



Central IV Clothing Day will be June 25, 2024. This year, it will be held at Central Valley High School, 304 N Shannon Street in Greeley. We plan to start at 9:00 a.m.

This letter is sent to 4-H members enrolled in "Textiles, Quilts and Apparel" or "Consumer Education" but other members may enter clothing, crochet, knitting or shopping in style projects following the same instructions.

Refer to the 2024 Premium Book (<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/premium-list/>) before you shop for your purchases to make sure they meet the project guidelines. Entries must contain appropriate language and images. Please call if you need any assistance. We look forward to seeing you at Central IV Clothing Day! If for some reason you are unable to attend judging day, take items to your county office by June 24th, and we will have your projects judged.



Clothing Entry Instructions



All entries for clothing construction and fashion revue can be made online. Please see the Central IV County Fair instruction sheet for online entry at <https://go.unl.edu/gofr> follow the same instructions. Enter each exhibit and all modeling online. Then complete a fashion revue narration form for each item you plan to model. **The deadline for online clothing entries is 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 16.** Fashion revue forms are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/4hforms/>. The form is fillable so you will be able to save it with a new name and email it to the office. Submit via email by June 16 or

turn in paper copies by June 17. **Please have your narrations complete** when you turn in the form. We appreciate it when you have a nice narration, appropriate for the public fashion show. Details you might want to include are 4-H'ers first and last name, age, parents, details about the item you constructed (found on the pattern envelope), where you plan to wear the outfit and what your favorite part of sewing the garment was. Identify yourself by using words such as "she" or "he" rather than the word "I".

We recommend using a computer to fill out forms and make online entries. Each of our offices has a computer available if you need assistance. Please contact us if you have questions or difficulties. If you are not comfortable making entries online, you are still able to submit paper forms as you have done in the past. Forms are available by request at the extension office or from the "4-H Forms" section of our web page <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/4hforms/>.

\$20 Shopping Challenge

All 4-H members are eligible to take the county-only \$20 shopping challenge. Spend no more than \$20 to purchase a complete, wearable outfit for a specific occasion or activity (feel free to use accessories and shoes you already own). Entry includes a written report and receipt on the form at [https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/%2420 ChallengeFillableForm.pdf](https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/%2420%20ChallengeFillableForm.pdf) which is due June 16th. Be an extreme bargain shopper by shopping rummage sales, thrift stores and clearance racks! **Just be sure to save the receipt.** Modeling at clothing judging day and public fashion show is a requirement.



Follow all Guidelines

Detailed requirements and specific guidelines for clothing and fashion show exhibits can be found in the premium list at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/premiumlist/clothing/>. There are very few changes this year. Please read the information carefully in order to comply with the requirements. Call our office if you have any questions.

Knitting & Crochet

Data Cards are required for knitting and crocheting exhibits. These are designed to make sure you answer all the questions listed in the premium book. The forms are available anytime on the 4-H Forms page of our website or at our offices during regular business hours.

Beyond the Needle Now Requires Clothing Design Data Cards

Clothing Data Design Cards which are available on the 4-H Forms page of our website are required for Beyond the Needle Classes C221003 through C221008.

Fashion Revue Entries Not Accepted

Nightshirts, flannel lounging pants or any other type of lounge wear cannot be modeled.

Public Fashion Shows

To receive your premium money for modeling, you must participate in the Public Fashion Revue at your county fair. Plan to arrive 20 minutes prior to the starting time so you will have enough time to get ready and line up. To make the public revue run smoothly, each person may model one or two garments. Let us know which garments you intend to model if you have more than one from which to choose at clothing judging day, as we need to complete the Public Fashion Revue programs.

| County | Public Fashion Show | Fair Entry Day |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| Greeley County | August 5, 6:45 p.m. at Spalding | August 5 |
| Howard County | July 10, 6:30 p.m. at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church Hall, St. Paul | July 12 |
| Sherman County | July 22, 5:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Loup City | July 19 |
| Valley County | July 28, 6:30 p.m. at Valley County Ag Complex, Ord | July 31 |

