

## 2008 4-H Performing Arts Registration

Major changes or clarifications for 2008 are underlined

The Larimer County 4-H Performing Arts Contest will be held at Thompson Valley High School in Loveland on June 7, 2008. The Performing Arts Contest will be conducted in two shows. Those participating in Cloverbud and competing in Junior and Intermediate classes will perform in the afternoon beginning at 12:00 p.m. Those competing in the Senior classes will perform in the evening beginning ½ hour after the completion of the afternoon performance awards. Awards will be given at the end of each show. It is impossible to tell you when you will perform. Plan to be available in the afternoon for juniors and intermediate contestants and from 3 o'clock on for senior contestants.

### **To Enter – Entry Materials Must be in Extension Office by May 16**

Entry materials are available on-line at [www.larimer.org/ext](http://www.larimer.org/ext) , go to 4-H, then click the contest button and look for Performing Arts Contest. You may also request copies from the Extension Office.

Entries sent or brought to the Extension Office must include the following:

1. Correct entry form- completed
2. Entry fee - check or cash, \$3.00 per person per entry
3. Completed Equipment Request Form
4. Completed Introduction Form
5. If Vocal entry - either 3 copies of **sheet music with lyrics**
6. If Instrumental - 3 copies of sheet music
7. If Theatrical - 3 copies of script
8. If needed for dance or vocal - CD (preferred) of music or cassette with performance music only

Cloverbuds are limited to participating in 2 different classes or acts. Juniors are limited to participating in 3 different classes or acts. Intermediates and seniors are limited to participating in 5 different classes or acts. No more than 2 of the 5 may be solos.

### **Registration Forms**

Please submit one registration form per entry. Additional copies of the registration form can be photocopied, picked up at the Extension Office or on the web at [www.larimer.org/ext](http://www.larimer.org/ext) Please **PRINT ALL INFORMATION**. Please write legibly and check spelling carefully, this form is used to prepare the program. Name of Selection on the form refers to the title of the music used. Participants performing in multiple numbers must be listed with all information in each class entered. Class Number and Division Description can be obtained in the State 4-H Performing Arts Requirements. If after you have entered, you are not able to perform or need to drop out, , please contact the Extension Office at 498-6000 as soon as possible.

### **Age Levels**

Acts compete in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels based on age of the oldest 4-H member in the group as of January 1, 2008. Cloverbuds are non-competitive and participatory only. (Cloverbud 5 -7, Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, Senior 14-18) **Note: No 4-H member/group with members under 8 will be allowed to compete at the state level.** Cloverbuds may be entered in no more than 2 classes.

## **Definitions**

### **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST MEET BOTH STATE AND COUNTY REQUIREMENTS.**

Refer state fair requirement (attached) and the Larimer County Contest rules.

- Except for one accompanist, all participants must be enrolled in the 4-H program
- A member may only enter each class once per contest
- Members must supply their own props
- Solo events are comprised of one individual
- Ensembles are 2-5 members
- Groups are 6 members and over
- Choirs - no age division
  - Small - 16 or fewer members
  - Large - 17 or more members
- Orchestra - no age division
  - Small - 35 members or fewer
  - Large - over 35 members
- Skit is a brief dramatic or comic sketch in a performance done by amateurs.
- Pantomime is a scene from life in which the actors use no words, expression of something by bodily or facial movement only; background music can be used.
- Mime is a form of entertainment in which a story and emotion are conveyed by gesture only, without words, but often with music. Mime works with five basic facial expressions: happy, sad, surprised, angry, afraid.
- One-Act Play is a short performance done in one act. It is a stage representation of a drama or comedy

## **Costs and Due Dates**

A registration fee of \$3.00 per participant per class must be attached to each registration form.

Please make checks payable to: Larimer County 4-H Foundation. Registration is due **in** the Larimer County Extension Office, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive , Fort Collins, CO 80522 by May 16

### **LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH A LATE FEE OF \$100.00 PER CLASS ATTACHED.**

An audience admission fee of \$3.00 per person will be collected at the door. Children under 5 are free. This fee helps pay for the facility and other expenses related to the contest.

## **Music**

Music must be submitted to the Larimer County Extension Office along with the registration forms and fees by May 16, 2008. Three copies of sheet music must be submitted for vocal and instrumental classes, copies will be destroyed upon completion of the performing arts contest. No originals will be accepted. Vocal classes: The three copies of music and lyrics, if using a tape for an accompanist, no voices in the background. All voices heard in the vocal classes must be those of the performers.

Dance Division: No sound enhancements on tapes may be used such enhancements of taps, clogging.

