

4-H VARIETY SHOW GUIDELINES

Audition Date 3/7/2020 (9 am – 3 pm) Show Date 3/15/2020 (2:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

1. Performance this year is to be held at **Northern Ozaukee School**. **Doors open at 8:30 a.m.**
2. **Arrive 15 minutes PRIOR to your scheduled performance time on audition day.** The person in charge of the group will need to register the group promptly upon arrival. Registration is in the back of the auditorium. Performers are to go directly to the Choir Room and prepare to go on stage. **On show day please arrive at 1:45 p.m. NO EARLIER.**
3. When registering on audition day, please make sure that all participants are listed. If someone is missing for the audition or any changes need to be made, please let the registration person know.
4. The **first place act** (Peg Thompson Award) will be asked to perform **SUNDAY** prior to the Mr. and Miss Contest at county fair. The **second and third place acts** will be asked to perform on stage **FRIDAY** night of County Fair. Any other acts that are interested in performing at fair should contact the extension office after the show.
5. Each act's two directors are the **ONLY** persons allowed on stage besides the actors and actresses. **ALL** other persons will be asked to leave.
6. Once your act is registered, the director should meet with the Stage Manager. Discuss lighting, sound and props. The Stage Crew is there to help with the props. **REMEMBER**, they are volunteers! Acts using tapes or CD's must provide one copy of the music to the **Sound Booth** to keep on audition day and will return after the final show.
7. Set-Up time for your performance should be no more than 1-minute night of show.
8. Please let your group know that your performance will be timed during auditions. Anything over the set limit will get beeped. **NOTE:** If your act goes over the time limit, it may be ineligible for awards and could be cut from the show.
9. Once your audition is done, please have your group immediately report to the Critique Committee. They will give input regarding your act; we encourage you to take notes. Be courteous and thank them. **Scores for audition day will not be announced.**
10. While you are being critiqued, the stage crew will remove your props. Please notify the Stage Manager of any prop changes **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.
11. Once your performance has been critiqued, please collect your props and exit the area **QUIETLY**. If you want to see the other auditions, please seat yourselves in the back of the auditorium.
12. After final approval by the Critique Committee, the schedule for the evening performance at the Variety Show will be mailed to you. **You will NOT be mailed a critique sheet.**

- 13. All groups will be in consideration for nomination as a State Fair music or drama participant. These nominations are NOT announced. The final decision is done after the Variety Show Performance and groups/individuals are contacted via the Extension Office.
- 14. **Lip Syncing is not encouraged**, but may be allowed if the act is not begin judged on vocal performance.
- 15. The stage will NOT be available for practice. There will be taped marks on stage for center and quarter points. Also remember to perform towards the front of the stage. Sound projection will not be effective if you are too far back.
- 16. ALL acts should be dressed in costume or appropriate apparel for their performances. Shoes MUST be worn. No bare feet or stocking feet will be allowed. Costume choice for a 4-H Variety Show act should be appropriate for a family entertainment program with a wide age range of viewers.
- 17. **NO confetti, silly string, food, or straw can be used on stage.** If you have questions as to whether a particular prop is appropriate, please ask prior to auditions.
- 18. If the act does not use a special microphone at auditions, the act should not use one at the show. If, for some reason, a special microphone is needed, PLEASE let the Stage Manager know ahead of time to eliminate frustration. There are only so many microphones available for our use.
- 19. REMEMBER, The Stage Manager must be notified of any changes to your act **NO LATER THAN 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW.**
- 20. All participants are asked to bring a dozen cookies or bars for our refreshment table during intermission on the night of the show. PLEASE DROP OFF SNACKS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SHOW.

Good luck to all 4-H performers and their directors!

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Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please make such requests by February 1st 2020 by contacting the Ozaukee County UW-Extension Office at 262-284/238-8288 so proper arrangements can be made.