

State Day is going online!

Dear 4-H Families,

I am writing to you to present an alternative, online means for 4-H'ers to participate in 4-H State Day. As we hope you have read in our previous communications to you, 4-H State Day which was previously scheduled to take place on April 25th has been cancelled. While an in-person event to share in our youths' work is a wonderful celebration, we would like to offer an opportunity for youth to share their exhibits virtually. If we are later able to congregate and provide an in-person event, we will move forward in planning those details.

A word about social distancing... we realize that some exhibits, like action exhibits and team demonstrations, may be difficult to do as a group given directives from Governor Phil Scott and the CDC to practice social distancing. However, we have included them here in case participants can think of creative ways through video compilations and editing to present these exhibits in a video format and for those cases where siblings or members of the same family might be completing exhibits together. Please remember that social distancing should be the number one consideration when completing the exhibits listed below.

If you have already submitted your exhibit due to a regional day that was canceled and it is being held at your county office, please reach out to your county educator. These exhibits will be evaluated as part of State Day and in some cases, there will be no need to resubmit your exhibit with a video or photo. Unlike past years, all exhibits in the categories below that would have been shown at the regional or county level are eligible for State Day!

2020 Virtual exhibits can be submitted in the following ways:

Exhibits Submitted Through Photos

- Photography and Photo Based Design - Each youth can submit one photo in each category. Email the original jpeg or png file using the instructions in this packet. The photo does not have to be in a mat this year and no points will be lost for that criteria.
- Posters - Submit one photo that clearly shows all text and photos in the poster.
- Tabletop - Submit a maximum of 5 photos of your tabletop. It is suggested that you provide one overview photo and include photos of the left and right bottom, left and right top of display. Please ensure that text is readable in your photos for evaluation.

- ✓ Photos of exhibits along with written reflections can be sent via email to Allison.smith.2@uvm.edu or by UVM File Transfer. Directions on how to use the file transfer service are included in this packet.
- ✓ Exhibits in this category should also be sent with the written reflection as an attachment.

Exhibits Submitted Through Video

- Action Exhibits
 - Public Speaking
 - Illustrated Talk
 - Individual and Team Demonstration
 - Fun with Food
 - Fashion Revue and Smart Shopper
 - Individual and Group Stage Presentation
 - Non-clothing Sewing
 - 4-H Promotional Video
 - Maker/Tinker
- ✓ Due to their file size, videos of exhibits should be uploaded as an unlisted YouTube video. The link to the video will then be submitted during registration. Directions on uploading videos to YouTube are included in the email alongside this packet.
 - ✓ At the beginning of your video please clearly state your name, club, and hometown.
 - ✓ Reflections should be given verbally at the beginning of the video except for the 4-H Promotional Video category. Please email written reflections for 4-H Promotional Videos to allison.smith.2@uvm.edu. The verbal reflection portion of your video does not count towards required length of your presentation. The timer will start after you have verbally delivered your reflection.

Deadlines:

- All exhibits and registrations must be submitted by Friday, May 15th. 4-H members should register their exhibit/s by completing the online form.
- **Important: If you are expected to submit your exhibit via a YouTube link be sure to have that link available to enter into the online form when you register.**
- For group exhibits: Each 4-H member must register themselves individually and will be asked to list the other members in their group project.
- If you for some reason are unable to complete this form, contact your county educator.

[Click here to register your exhibits!](#)

Or type in to your web browser: <http://go.uvm.edu/statedayreg>

Evaluation: Exhibits will be evaluated and results will be posted online in early June. Feedback will be sent to participants following the posting. We hope to send Danish ribbons once we are able to access our offices and resources again. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Exhibit Information & Written Reflection Forms:

- For information on each of the exhibit categories and evaluation criteria, please refer to the [Public Speaking and Communications webpage](#).
- If there is a category that is not included at State Day but that is normally included in your regional day, please contact your county educator on how best to submit this exhibit for evaluation. However, such exhibits will not be evaluated as part of State Day.
- Cloverbud Projects will also not be eligible for submission to State Day.