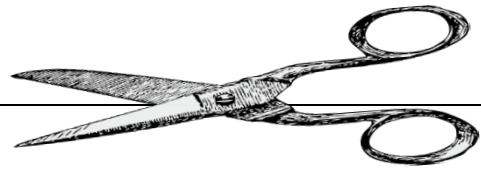
Fashion Show medal winners will be announced at the conclusion of your county's public fashion show. Please stay in the last outfit that you model just in case you are called to the stage.

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A schedule and additional details will be emailed out before judging day to those who register, and we'll let you know whether there will be concessions available.

| Please email fashion revue narration forms to: | |
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| Greeley County | tkehler2@unl.edu |
| Howard County | jostendorf2@unl.edu |
| Sherman County | bjrabek2@unl.edu |
| Valley County | proot2@unl.edu |

Finishing Touches



Clothing Labels

Every item entered as a clothing, knitting or crocheting exhibit must have a label attached to it. Labels must include:

- County
- Exhibitor's name and age
- Project name and class in which the garment is entered
- Number of years enrolled in the project
- Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the ID label.

Attach a label on every component of the outfit using safety pins or by basting.

All clothing projects must be brought on June 25th. Garments, pillows and other exhibits entered in clothing projects need to be brought for judging of construction even if you do not plan to model them. Times will be set up for all 4-H'ers to have a short conference with the judge. Parents are welcome to attend the day, but please let the 4-H'er attend the interview on their own. If you are unable to attend clothing day, take items to your county office or have a friend drop off and pick up your items. Please bring your clothing to the county fair for display. Quilts, table runners, crocheted/knitted items for the home should NOT come to clothing day but will be evaluated by the Home Design and Restoration judge at the fair.

Recycled Clothing

Recycled clothing is included under STEAM Clothing 1, 2 and 3 as Upcycled Garment or Upcycled Clothing Accessory. Exhibits must include a "before" picture or the project will be lowered a ribbon placing. Note that some levels require complete outfits.

Shopping in Style

Shopping in Style is now for 4-H'ers age 8 and up. If you plan to model a Shopping in Style outfit, a special information sheet called SF184 found at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/SF184_Shopping-in-Style-Fashion-Show-Fillable-Form.pdf is due with the fashion revue entry forms on June 16th.

STEAM-Multiple Project Levels

4-H'ers can only exhibit in one level of STEAM Clothing, but Beyond the Needle may be taken in conjunction with any clothing project. Once an advanced project level is completed, you cannot go back to a lower level.

Mixing Outfits

A STEAM Clothing 1 top or bottom may be modeled with a Beyond the Needle garment in the combined fashion revue class C410026. If you opt to model the pieces separately, please mix them with other items of clothing you own so that you do not model twice in the same outfit. This will also apply at the public fashion show.

Using a Purchased Top

For STEAM Clothing 2 & 3 fashion revue, two constructed pieces may be combined with a purchased top. The top does not need to be included for construction judging.

STEAM Clothing 1

For STEAM Clothing 1, please try to bring your pattern envelope to construction judging. Exhibits are to be simple articles requiring minimal skills, made from medium weight woven fabrics that will sew and press smoothly. Flannel and fleece are also acceptable. No plaids, stripes, napped or jersey knit fabrics accepted. Raglan and kimono sleeves are acceptable. Choose simple patterns without darts, set-in sleeves, or collars.

Beyond the Needle at the State Fair

Please note that criteria for state fair Beyond the Needle exhibits place much emphasis on creativity and uniqueness. It is very important to develop an original design or create your own fabric and use techniques in new and unexpected ways if you want your garment considered for state fair selection. Please get a project manual if you need ideas on this project.

We look forward to seeing you on June 25th. Good luck on your clothing projects!