

**Winter Ag Fest**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Polk County Fairgrounds**  
**4-H Contest Descriptions**

More information will be available next week and will be sent out via email.

1. **Favorite Foods Contest** - This is an opportunity for members to demonstrate their knowledge in proper table setting, menu planning and presentation of their prepared food item. Each member will prepare a table display on their own table. The display will consist of a menu, a table set for one, complete with cloth and centerpiece and the favorite food which should be prepared by the individual bringing the dish.
2. **Table Setting Contest** - This is an opportunity for members to demonstrate their knowledge in proper table setting, menu planning and creativity and presentation based upon a theme. Each member will prepare a table display for one on their own table following the appropriate theme. The display will consist of a menu, a table set for one, complete with cloth and centerpiece or other creative display.
3. **My Favorite Outfit** - 4-H members will prepare a display at the event on a 4' by 4' board of a favorite garment and appropriate accessories. The garment may be for any age person, may be formal or informal, purchased or made at home. An explanation sheet and photo of the appropriate individual wearing the outfit will accompany the exhibit to provide further information.
4. **Fashion Revue** - Fashion Revue and Ready to Wear is open to **any 4-H member**. Participants may combine newly purchased clothing with up to two items or accessories they already own to present a "Total Look" including shoes and accessories. Newly purchased items, including accessories, must make up a least half of the items in the outfit. Cost of newly purchased clothing is limited to a **total of \$25 or less**.
5. **Public Speaking** - This division will include: demonstrations and illustrated talks; public speaking and impromptu speaking. Participants can make one entry in each division as long as the subject matter is different for each.
  - Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks - A demonstration shows how to do something. There is a finished product at the end of the talk.
  - Public Speech - A public speech can be informational or persuasive. No visual aids may be used.
  - Impromptu Speaking - The presenter must compose and deliver a speech with no prior preparation. Contestants will draw topics at random. Once contestants draw a topic, they will have five minutes to prepare before they begin their speech. The contestant may write notes on one 3 x 5 inch notecard which will be provided. The speech should be 3 to 5 minutes in length.

6. **Agricultural Photo Contest** - The Photo Contest will follow the same guidelines as the Fair Photography Contest, only one entry per class. Digital and film photos will be included in the same class. Color and black & white images will be included in the same class according to subject or technique.

All single images must have one side, the shorter side, no less than 5 inches. The final exhibit size including either mount or mat must be no less than 8"x10" and may not exceed 16"x20". Any commercially available pre-cut mats that accommodate these size ranges are acceptable. Mats cut by the member must meet the size specifications.

Photos must be either mounted or matted with a rigid backing. Anything firm or stiff to protect the photos on the backside, *which does not show*, such as foam core or rigid cardboard, is required. Photos cannot come in only matted, the photos must have a backing for protection. The surface *which shows* from behind mounted only photos or around matted photos must be mat board. Poster board is not acceptable for mounting or matting.

#### **Photo Classes**

- Landscape - single image featuring an expanse of agricultural scenery; could include vineyards, grass seed fields, day or night scenes.
- People - single image featuring a person or people in an agricultural setting.
- Animals - single image featuring one or more animals.
- Architectural - single image featuring man-made structures an agricultural setting.
- Panoramic - photos must be *at least* twice as long in one direction as they are in the other direction. Matted or mounted exhibit must not exceed 16"x20".
- Series or Story - may include photos of any size mounted on a single board must not exceed 16" x 20
- Creative Process - original image may be 4" x 6"; final image (no less than 5 inches on the shorter side of photo). Final exhibit, showing both photos mounted on the front, must not exceed 16" x 20".

#### **7. Outdoor Education and Recreation**

**Fire Starting** - as part of the Outdoor Ed and Recreation project, participants will demonstrate their fire starting and fire building skills. Participants will be provided: 4 matches (more as needed with time penalty); Flint/Steel; Wood; Hatchet. Contest will be a 20 minute time limit.

Contestant may provide and use their personal knife. All other materials will be provided.

Shelter Building - Contestant provides all their own supplies/materials for a two person Shelter – two contestants per team. May not use any supplies/materials found on fairgrounds. All building materials must be brought from home. Suggested items to bring: Tarp, pari-cord, bungee cords, poles. No store bought pre-made shelters, tents and/or emergency kits. No digging allowed. Time Period: 1 hour limit  
Contact Jeff Dunton (503) 420-9107 for more info.