Submission Directions

Photos and videos of exhibits may be submitted in the following ways:

Uploading Unlisted Videos to YouTube

- All video submissions should be uploaded as an unlisted video to YouTube. You will then enter the link to the video during registration for your exhibit.
- If you need help, this link walks you through directions on setting up a YouTube account and uploading a video.
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/161805?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>
- If you prefer written directions, see the document titled "Uploading a video to YouTube for State Day" linked to in the email that came with this packet.

Sending photos and written reflections via email

- Photos of exhibits may be emailed to Allison.smith.2@uvm.edu.
- In the subject line of the email, please include:
First & Last Name of 4-H-er, Exhibit Category, Title of Exhibit

Sending photos and written reflections via file transfer

This option is especially good for large files and it is free and easy. Follow the directions below.

- Go to this link: <https://filetransfer.uvm.edu/>.
- At the prompt, "Are you a UVM Affiliate?" Check "No".
- Proceed to page to enter your email. In the "To" field, enter allison.smith.2@uvm.edu.
- Subject line: *First & Last Name of 4-H-er, Exhibit Category, Title of Exhibit*
- Upload video & photo permissions by adding the files.
- Click "Share Files".

If for any reason you are not able to create a video or photo of your exhibit, please reach out to your county educator to discuss. We would like to explore all possibilities in enabling youth to participate.

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Allison Smith at 802-651-8343 or 1-800-571-0668 by April 24, 2020 so we may assist you.

Tips for Success

- Please reference the rubric for your exhibit category to ensure that your video is highlighting all the areas needed to evaluate your exhibit. All exhibit and rubric information can be found at this link: <https://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/4-h-public-speaking-and-communications>.
- It is understood that parents and guardians may help in the making of the video of an exhibit. For example, the 4-H'er may need someone to hold the device that they are using to record the video in the absence of a tripod.
- For exhibits like Action Exhibits, Team Demonstrations, and Stage Presentations, youth may use technology and creativity to create videos that capture these group exhibits. Videos may be edited so that several videos are "stitched" together when several 4-H'ers are working together on an exhibit but physically cannot be together for the video shoot.
- Fashion Review - The video should show the 4-H'er walking in their outfit and include close ups of the garments off the model showing the sewing construction details that are judged. The video may include verbal explanation of details or methods used.
- Smart Shopper only requires the video to show the 4-H'er walking with their outfit. Please do verbally explain why the outfit was chosen and what the 4-H'er's goal was in purchasing and assembling the outfit.
- For non-clothing sewing exhibits please use your video to show your overall project and allow the observer to see close up construction details.
- If using a smart phone, turn the phone so it is horizontal not held vertically.



- When possible try not to use the digital zoom.
- Practice your presentation at least once before creating a final submission. However, please note that each participant may only submit one video per category to be judged.
- Unlike in person, there will not be an audience and therefore exhibits that typically have a question and answer portion will not include Q & A.

Video Making Resources

Adobe Spark—A free video tool that allows you to use voice over, video, and photos. This is a good resource for stitching videos together.
<https://spark.adobe.com/about/video>

Zoom – This is a tool that could be used to do team demonstrations or action exhibits where you have multiple members in different locations. Host a meeting and run through each members' parts. Hit the record button for the presentation and hit stop when done. Upon ending the meeting, the recording will be downloaded to the host's computer. <https://zoom.us/>

National 4-H Film-making Resources—Lots of helpful how to tip sheets
<https://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/filmmaking/#!/resources>

The Importance of Copyright—I'm just a kid working on an exhibit, should I care about copyright (PowerPoint)

Moviemaker—A free video editing tool for PC users.
http://www.soft82.com/download/Windows/Windows_Movie_Maker

iMovie—A free video editing tool for MAC users. Usually pre-installed.

Do Ink is both an application and an online community for animators. You can use the drawing tools to create objects from scratch or pull them from a database of user created submissions. A video and link to the site is at: <http://www.doink.com/>

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