UVM 4-H at the Vermont Farm Show

January 28th, 29th, 30th, 2020

Champlain Valley Fairgrounds, Essex Junction

Calling all 4-H members! The UVM Extension 4-H Program is hosting a table again at the 2020 Vermont Farm Show. We are inviting 4-H members who would like to share their 4-H story to represent 4-H to the public alongside UVM Extension 4-H staff. This is your chance to practice and elevate your communication and public speaking skills!

Youth can use the worksheet on the back to create their own personalized talking points for their shift. Youth are encouraged to bring their record books, a poster or table top from State/Regional Days, or an item from their project as a conversation starter. The Vermont Farm Show falls during the school day. UVM Extension 4-H Program can provide participants with information to give to schools regarding the educational value of attending the Vermont Farm Show to represent the 4-H program and the opportunity for 4-H’ers to exercise their communication skills!

Tuesday, January 28
10am-Noon____
1pm-3pm____

Wednesday, January 29
10am-Noon____
1pm-3pm____
4pm-6pm____

Thursday, January 30
10am-Noon____
1pm-3pm____

If you are interested in being a part of this event, please indicate which shift above you would like to attend by emailing Allison Smith, 4-H Youth Learning Experiences Coordinator, at Allison.smith.2@uvm.edu or calling 802-651-8343 x509 or 1-800-571-0668.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, January 24, 2020.

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Mary Fay at 802-651-8343 or 1-800-571-0668 by January 7, 2020 so we may assist you.
Here are a few tips to think about what you would like to share about yourself and your 4-H project at the Vermont Farm Show:

⇒ Think of a hook or opening device to begin your conversation. Maybe it is a question, an interesting fact, or a statement. For example, “Hello, did you know that cows have a great sense of smell and that they can smell something up to 6 miles away?”

My opening device is:

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⇒ Next, think about the top two things that you would like others to know about 4-H and why they should consider volunteering to work with youth like you in the 4-H program.

Write these each below. You may want to write these on note cards as well. Now that you have their attention with your hook, you can share the info below:

1. ______________________________________________________________________
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2. ______________________________________________________________________
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⇒ Be sure to give opportunity for any questions that they might have. Thank them for their question and repeat it back to them. Next answer as honestly and as best you can. If you do not know the answer, that is ok. Just let them know that you don’t know.

⇒ Lastly, close with thanking them for their time and be sure to point them to where they can get more information. The 4-H Educators at the booth with you will have materials for folks to take with them.

⇒ Practice the above steps a few times with a friend, club leader, or parent. You will have plenty of opportunities to practice at the Farm Show. Remember that people are truly interested in what you have to say and 4-H staff will be at the Farm show to support you.

Thank you for signing up to represent Vermont 4-H!