

Dear 4-H Families,

State Day will be held in-person on **Saturday, May 6th 2023, for its second year at the Vermont Granite Museum, 7 Jones Bros. Way, Barre, VT 05641**. We will once again also offer a virtual option using Flipgrid.

What is State Day?

4-H State Day is an experience where youth can grow and further their self-confidence in public speaking, presentation, and communication skills. Youth benefit from evaluators' feedback on their exhibits and presentations while sharing their knowledge with others. State Day is also a competition where youth and their presentations are selected to represent Vermont 4-H at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts in September.

Other important information:

- **Important note:** Youth must first participate in their county or regional contests which typically take place on a weekend in April. Reach out to your [county educator](#) for more details.
- 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 and there will be a Cloverbud Corner in Flipgrid and at the in-person event. Cloverbuds will only receive feedback and will not be scored.

All of the information you need to know for State Day 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.
- [In-person Submission Guidelines & Directions](#) – Everything you need to know about participating in-person on May 6th.
- [Virtual Submission Guidelines & Directions](#) – If you are participating virtually, check out this packet for directions on how to access and upload your exhibit to the State Day's online platform called Flipgrid. **Virtual Submissions are due on April 21, 2023 by 4:30pm.**

A reminder that the following information on State Day can be found at these links:

- [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.
 - It can be used as a template for those exhibits that are delivered through public speaking or orally, 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: poster, tabletop, non-clothing sewing, maker/tinker, and photography
- [Eastern States Information](#)
 - This explains the selection process and eligibility requirements for exhibits representing Vermont.

Registration

All youth who would like to participate in State Day must participate in their regional/county competition. **You will receive the link to register in an email after you participate in a regional/county event. The deadline to register is Friday, April 21, 2023 by 4:30pm. Virtual Submissions are also due on April 21, 2023 by 4:30pm.** *If you are planning to submit your exhibit virtually in Flipgrid, you will receive the link and info when you register.

Accommodations

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 14, 2023 so we may assist you.

Any other questions?

Feel free to reach out to Allison Smith at P: 802-651-8343 x509 or 1-800-571-0668 or allison.smith.2@uvm.edu. We hope to see you at State Day, in-person or virtually!

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