Plans for 4-H State Day, May 11, are coming along well; we are 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:

- The Washington County 4-H Foundation will be selling food.

- The 4-H State Day opening assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please note that stage exhibits will not begin until 10:15 am, with fashion revue show casing last.

- There will be no practice time on the stage again 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.

**Accessibility**
The Barre Auditorium facilities are accessible. If a participant in your group requires accommodations to participate in 4-H State Day, call Allison Smith at 802-651-8343 by May 1, 2019 so we may assist you.

**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. Performers will enter stage right, as you face the stage. When leaving the stage, please exit stage left.
### Schedule of Events

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| 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. | Remove all exhibits/displays/Lunch  
  * Orientation for all Stage Presentation leaders*  
  * 4-H Promotional Video Viewing* |
| 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. | Awards Assembly                                                                 |

**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 music player. The sound system can play CD’s or music off a device (please bring a cord with you in case it’s not working properly). 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. You may wish to bring a portable speaker as a backup.

**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 14-16. 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. Please be sure to have at least one representative from your group at the awards ceremony to pick up your evaluation. 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 at the orientation. 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 Allison Smith at 802-651-8343, extension 509. If I’m not in, leave a message and I’ll call you back. Also, please call if you find your group cannot participate at State Day.

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 802-651-8343 extension 500 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