

IMPORTANT CLOTHING AND FASHION SHOW LETTER

Fashion Show & Clothing pre-entries due Monday, July 17, 2017

Fashion Show & Clothing Judging, Thursday, July 27, 2017

Tekamah City Auditorium, Tekamah

Have you started your 4-H sewing or Clover Kids or Decorate Your Duds project yet? If not there is still time to get things done before judging day, July 27, but don't put it off too long!

This letter contains all the information you need so please read it carefully, then send in the forms for the clothing and fashion show pre-entry by Monday, July 17.

We will be judging all clothing construction and Fashion Show exhibits including the Quilt Quest clothing exhibit on **Thursday, July 27** at the Tekamah City Auditorium.

Exhibits will be judged from the STEAM Clothing: Beyond the Needle; STEAM Clothing 1: Fundamentals; STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing; STEAM Clothing 3: A Stitch Further; Knitting, Crocheting, Quilt Quest Clothing Exhibit, Attention Shoppers and Shopping in Style projects as well as style revue for these projects and Make One/Buy One outfits and \$15 Challenge. Clover Kids may also model exhibits they made. Judging will begin at 9:00. **Non-garment clothing projects such as sewing boxes, pillows, afghans, etc., will also be judged at this time.**

Fashion Show Judging

The Fashion Show judging will be done on the stage. You will do your own modeling walk, turns, etc. on the stage. We'll demonstrate examples of how you might want to model that day if you'd like help, but practicing your modeling walk and turns at home with the shoes you will be wearing is always a good idea. You can also attend the Fun with Fashion Workshop July 11th, to help you get more comfortable modeling, but sign up soon! We hope to have someone read your narration as you model so you have something to think about and so you can appropriately point to special features on your outfit.

Sleep wear cannot be modeled, but lounging pants are allowed in STEAM Level I if made from cotton or flannel fabrics, no see through fabric or plaids.

To be entered in the fashion show you must return the enclosed **Fashion Show sheet (green) and the Pre-entry form (lavender) by July 17** or call the Extension Office at 402-374-2929. This will give us time to set up a modeling schedule.

4-H members may model three times for our county contest (if you can change rapidly for the stage fashion show at the fair!) You may choose to model a:

1. Constructed outfit
2. Make One-Buy One outfit
3. STEAM Beyond the Needle (Dec. Your Duds) outfit
4. \$15.00 Challenge Outfit
5. Purchased outfit which is part of your Attention Shopper or Shopping In Style project.

6. Clover Kids may also model an exhibit they made.



A completed purchased exhibit questionnaire **must** accompany the purchased outfit when entered. **This form is enclosed on a blue sheet.**

STEAM Clothing: Beyond the Needle; STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing; STEAM Clothing 3: A Stitch Further; Knitting, Crocheting, Quilt Quest Clothing Exhibit, and Shopping in Style projects are eligible for State Fair as well as the Shopping In Style entry if you are 10 or older.

Clothing Project Judging...can be done in several different ways. The best way is through **interview judging**. This is where you take your garment to the judge and you and the judge talk about the garment together. You can tell the judge what problems you had, what you liked doing best and what you would do differently next time. Your mother, leader or sewing helper can sit with you during the construction interview, but we encourage them just to listen and let you and the judge talk. Remember, the more information you give the judge, the more impressed she will be with how much you learned!

You can interview judge one STEAM Beyond the Needle exhibit and one constructed garment. If you model, that garment must be judged for clothing construction. If you have more clothing project exhibits, they will be judged after all the construction interviews are done.

You have three choices in having your clothing exhibits judged and modeled:

1. Model the best garment(s) you sewed or decorated and then interview judge for clothing construction. Any other clothing exhibits can be entered and will be judged after the interviews.
2. Have your best article interview judged and your other articles judged after the interviews are done.
3. If you'd rather not interview with the judge at all or won't be around on July 27, just have your clothing exhibits entered by 10:00 a.m. that day and leave them to be judged.

After all the judging is complete Thursday afternoon, you need to make sure your clothing exhibits are picked up at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The Public Fashion Show will be Friday evening, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Oakland on the fairgrounds in front of the ball field grandstand.

