

June 30, 2025

TO: Dakota County 4-H Clothing and Textiles Project Members

RE: 4-H Constructed, Upcycled, Purchased Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging

- Wednesday, July 30
- 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Dakota County Extension & Conservation Center, 4100 220th St. W, Farmington

Bring:

- Your garment (and accessories for fashion revue judging) **with sewn-in label on each piece**
- All parts of an exhibit must have a label with the exhibitor's county, name and grade. In constructed clothing, sew a label at the center back of the neck or other easy to find location.
- TYPED script for fashion revue (1 copy of script, ½ of page in size) *see page 3*
- Purchased clothing booklet and garment (Purchased exhibitors only)
- Pattern and pattern guide (Constructed garment exhibitors only)

A [Sign-up Genius](#) will be used for ALL Construction/Off the Body Judging.

Remember:

- Participants will be divided into the following grade categories (as of Sept. 1, 2024):
 - o Cloverbuds (grades K-2)
 - o Grades 3 - 5
 - o Grades 6 - 13
- To be eligible for state fair you must
 - o Have completed 6th grade
 - o Be enrolled as a 4-H member in 4-H Online by May 15
 - o Entered your clothing exhibits (including Fashion Revues) in FairEntry.com by the July 7 deadline
 - o Participate in judging on July 30
- If you are unable to attend judging on July 30, you may still bring your Constructed and Purchased exhibit to General Judging on August 2 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the Dakota County Fairgrounds and receive either a blue, red or white placing. Please also bring a photo of yourself wearing the item.

Cloverbud clothing exhibits brought to General Judging on August 2 will be judged by the Cloverbud judges and receive participation ribbon and premium.

The public Fashion Revue Show is scheduled during the Dakota County Fair, Tuesday, August 5 at 6 p.m. on the stage in the 4-H Building. This event is to showcase the work and talent 4-H'ers have put into the project - this is not a judging time. Court of Honor and State Fair trip winners will be announced during the show.

Enclosed is a schedule for judging day; times may be adjusted depending on the number of participants and allowing lunch time for the judges, if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kris Vatter at 651-480-7758 or kvatter@umn.edu.

4-H Clothing Judging and Fashion Revue Judging
(Times are approximate)

Time	Off Body Judging (Construction, Upcycled, Purchased)	Fashion Revue Judging
8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Registration	
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	6th+ (Sign-up Genius)	* 3 rd – 5 th grade all entries
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.		* Cloverbuds
10 – 10:15 a.m.	6 th grade and up are invited to brainstorm and choose 3 possible themes for public fashion revue at the Fair. All participants will vote after stage practice.	
10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.	Cloverbuds and 3 rd – 5 th grade; (Sign-up Genius) On-stage practice at 4-H Building on fairgrounds. Vote for the theme after stage practice.	* 6 th grade+ all entries
12:30 - 1 p.m.		On-stage practice at 4-H Building on fairgrounds. Vote for the theme after stage practice.

***Photos of participants in their garments will be taken to display at the Fair, with garments**

Clothing members in grades 3 - 5 may enter exhibits in Constructed and Upcycled and participate in Fashion Revue.

Clothing members in grade 6+ may enter exhibits in Constructed, Upcycled and Purchased *and* participate in fashion revue with the same entries. Judging sheets for the Purchased clothing booklet are enclosed/page 4. *Make sure the booklet is completed prior to July 30, as participants will be presenting and discussing the book with the judges at that time.*

Fashion Revue Judging:

Fashion Revue the event for 4-H members who wish to model a garment they have made, purchased or restyled as a part of their 4-H clothing project.

Evaluation criteria:

- First Impression (What is your first impression of the total look that the individual has achieved?).
- The Individual (good posture and balance; appears at ease and presents outfit with pride; good grooming).
- Outfit on the Individual (outfit looks well-constructed; style and fabric express individual's personality and are suitable to the individual's body build; color and fabric choices are becoming; fit is attractive and comfortable; accessories coordinate well and are appropriate).

Fashion Revue does not award a Champion or Reserve Champion but selects youth from each to the "Court of Honor". There is no premium awarded for participation in Fashion Revue.

- This [short video](https://youtu.be/a3Pz_AX3ksY?si=W7wKUPJ_QWYDzWMg) features what a fashion revue judge is looking for:

Court of Honor:

Court of Honor are youth chosen by the Fashion Revue judges in Constructed, Upcycled and Purchased for youth in grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9+. Court of Honor winners will be announced on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 at 6 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds, in the 4-H building.

Fashion Revue state fair trip winners will be chosen from those grades 6 and up, in constructed, purchased, and upcycled clothing. State Fair trip winners will also be announced at this time.

Court of Honor medallions are sponsored by Georgine Robinson.

**** Please read all instructions in the [online Premium Book](#) very thoroughly. If you have any questions, please call Kris at 651-480-7758 before judging on July 30.**

Fashion Revue script:

Bring one copy of the script to the judging event on July 30. The script will be read by the emcee while 4-H'er models their garment on stage during fashion revue practice and also read at the public show on August 5.

Bring only if you are participating in Fashion Revue.

Please provide the script on an 8½ x 5 ½ (half sheet) piece of paper. **

In 100 words or less, include:

- Your name _____
- Your club _____
- Number of years in 4-H _____
- Grade in school _____
- Features of the outfit _____
- Extra-curricular activities _____
- Favorite spare time activities; favorite club events _____

Sample Script – 12 year old Sam Clover of the Green Team 4-H club has completed 7th grade at Hastings Middle School and has been in 4-H for 7 years. They have sewn a shirt with buttonholes and collar and a pair of pants. They chose light fabrics and hopes they truly are wrinkle-proof. The shirt has a collar, sleeves and matching buttons. The pants have a hidden zipper fly, button, and are hemmed to the perfect length. Sam likes that they can wear it with other tops or bottoms. Sam enjoys reading, cooking, and track and chess club in school. They also love to play BINGO at the nursing home with their 4-H club.

*The script will be read when the participant is modeling their garment/outfit on stage at the Fair.

2025 Purchased Garment Requirements

Only participants in grades 6 and above may exhibit in the purchased category. Remember: the judges are looking for quality, not quantity of information in the required booklet. All purchased exhibits must be accompanied by an 8 ½ x 11 three-ring binder.

Notebook **MUST** include:

- Color photo of the member wearing the garment. Label photo with name, county, and color of complexion, hair and eyes
- Cost of garment and explanation of why garment was purchased
- Fabric content and care of garment
- Examples of ways it will be used in existing wardrobe
- Sale receipt and tags, if available

Suggested, but *not required* items to include:

- Table of contents
- Picture(s) of member wearing garment/outfit or pieces of outfit with other pieces in existing wardrobe (show how garment/outfit mixes and matches to fit into existing wardrobe)
- Shown versatility of garment/outfit by citing different events to which the garment/outfit could be worn
- Extra-curricular activities of participant and how garment fits into their lifestyle
- Cost comparison between garment/outfit purchased versus regular price, comparable garment price, sale price and/or cost to construct

Evaluation form links:

[MN 4-H Project Evaluation – Constructed Clothing](#)

[MN 4-H Project Evaluation – Purchased Clothing](#)

[MN 4-H Project Evaluation – Fashion Revue](#)

[Evaluation – Cloverbuds Clothes You Make](#)

[Evaluation – Cloverbuds Fashion Revue](#)