In-Person Participation Guidelines & Directions

State Day 2023 will be held on Saturday, May 4th at the Vermont Granite Museum, 7 Jones Brothers Way, Barre, VT 05641. The following outlines how you can register and participate in this event. For descriptions of the various exhibit areas, be sure to check out this helpful overview.

Registration: Please read all materials before registering. All participants must register by Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4:30pm. A link to register will be sent to you by email upon completing your regional or county event. Please note that posters, photos, and promotional videos all need to be sent or dropped off to the State Office (140 Kennedy Drive, South Burlington) by April 19, 2024. Your county educator may also collect them at the end of your regional/county event to bring to the state office.

Below is the tentative schedule for May 4th. Details are subject to change. However, all changes will be communicated to those that register.

State Day Schedule

9:00 a.m. Building Opens – Check-in and set up all exhibits
9:30 a.m. Evaluator Orientation
10:00 a.m. Opening Assembly
10:15 a.m. Action Exhibits, Tabletops, Posters, Photos, and Technology exhibits present
           Flipgrid submissions & Promotional Videos on display
10:15 a.m. Communication Presentations Begin
10:30 a.m. Fashion Revue & Smart Shopper participants practice
11:15 a.m. Stage Presentations begin/Action Exhibits end
           Fashion Revue & Smart Shopper follow stage presentations
12:15-1 p.m. Remove all exhibits/displays
             Lawn Games & Museum Activities
Lunch Bring your own. Concession details TBD.
1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Awards Assembly (After judges finish evaluations)

*Times are approximate
Location and Directions
Vermont Granite Museum, 7 Jones Brothers Way, Barre, VT 05641

From I-89 South
1) Follow I-89 South to VT-62 East in Berlin and take exit 7 from I-89 South
2) Continue on VT-62 East for 1.3 miles
4) Turn right onto US-302 East, also called the Barre-Montpelier Road, and travel 2.3 miles towards Barre
5) Turn right onto Jones Brothers Way
6) Vermont Granite Museum is 0.2 miles on your right

From I-89 North
1) Follow I-89 North to VT-62 East in Berlin and take exit 7 from I-89 North
2) Continue on VT-62 East for 1.3 miles
4) Turn right onto US-302 East, also called the Barre-Montpelier Road, and travel 2.3 miles towards Barre
5) Turn right onto Jones Brothers Way
6) Vermont Granite Museum is 0.2 miles on your right

From US Route 2 West
1) Follow US-2 West to Montpelier
2) At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto US-302 East, also called the Barre-Montpelier Road, to Berlin
3) Continue to travel on US-302 East for 3.4 miles towards Barre
4) Turn right onto Jones Brothers Way
5) Vermont Granite Museum is 0.2 miles on your right
Action Exhibit
• Action exhibits should be set up and actively presenting from 10:15am – 11:15am.
• You are expected to provide your own support for your background poster(s), if necessary.
• Table covers are not provided. Please plan to bring your own table covering (tables are 6 feet in length).

Communications: Public Speaking, Illustrated Talk, Individual and Team Demonstrations
• All demonstration, public speaking and illustrated talk participants must choose a time to present when checking in prior to 9:00am.
• Time slots are available first come, first served.
• All the contests will be going at the same time (junior & senior demonstrations; junior & senior public speaking, junior and senior illustrated talks). They will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Fashion Revue and Smart Shopper
• The Fashion Revue and Smart Shopper will occur at the end of the stage presentations.
• We will gather for instructions for the day and a practice at 10:30 a.m.
• You will model your outfits after the other stage presentations wrap up.
• Please bring your complete outfit, including all your accessories.
• A 4-H State Day Fashion Revue script will be developed based on the information sent in by your local 4-H offices.

Maker Tinker
• Table covers will not be provided. Please plan to bring your own table cover. (tinker/maker exhibits use ½ of a 6-foot table, making the display dimensions 3’ x 2’)
• Maker/tinker exhibits will be evaluated from 10:15 am – 11:15 am. Exhibits should be dismantled and cleaned up after 12:15 pm.

Photography and Photo Based Design
• Photographs will NOT be re-evaluated at State Day. Instead, there will be a People’s Choice vote that will determine which photos will be displayed at Eastern States.
• Participation ribbons will also be posted on your work by the start of the morning.
• You are invited to be present at State Day to take pride in your work, and to experience the event.

Posters
• Posters will NOT be re-evaluated at State Day. Instead, there will be a People’s Choice vote that will determine which posters will be displayed at Eastern States.
• Posters are an important display at State Day to help attendees learn more about 4-H, what 4-H means to our members, and to show younger youth that posters are a good first step to communicating ideas. We encourage your submissions.

Promotional Video
• 4-H Promotional Video entries should be submitted ahead of State Day using UVM file transfer, thumb drive, drop box, or Google Drive. Please send to emily.lacroix@uvm.edu. Don’t forget to also send along your written reflections.
• All videos will be judged ahead of State Day.
• Videos will be played at 10:15 for the audience on a provided laptop and projector.

Quilt and Non-Clothing Sewing
• Quilts and non-clothing sewing items will not be re-evaluated at State Day since these exhibits are one of the few categories where there is no opportunity for improvement once it is submitted on to State Day from the county level. Your project however, is an important display at State Day to help attendees learn more about 4-H, what 4-H means to our members, and to show younger youth that quilting and sewing is a skill that knows no boundaries. We encourage your submissions.
• We ask that you, or your representative, be available to take home your project after State Day finishes.

Stage
• The 4-H State Day opening assembly will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please note that stage exhibits will not begin until 11:15 am.
• There will be no practice time on the stage so please come prepared.
• Time limit on stage is a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes.
• All props used on the stage must be free standing, held by an easel, held by a person, etc.
• If your stage presentation requires music, there will be a Bluetooth speaker available. If you might require another set-up, reach out to Emily Lacroix at emily.lacroix@uvm.edu by April 19th.
• Please be sure to have at least one representative from your group pick up your evaluation at the awards ceremony.
Tabletop
- Table covers are not provided. Please plan to bring your own table cover (table tops use ½ of a 6-foot table, making the display dimensions 3’ x 2’)
- Vermont Granite Museum will open at 9:00 a.m. for setup. The 4-H State Day opening assembly will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed immediately by the tabletop and other exhibits.
- Tabletop exhibits will be evaluated from 10:15am – 11:15am. Exhibits should be dismantled and cleaned up after 12:15pm.

State Day Clean-up
- We ask that you, or your representative, be available to take all photos, posters, and quilt or non-clothing sewing items home when State Day concludes. Take down is scheduled for 12:15 pm. This is the only way that we can guarantee your exhibits being returned to you. We will attempt at reuniting you with your work, however, we cannot guarantee its return in a timely manner.

Evaluation and Ribbons
Evaluations and ribbons will be handed out at the closing ceremony. Evaluation forms can be found on our website. It is the same form used at Regional Days. If you are unable to access the website, please call your local 4-H office to have one mailed to you.

Rosettes will be given to the top 3 places in the following categories: Action Exhibit, Public Speaking, Illustrated Talk, Individual and Team Demonstrations, Maker Tinker, Promotional Video, Stage and Tabletop.

Fashion Revue, Smart Shopper, Non-clothing sewing, and Quilts are not re-evaluated at State Day.

Posters, Photography, and Photo Based Design will not be re-evaluated at State Day but rather a People's Choice vote will take place to determine which photos and posters move forward to Eastern States.

All participants will receive Danish ribbons.