4-H'ers can change in the 4-H Building restrooms. You will not receive a premium for Fashion Show if you don't participate in the Public Fashion Show.

All clothing project exhibits need to be displayed in the 4-H Building by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 4 or you will not receive a premium.

Information Cards:

No information cards are needed for sewing project exhibits unless you want to explain a special method you used. However, Knitting and Crocheting information cards are still needed (see fairbook) and also need to include the pattern instruction sheets.

All clothing project fair exhibits MUST be judged Thursday, July 27 including sewing boxes, pincushions, etc. NO judging of clothing project exhibits will be done on fair entry day, August 4.

Pre-entry Forms Needed:

Again this year we need to have a pre-entry form filled out and returned, which we have enclosed. This pre-entry form will allow us to put the entries on the computer and will print out your entry tags. It will also give a list of entries to the superintendents so all they have to do is check off your entry when you arrive. If you get an extra item made and it isn't on your pre-entry list please bring it and we will add it to the list. **Exhibit DESCRIPTIONS must be included or they will not be accepted!**

We will mail the modeling schedule to you so you know when you are scheduled for Fashion Show judging. If you have any special time requests we will try to work around them, just let us know. If you have a total date conflict please give me (Mary) a call as soon as possible and we'll figure out how to make everything work out. Construction interviews will be on a first come, first serve basis unless you have a special schedule problem.

If you are unable to complete the narration for your exhibit right now you can bring it on judging day, July 27. Make sure you turn it in first thing when you enter your exhibits so it can be read as you model for the judge. Right now, we just need to know if you are modeling. Please let us know what you are making so the schedule will be accurate.

Right Now...

1. You need to fill out a pre-entry sheet (lavender), and Fashion Show sheets for county fair (green).
2. Return these to the UNL Extension Office in Burt County by Monday, July 17 or call Mary, Sharon or Nick at 402-374-2929 to sign up. Leave a message if after hours!

Remember:

Burt County Fashion Show sheets and clothing pre-entry forms need to be in the Extension Office by Monday, July 17. A description of your exhibits must be on the form or it WILL NOT be accepted!

4-H Presentation Contest:

The 4-H Presentation Contest will also be held on July 27. If you would like to give an individual or team 4-H Presentation or need help planning one please give us a call at the UNL Extension Office in Burt County at 402-374-2929. If you are giving a presentation you need to pre-register by **Wednesday, July 26th**. Earlier is better!



Life Challenge

If you like to shop, or just like a challenge then this contest is for you! The Life Challenge contest takes your decision making skills into the real world. The contest will start at the Tekamah City Auditorium at 11:00 am on clothing judging day, July 27. Participants will be given basic instructions and then will work in pairs to visit a couple businesses in Tekamah to solve some real life decision scenarios.

Register for this contest between 10:45-11:00 a.m. and we would like you to complete it by 1:00 p.m. which should work in well between modeling and construction interviews. We will discuss the challenges at 3:00 or so. Check it out...it will be a lot of fun and you might even learn something!

Scheduling Challenges?

If you have a scheduling challenge **of any sort please** give us a call and we can make arrangements to make sure you can participate. We've video-taped modeling and presentations in the past and we will try to do whatever it takes to help any of our 4-H members participate to their fullest extent.

Remember...One Last Time:

July 17 – Pre-enter all clothing project exhibits and fashion show entries including Attention Shoppers and Shopping In Style.

July 26 – Deadline to register for Presentation Contest

July 27 – Bring these exhibits for judging and modeling at the Tekamah Auditorium and then make sure you take part in the Life Challenge Contest and Presentation Contest too!

If you are a parent or a 4-H member age 13 and older, please volunteer to help out during the day. We can use help checking in exhibits, reading narrations in front of the judge, writing comments, recording results, etc. and helping with the Life Challenge Contest. We'd LOVE to hear from you!

Have questions? Call the UNL Extension Office in Burt County at 402-374-2929.

Sincerely,

Mary Loftis

Mary Loftis, Nebraska Extension Associate

P.S. Let us know if a clothing project 4-H member did not get this letter so we can get one to them. Also, **Pie Day I** is **July 20** at the Methodist Church Basement in Tekamah and **Pie Day II** is **July 29**, Vets Building, Oakland, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Free lunch for pie makers! Everyone welcome!