April/May 2015

TO:  4-H State Day Stage Activities Contacts

FROM:  Sarah Kleinman, State 4-H Program Director

Plans for 4-H State Day, May 16, are coming along well; we're looking forward to a great day, at our same location; Barre Auditorium in Barre, VT. Registration for Stage Activities will be held in the lobby of 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.

Please read the following information very carefully:

- Lunch will be available again this year for purchase.
  - The 4-H State Day opening assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please note that stage exhibits will not begin until 10:30am, with fashion revue showcasing first.

- There will be no practice time on the stage this year, so please come prepared.

- Again this year, the top 3 placings in each category (for stage, that will be for both group and individual performances) 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 802-656-0311 by May 1, 2015 so we may assist you.

Schedule of Events

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

8:30 a.m.  Fashion revue participants practice (if they want to arrive that early)

9:00 a.m.  Opening Assembly

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

10:00 a.m.  Communication Presentations Begin

10:30 a.m.  Stage presentations Begin/Action Exhibits end

1:30 p.m.  Remove all exhibits/displays Orientation for all Stage leaders

2:15 p.m.  Awards Assembly
Information About Stage Programs
Please read carefully the enclosed stage schedule to learn when your group should plan to register, arrive in
the stage area, and be ready to perform. Some action exhibits and table top presentations will be presented in
the auditorium area...the same auditorium where the stage is located. However, the action exhibits will not be
operational and we will do our best to keep them out of the way of our spectators.

Stage Schedule
Enclosed is the 4-H State Day stage schedule. Please review it carefully to see when your group is scheduled
to perform. Your group must be seated in the "Holding Area" at least 30 minutes before your scheduled block.
If your group has a problem and misses your scheduled time block, we'll have to move your time to the end of
all the scheduled stage programs.

It is very important that your group be seated in the "holding area" at the time designated. Since it is difficult to
plan precisely when each group will go on stage, it is very important to be prepared early and be flexible.

WHEN YOUR GROUP ARRIVES AT STATE DAY

1. Leader check-in is in the auditorium lobby. You must check in so that we will know you
   have arrived.

2. When the group is all ready, they will move to the designated "holding area" and will
   remain there until they are called to go on stage.

3. When they go on stage, the group will enter stage right, as you face the stage.

4. When they leave the stage the group will exit stage left to keep things going smoothly.

TIME LIMIT ON STAGE = 10 MINUTES
Please keep in mind the evaluation form indicates that presentations should be 10 minutes or less.

STAGE DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS
The stage measures 17' wide by 64' long. The background is a heavy drapery. Participants may not pin
anything into the drapery. Therefore, all props used on the stage must be free standing, held by an easel, held
by a person, etc.

SOUND SYSTEM INFORMATION
The sound system at State Day consists of a single microphone. If your group will have numerous speakers (as
in a skit) make sure to practice projecting your voices as there will be background noise in the performance
hall. Any group using recorded music is urged to bring its own tape or CD player. The sound system can play
cassettes directly on their system, but CD’s must be played on a CD player which can be plugged into the
sound system. It is recommended that you bring your song choice in multiple formats (mp3, cd or other) to
ensure that the sound system can play your song.
EVALUATION

Stage programs are evaluated on a point system. This enables us to announce the selections for the New England Center at Eastern States at the State Day final assembly. Vermont has only one set of dates for Eastern States Exposition performances this year, so all groups selected will be attending at the same time. The State 4-H fashion revue automatically goes, and will attend September 19-21. At least 10 additional stage activities will be selected to participate during that same time.

Evaluations and ribbons will be handed out this year at the closing ceremony. Those not picked up will be mailed. A copy of the evaluation is available on our website or you may contact your local Extension office to receive a copy in the mail if you are unable to access the website. *If your group has been selected for participation at Eastern States, you will receive a commitment contract for Eastern States. There is a deadline for this form to come back to the State 4-H Office, so please be sure to respond immediately.*

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

ALL STAGE ACTIVITIES PERFORMED AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION MUST BE PERFORMED ON THE STAGE IN THE NEW ENGLAND CENTER. **NO PROGRAMS CAN BE PRESENTED IN ANY OTHER LOCATION. The same number of youth who participate at State Day, must be the same number who participate at Eastern States though if necessary, the youth can be different.**

I look forward to seeing you at State Day. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to call Sarah Kleinman at 802-656-0311. If I’m not in, leave a message and I’ll call you back. Since I have voicemail you can even leave a message in the evening. Also, please call if you find your group cannot participate at State Day.

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.

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

- Stage Schedule
- 4-H Dress Code & Program Content/Expectations

*If you decide not to participate at State Day, please let us know* by calling Mary Fay at 802-656-0648 or via email at mary.fay@uvm.edu. By knowing in advance, we can open up the opportunity to other Vermont youth. Thank you!

cc: 4-H Educators