, State 4-H Program Director

4-H State Day will be here before we know it. We have lots of demonstrations, speeches and illustrated talks this year, so everyone’s cooperation will be needed to keep things moving along. **State Day will be held at the same location this year as last: Barre Auditorium in Barre, VT, on Saturday, May 13.** Demonstrations, Public Speaking and Illustrated Talks registration will be held in Alumni Hall, next to the auditorium. Directions to Barre Auditorium: Take I-89 to Exit #7 (Berlin/Barre – Route 62 East). Proceed 4 miles downhill and take the Barre exit to Route 302 and downtown Barre. At the bottom of the hill turn right onto Route 302 towards downtown. Travel approximately ¼ mile and turn left after the shopping plaza. Barre Auditorium is at the top of the hill.

**Registration:** All demonstration, public speaking and illustrated talk participants must register in **the Barre Auditorium Lobby by 9:15 a.m.**, choosing a time to present. Time slots are available first come, first served. All the contests will be going at the same time (junior & senior demonstrations; junior & senior public speaking, junior and senior illustrated talks). They will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Please read the following information very carefully:

* **Alumni Hall will open at 8:00 a.m.** The 4-H State Day opening assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the main auditorium.

* **Evaluation forms and ribbons** will be handed out at the closing ceremony. Remaining forms will be mailed. **Again this year, the top 3 placings each category will receive rosettes, while all participants will receive Danish ribbons.**

**Handicapped Accessibility**
The Barre Auditorium facilities are handicapped accessible. If a participant in your group requires accommodations to participate in 4-H State Day, call Sarah Kleinman at 802-651-8343 by May 1, 2017 so we may assist you.

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**Schedule of Events**

8:00 a.m.  Building Opens - Set up all exhibits

9:00 a.m.  Opening Assembly

9:15 a.m.  Action Exhibits, Table Tops, Posters, Photos Operational/Viewed
           Technology exhibits present

9:30 a.m.  Fashion Revue participants practice

9:30 a.m.  Communication Presentations Begin

10:15 a.m. Stage presentations Begin/Action Exhibits end

12:15 to 1:00 p.m.  Remove all exhibits/displays/Lunch

1:00 to 1:30 p.m.  Awards Assembly

Lunch will be available for purchase.

Evaluation forms can be found on our website. It is the same form used at Regional Days. If you are unable to access the website, please call your local 4-H office to have one mailed to you.

At State Day there will be a 4-H Fact Finding activity. Guests at State Day may get a sheet of questions, record answers they find by viewing State Day exhibits, and submit completed forms to be eligible for special recognition.

I look forward to seeing you at State Day. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to call Sarah Kleinman at 802-651-8343, extension 521. If I am not in, leave a message and I will call you back. I can also be reached via email at sarah.kleinman@uvm.edu.

Enclosed is the following information to help make your 4-H State Day experience fun and educational:

- 4-H Dress Code & Program Content/Expectations
- List of participants

If you decide not to participate at State Day, please let us know by calling Mary Fay at 802-651-8343, extension 500 or via email at mary.fay@uvm.edu so that we can adjust the program and open up your time slot.

cc: 4-H Educators - via email