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TO: Rock County 4-H Music & Drama Leaders & Club Chairpersons

FROM: Music & Drama Committee, contact Daryl Hansen, dhansen5@charter.net

DATE: February 25, 2019

RE: Music & Drama Festival, May 11, 2019, Wells Cultural Center,
UW-Whitewater at Rock County, Janesville

The Rock County 4-H Music & Drama Festival will again be held on the UW-Whitewater at Rock County Campus in the Wells Cultural Center. The festival will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019

Please review the enclosed guidelines carefully for the event. Keep in mind that the purpose of the 4-H Music and Drama program is to teach youth about the arts, improve their communication skills and teach them to work together as a group. It is important that they learn about performing on stage, but it should also be a fun and positive experience and supported by not only leaders but audience members as well. We ask that you emphasize fun and learning and de-emphasize the competition. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.

Some quick facts about the 2019 Music & Drama Festival

Festival date: May 11, 2019, UW-Whitewater at Rock County, Wells Cultural Center, Janesville

- Registrations and fees –\$3 per member or \$40 per group (groups with 14 or more members in the play) due April 2, 2019.
- **New for this year.** Groups and Categories will consist of:
 - Small group Music (1 – 4 members)
 - Large group Music (5 or more members)
 - Small group Theatrical/Drama (1 – 4 members)
 - Large group Theatrical/Drama (5 or more members)Refer to number 1 and 2 in the guidelines.
- Groups may consist of youth from the same or combined clubs with knowledge of all club chairs involved.
- Clubs may have more than one group. Members may participate in more than one group. Refer to number 2 and 9 in the guidelines
- A schedule of performances will be sent to directors / contacts no later than the end of April.
- Your club/group is encouraged to bring programs for the audience for your performance.
- A general program will be provided.
- No piano, keyboard, or instruments are provided; bring your own if needed.
- Music should be on CD to play in sound system. You may also use smart phone, tablet, or computer as long as you have someone to operate it.
- A Sound system will be provided.
- Performances limited to **15** minutes.
- Enjoy your experience in the theater arts program!
- Enclosed you will find 4-H Music & Drama Guidelines, 4-H Music and Drama Registration/Information Form and 4-H Music and Drama rating sheets. You will receive further information prior to the festival.

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ROCK COUNTY 4-H MUSIC & DRAMA GUIDELINES

1. **Performance Categories:**

Music Performance: A song or series of songs; there may or may not be brief narratives between songs. May be instrumental, vocal or show choir. *A music performance is defined as 70% or greater of performance time containing musical characteristics.*

Theatrical/Drama Performance: A production, in which music does not play a significant role, can be drama, comedy, or a skit. *A theatrical performance is defined as less than 30% of performance time containing musical characteristics.*

*The judge has the authority to reassign a performance to a more appropriate category in order to select the top group in each category.

2. **Member Participation:**

Only members currently enrolled in the 4-H program may perform on stage. No adults will be allowed to perform on stage. Cloverbuds (K5 - 2nd graders) are encouraged to perform at the discretion of the director.

A small group is considered to be 1 - 4 members and can be from the same club or members from combined 4-H clubs.

A large group is considered to be 5 or more members and can be from the same club or members from combined 4-H clubs.

Additionally, clubs may register more than one group. All groups must be approved by all clubs involved in that group, and all members who want to participate must be given the opportunity to do so. Members may participate in more than one group.

3. **Time Limits:**

Maximum performance time is **15** minutes.

Groups exceeding the maximum performance time will be penalized at the judge's discretion

4. **Set-Up/Take-Down Information:**

Each group is allowed 5 minutes of set-up time prior to their performance. Groups exceeding 5 minutes will be penalized at the judge's discretion. Each group must clear the stage of scenery, props and other equipment immediately following their performance before meeting with the judge to receive feedback.

5. **Props:** Groups will be performing on a full-size stage, so you are encouraged to have props. This is another way for additional members to be involved on your stage crew.

Sound:

- There will be 6 microphones for use, 4 of which will be wireless.
- Music can be on a CD, smart phone, tablet, or computer to play in sound system. Please have someone (preferably a youth) available to operate for performance
- If using a keyboard or other musical instruments, you need to bring your own.

6. **Registration/Information Form:**

The 4-H Music & Drama Registration/Information Form is due to the UW-Extension office **no later than April 2, 2019**. This is a **firm deadline**.

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7. **Rehearsals:**

Clubs are responsible for arranging their own rehearsal site.

8. **Judge(s):**

The Music & Drama Committee will contact the judge(s) and provide copies of the information sheets for each performance. *As in previous years, each club will submit registration fees which will contribute to the expenses of the day. The Rock County 4-H Jr. Leaders Council will issue a check to the judge(s), the day of the event, for all groups performing.*

9. **Registration Fee:**

Clubs / members are assessed a \$3.00 per member fee or \$40 per group (for groups with 14 or more members) to help offset the cost of the judge's fees and awards. Please include this fee with your registration/information form. For clubs with more than one group, fees must be calculated separately for each group. Members who are in more than one group will be assessed the fee for each group. Fees may be paid together on one check. A separate registration form also needs to be submitted for each group. Clubs may have more than one group in the same category (ex: Avon Music Group A and Avon Music Group B).

