June 9, 2020

Dear Clothing Project Member,

This year has been a different year, we have been planning for several County Fair possibilities. The hope is that the COVID-19 cases remain low in Ellis County and we are allowed to have a face to face fair this year. Please be aware that if things change in the next few weeks, we may have to move to a different approach for judging 4-H Fashion Revue entries. We will keep everyone up to date via our website, on Facebook and through emails. We will offer an alternative to face to face judging for those who are not comfortable in coming together. Just let us know.

Construction and Style Revue Judging will take place on Thursday, July 9th, in the afternoon at the Unrein Family Building on the Ellis Co. Fairgrounds. Judging and the Public Revue will be held on the same afternoon/evening. The Public Revue will follow the judging, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will send out a schedule with your judging times after the June 22 deadline. It will also be posted to the Ellis Co. 4-H County Fair page for your information.

In order to complete plans for this event, we need to have the enclosed forms returned to our office by Monday, June 22. Please use a separate form for each entry. Additional forms are available from the office or on-line at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu Ellis 4-H - Events – Ellis Co. Fair link. If you need to request a special time, please indicate at the top of your judging sheets.

You will also need to enter all exhibits into the Ellis County Fair on-line FairEntry.com system by July 7. Go to https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14173 and sign in using your 4-H Online user name and password. A copy of the help guide for this process is posted to the Ellis Co. 4-H Fair website. (Ellis 4-H – Events – Ellis County Fair)

Each item judged will need to be entered into the FairEntry system. A 4-H entry tag will be printed from these entries and will be ready for use at the judging event.

If you plan to enter your item for construction judging, but it will not be modeled (items such as a sewing box, backpack or pillows), please return the yellow form and just mark the area: “This item is to be judged for construction only.” All constructed garments and items will be interview judged on Monday, July 13th.

The theme for the 2020 fair is “Affordable Fun!”. Please complete the description card as you wish to have it read as you model. If you need help writing the description, please check with your clothing project leader, other 4-H members, our office, or check for a description of similar garments in mail-order catalogs or on pattern envelopes. You can find a “form-fillable” version of this card at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu – 4-H – Events - Ellis County Fair. This year we are using the descriptions as they are submitted.

Be sure to check out the $15 Outfit Challenge this year and join in this creative challenge. Enter just as you would for other entries and complete the necessary description sheet.

Fashion Revue Judging sheets are required for each outfit and are due with the pre-entry forms for clothing buyman ship and construction fashion revue entries. These forms will then be displayed at the Fair. The judging sheet must be fully completed with photos attached on judging day.

Participants should enter through the Deutschfest Hall doors. Plan to arrive and be ready at least 15 minutes prior to your assigned judging time. Participants who would like to practice walking across the stage should plan to arrive for “modeling practice” at 5:45 p.m.

We are looking into the possibility of live streaming the 4-H Fashion Revue. That way family members can participate without being exposed to a large number of people.

Remember, a Life Skills Judging Contest will also be held on the 9th, and a new and different one on the 14th, so plan to participate.

We’re looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Susan Schlichting
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4-H Youth Development

Enclosures