



Vermont 4-H State Communications Day – Some Additional Specifics

Action Exhibit

- Action exhibits should be set up and actively presenting.
- You are expected to provide display materials associated with your table, including an easel for posters.
- Tablecloths are not provided. Please bring your own table covering – tables are 6' in length and you will be allotted half of the table.
- All entries are eligible to advance to Eastern States (The Big E)

Communications: Public Speaking, Illustrated Talk, Individual and Team Demonstrations

- All communication participants, please confirm your presentation order when checking in
- All communications entries will be presented from the stage
- All contests will be going on simultaneously as stage/performance. Some adjustments and accommodations will be expected. We ask for grace in changing the line-up so participants can partake in all desired entry arenas.
- All entries are eligible to advance to Eastern States (The Big E)

Fashion Revue: Clothing Sewn and Smart Shopper

- The Fashion Revue: Clothing Sewn and Smart Shopper will be judged at regional events with clothing sewn judged both ON the model and Off. Entries receiving a BLUE Ribbon in Fashion Revue: Clothing Sewn/Smart Shopper will advance to State Communications Day, where items will NOT be re-evaluated. They also automatically advance to Eastern States (The Big E).
- All participants will receive a participation ribbon.
- We will confirm narrative notecards and practice prior to the start of the event. These will be read as you model (or your model) walks across the stage. There will be music accompanying the Fashion Revue.
- Please submit your narrative note card by April 29 to your County Educator.

Photography and Photo-Based Design

- Photographs will NOT be re-evaluated at State Communications Day.
- There will be a "People's Choice" vote that will determine which photos advance to Eastern States (The Big E) with the top voted photo awarded a rosette.
- State Communications Day "Participation" ribbons will also be awarded for your work.
- The top 12 advance to Eastern States (The Big E) to be displayed in the New England Center. The photos advancing need to be left with staff at State Communications Day. They will be labeled, laminated and mailed to the Big E for display in the New England Center.
- You are encouraged to be at State Communications Day and take pride in your work.

- Per Eastern States regulations, photos must be size 8x10, NOT in frames but can be matted but no larger than 11 x 14 or 154 square inches.

Posters

- Posters will NOT be re-evaluated at State Communications Day.
- There will be a “People’s Choice” vote that will determine which posters advance to Eastern States (The Big E) with the top voted poster awarded a rosette.
- State Communications Day “Participation” ribbons will also be awarded for your work.
- Posters are an important display at State Communications Day to help attendees learn more about a researched topic, what 4-H means to you, and to show younger youth that posters are a good first step to communicating ideas. We encourage your submissions.
- TEN posters advance to Eastern States (The Big E) and be collected after State Communications Day. They will be labeled and mailed to the Big E for display in the New England Center.
- You are encouraged to be at State Communications Day and take pride in your work.
- Per Eastern States regulations, posters should be between 12”x18” and 14”x22”

4-H Promotional Video/4-H Alumni Interview Video

- 4-H Promotional Video and 4-H Alumni Interview Video entries should be played on a laptop at State Communications Day. One can be provided for you. Please bring your video on a thumb drive or have it ready to be played on your electronic device.
- All videos will be judged at State Communications Day.
- Videos will be played on a loop for participants to view.
- Videos advance to Eastern States to be played on stage between sets (participants will not accompany their videos).

Stage/Performance – Performing Arts

- There will be no practice time on the stage so please come prepared. There will be a designated classroom for preparation and bathrooms are close to the judging area for changes between entries.
- Time limit on stage/performance is 3-7 minutes, unless otherwise specified.
- All props used on state must be free standing, i.e. held by an easel, held by a person
- Please coordinate with staff music logistics in advance. If using a background soundtrack, staff need the song link by 4:30 pm April 29, 2026
- Ensure the lyrics meet 4-H criteria.
- Each participant is limited to a maximum of THREE total entries between Individual and group performance combined.
- All contests will be going on simultaneously with communications/presentations. Some adjustments and accommodations will be expected. We ask for grace in changing the line-up so participants can partake in all desired entry arenas.
- All entries advance to Eastern States (The Big E), except those receiving white ribbons.

Tabletop

- Table covers are not provided. Please plan to bring your own table cover. Tables are 6' and you'll be limited to half of a table
- Tabletops and accompanying materials should be set up, displayed and ready for evaluation by the start of the 4-H State Communications Day opening assembly
- Tabletop exhibits will be evaluated and can be dismantled and cleaned up during the break, before the closing awards ceremony.
- The top 5-8 tabletops will be chosen to advance to Eastern States (The Big E). Exhibits will be adapted from completely static displays to having an interactive component presented at a "pod" or made into an on-stage presentation. *These are selected based upon the Big E stage availability.

State Day Clean-up

- Please take photos and posters that are NOT advancing to the Big E. Those advancing, please be sure to leave them with 4-H Staff members.
- Pack up and/or clean up your table top, action exhibit and video spaces during the break.

Evaluations and Ribbons

- Evaluations and ribbons will be handed out at the closing Awards Ceremony. Rubric forms can be found on our website. The same forms are used at Regional Communication Days. We will be using the Danish system for awards.
- Rosettes will be given to the top 3 places in the following categories: Action Exhibit, Public Speaking, Illustrated Talk, Individual and Team Demonstrations, Promotional Video, 4-H Alumni Interview Video, Performing Arts, Poetry Slam and Tabletop

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