10. **Feedback and Awards:**

At the conclusion of each group's performance, the judge will meet with the group and provide verbal feedback. At the end of the festival, the judge will present each group with a blue, red or white rating. Each member of the group will receive a ribbon. In addition, groups may receive a special award for something at which they excelled, as determined by the judge. All groups are encouraged to remain until the end of the festival.

After all performances have been completed, the judge will determine the Top Group in each category: Small Group Music Performance, Large Group Music Performance, Small Group Theatrical Performance, and Large Group Theatrical Performance. These awards will be presented at the end of the festival. Individual medals will be presented to each top group. In addition, individuals will be recognized for their special talents.

12. **Site Information:**

Performances will be in the Kirk Denmark Theater at the Wells Cultural Center on the UW-Whitewater at Rock County Campus. The campus address is 2909 Kellogg Ave., Janesville, WI 53546.

13. **Continued Performances:**

Clubs / groups may be able to perform at the Rock County 4-H Fair if they choose. However, it is not mandatory. If you would like to perform, contact Michael Phalin mphalin@siepert.com for availability.

Groups may apply to perform at the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo stage. For information, see <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-exhibits/>

2019 REGISTRATION FOR ROCK COUNTY 4-H MUSIC & DRAMA FESTIVAL

Please use a separate registration form for each group.

Due to UW-Extension Office by April 2, 2019

Group / Individual Name _____

Clubs included are: _____

Club Leader signatures: _____

(One signature required for each club involved)

Adult Director(s) & Phone Number(s) _____

Youth Director(s) & Phone Number(s) _____

▪ **Contact person (to receive all mailings)** _____

Address/City Zip _____

Email _____

▪ _____ **4-H members X \$3.00 = \$_____ or \$40 fee enclosed.**

(Make checks payable to Rock County 4-H Leaders Council)

▪ **Length of performance** _____

▪ **Please choose a time preference for the festival:**

May 11, Performance Time Preferences:

___ Can perform anytime

___ Prefer morning

___ Prefer early afternoon

Comments: _____

Type of performance *(please see rule 1 and 2 for definitions and check one category)*

___ Small Group Music (1– 4 performers)

___ Small Group Theatrical (1– 4 performers)

___ Large Group Music (5 or more performers)

___ Large Group Theatrical (5 or more performers)

▪ **Director type:**

___ Adult directed

___ Youth directed

___ Both youth & adult directed

▪ **Original Writing:** Yes No

▪ **Title:** _____

▪ **Description** _____

▪ **M.C. Introduction** (exactly as it will be read, be creative, use more space if needed)

Cast List – OVER

Mail to:

Rock County 4-H Music & Drama Festival

UWEX Office, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545

2019 REGISTRATION FOR ROCK COUNTY 4-H MUSIC & DRAMA FESTIVAL
Participants

4-H Member	Club	Grade	Place "X" if Cloverbud	Role <i>JD – Jr. Director</i> <i>S – Stage Crew</i> <i>P – Performer</i>
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4-H DRAMA FESTIVAL RATING SHEET



Club(s) _____

Youth Director (s) _____

Adult Director (s) _____

Name of Play _____

Average Grade of Participants _____

<i>Rating</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>
Acting: Were the actors believable?				
Interpretation/Originality: Did they display realistic interpretations?				
Poise: Did the cast become involved in the true joy of their own creative efforts?				
Voice: Did the cast work together as a total group?				
Pace: Was the tempo of the play suitable? Did it move along?				
Technical: Was there an imaginative use of stage effects?				

Additional Comments:

Rating: (Please circle one)

BLUE EXCELLENT	RED VERY GOOD	WHITE GOOD
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JUDGE: _____ DATE: _____



4-H MUSIC FESTIVAL RATING SHEET



Director: Please provide the judge with a copy of your music prior to the performance

Club (s) _____

Average Grade of Participants _____

Youth Director(s) _____

Adult Director(s) _____

Selection (s) _____

Type of Group (circle one):

“Traditional Chorus”

Vocal Chorus

Instrumental Chorus

Combination Chorus

Novelty

Including costuming, choreography, etc.

<i>Rating</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>
Tone Quality, Intonation				
Articulation or Diction				
Blend, Rhythm				
Note Accuracy				
Dynamics, Expression				
Stage Presence				
Stage Appearance				
Originality, Interpretation, Creativity				

Additional Comments:

Rating: (Please circle one)

BLUE EXCELLENT	RED VERYGOOD	WHITE GOOD
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