



April 9, 2025

Dear 4-H Families,

State Day will be held in-person on **Saturday, May 17th 2025, at Barre Auditorium, 16 Auditorium Hill, Barre, Vermont 05641.**

What is State Day? 4-H State Day is an experience where youth can grow and further their self-confidence in public speaking, presentation, communication skills and performances. Youth benefit by integrating regional day evaluators' feedback on their exhibits and presentations as the move on to compete at State Day. Some youth may be eligible and/or selected from State Day to represent Vermont 4-H at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in Springfield, Massachusetts in the New England Center from September 13-15, 2025.

Other important information:

- **Important note:** Youth must have first participated in one of the four regional contests offered in 2025. Your 4-H Educator will assist in verification.
- In most cases, exhibits at the regional/county level will continue onto State Day. You can find full details regarding exhibit specific requirements by going to the [Public Speaking and Communications](#) page.
- Cloverbuds are welcome to participate in a Cloverbud Corner at State Day. Cloverbuds will only receive feedback and a participation ribbon. They will not be scored or ranked per the Danish system, nor are they eligible for participation at the Big E.

State Day Information is on the [Public Speaking and Communications webpage](#). A few links to get you started are:

- [State Day Exhibit Overview](#) – This easy-to-read overview explains all of the fun and interesting exhibit types that youth can choose to enter.
- [Evaluation Criteria](#)
 - Rubrics are listed under each exhibit category
- [Lyric Checklist](#)
 - All music used in exhibits should meet these criteria
- [Dress Code and Program Content/Expectations](#)
- [Written Reflections](#)
 - This form accompanies all static exhibits, like photography, photo-based design, maker/tinker, sewing, poster, promotional video, and tabletop and can be used as a template for oral presentations like action exhibits, stage, public speaking, illustrated talk, and demonstrations.
- [Exhibit ID Cards](#)
 - The cards get attached to the back of the following exhibits so that we know who submitted them: posters, photos, tabletops, non-clothing sewing, and maker/tinker.



State Day Eligibility – Evaluation feedback from Regional Day Events provides youth with an opportunity to improve their presentations and exhibits in preparation of State Day. All exhibits submitted by youth age 8 (as of Jan. 1) and older will be eligible for State Day no matter their placing at the local level except for those with regional quotas described here. **Regional Quotas** – ONLY the **top EIGHT posters** from each regional day may continue onto State Day. 4-H'ers can only submit one traditional photography and one photo-based design to State Day. Photo submissions are NOT judged but will be eligible for placing by “people’s choice” awards. Non-clothing sewing will be displayed but not judged. Clothing Revue and Smart Shopper will be presented on-stage but will not be judged (bring your notecard descriptions).

Registration - All youth who would like to participate in State Day must have participated in their regional/county competition. Your county 4-H Educator is compiling entry information. You'll receive a confirmation email soon. Our deadline to confirm register is May 10, 2025. We encourage in-person participation yet will accept video submissions in any format due May 10, 2025. Send these to amy.miller@uvm.edu.

Accommodations - To request language interpretation/translation assistance and/or a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please email Amy Miller at amy.miller@uvm.edu or call (802) 294-3226 or (802) 656-7580 (Rutland Office) by May 1, 2025.

Any other questions? - Feel free to reach out to Amy Miller, Assistant 4-H Director and amy.miller@uvm.edu or call (802) 294-3226 or (802) 656-7580 (Rutland Office)

If your goal is to participate in the Big E, here is some info on our Eastern States Selection -

The dates for the Vermont delegation at the New England Center at Eastern States (The Big E) are Saturday, Sept. 13 - Monday, Sept. 15. *Fingerprinting will be available at State Day for those considering chaperoning and accompanying youth to the New England Center, The Big E.

The following categories are selected from State Day to proceed to Eastern States, The Big E:

- Action exhibits - 8 different action exhibits will be selected.
- Stage programs – At least 12-15 different stage groups will be selected. No white ribbon entries for stage will be selected to attend.
- Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks* - 4 will be selected with 2 alternates.
- Photos – A “people’s choice” vote will select the top 8 photos at State Day for display in the New England Center at Eastern States Exposition in each of the 2 categories: traditional and photo-based design.
- Posters – 5 posters will be selected as part of a people’s choice vote held during State Day.
- Tabletops – The top 3 tabletops will be chosen to represent at Eastern States. Exhibits will need to be adapted from completely static displays to having an interactive component or short oral presentation that is presented on stage. These will be selected based upon Big E stage availability.
- ALL fashion review/clothing sewing and smart shopper are eligible for advancing to the Big E.



- NO Maker/Tinker will advance to the Big E.
- No non-clothing sewing will advance to the Big E.
- 4-H Promotional Videos could potentially be played on the Big E's Stage between sets.

State Day Schedule – Saturday, May 17, 2025

*This is a draft, as times are approximate, pending entries, attendance and pace.

9:00 am	Check-in and exhibit set-up
9:30 am	Evaluator Orientation
9:45 am	Fashion Revue & Smart Shopper participant practice
10:00 am	Opening Assembly
10:15-11 am	Action Exhibits present, displays open Promotional Videos and Virtual Submissions on display Communication Presentations begin (demo, illustrated, public speaking)
10:15 am	Stage Presentations/Performances begin Fashion Revue & Smart Shopper follow stage presentations
12:30 pm	Remove all exhibits/displays Lunch Break – Possibly 4-H fundraiser concessions available on-site
1-1:30 pm	Awards Assembly

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