Any performers using recorded accompaniment must submit their cassette or CD's by the May 16 deadline. All recorded music must be performance ready. No requests for volume changes or special cues for stops and starts will be allowed. The technician must be able to simply insert the CD/tape and push start. Only one song per CD or cassette. Submit a separate tape or CD for each entry. **THERE WILL BE NO SWITCHING OF MUSIC SELECTIONS OR RECORDINGS FOR ANY REASON AFTER SUBMISSION.** (If you intend to have a live accompanist, submit a tape or CD anyway, but clearly mark that it is to be used only in the event that your accompanist is unable to perform.)

### **Substitutions**

If it is necessary to replace a participant, approval must be obtained from the Extension Agent in charge of the Performing Arts Contest. One substitute will be allowed for ensembles of three or more and one male and one female (2 total) will be allowed in a mixed group and 2 will be allowed in a same sex group. Requests for substitutions must be submitted in writing to the Extension Office and will be granted only in extenuating circumstances such as medical or family bereavement, etc. Approval must be obtained at least one day prior to the contest if possible.

### **Scripts**

Three copies of the material used for every entry in the Theatrical Division is required and must accompany the registration forms and fees by May 16,2008. Copies will be destroyed upon completion of the performing arts contest. No originals will be accepted. All lines of the script must be memorized. Scripts for Skits and One-Act Plays may be in competition. Classes are separated into those written by 4-H members and those written and performed by 4-H member(s). There is no age division. The script can be written by an individual or members in a club. Club leaders/advisors may give direction, but may not write the script. All scripts must be sent in with the entry. All script authors must be listed with birth date and name.

### **Introduction for Your Performance**

Please submit an introduction form of 40-60 words describing your presentation, the names of the contestants, title of your music and anything of interest. This will be used by the M.C. to introduce your act.

Do not put the club name in the narrative. Please type the forms if possible. If nothing is written on the forms when entry is made, only the name of the performer(s) and the number will be announced.

### **Master/Mistress of Ceremonies**

4-H members are needed to announce entries. To compete as an M. C., register for master/mistress of ceremonies according to syllabus, preference will be given to competing members. Members wishing to participate in this area and not compete are asked to contact Kathy Wolfe at 498-6000.

### **Contestants Advancing to State Competition**

If you receive champion at the County competition you may compete at the State level provided that you meet all eligibility requirements. The State 4-H Performing Arts Contest will be held at the State Fair, Musical and Dance divisions on August 30, and Theatrical on August 31. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per participant (not class) to participate in the State Contest. This must be brought or mailed to the Larimer County Extension Office, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, 80524 with cash or a check payable to the Larimer County 4-H Foundation by July 24. Entry forms are submitted by the

Extension Agent in charge of the Larimer County contest. Champions will be expected to represent Larimer County at the state level unless notification is made to Kathy Wolfe, Extension Agent before July 16. Entries representing Larimer County must be identical (costumes, routines, musical selections) to the performance at Larimer County Performing Arts Contest. You are responsible for arranging your own transportation and lodging for the State competition. (If you plan to stay overnight in Pueblo, we suggest that you make arrangements immediately after the County competition. There is a high demand for lodging during the State Fair.)

### **Room Rental**

A limited number of individual classrooms are available at Thompson Valley High School the day of performance at a cost of \$25 each. A \$50 refundable deposit must accompany entries. If it is determined that the room has been left in excellent condition, the deposit may be refunded. These rooms will be reserved on a first come, first served basis and limited to one per club or group. Rooms are available from 11:00 a.m. until 30 minutes after the evening performance. **Do not plan to arrive before 11:00 a.m.** You must submit a classroom order form, signed by a leader and/or coach by May 16, 2008. Groups/clubs are responsible for cleaning rooms they rent and exiting the building on time. ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE WILL BE CHARGED TO THE GROUPS. The responsible party for the group must check out at the conclusion of clean-up with either a designated person of the Performing Arts committee or the Extension Agent in charge of the event in order to receive the refundable deposit.

### **Participant Responsibilities**

1. Participants are expected to assist with cleanup prior to leaving. We are charged for the time spent in the building and everyone is expected to be ready to exit the building within 30 minutes after the completion of the evening performance.
2. It is the responsibility of participant/s to stop performing and notify judges if music is not properly cued. If participant/s chooses to continue through a music miscue, they will not be allowed to redo their performance.
3. Contestants are responsible for legibility and accuracy of information on the registration forms.
4. Contestants are responsible for entering the correct category or class.
5. Participants should not expect a stage curtain to be used for their act.
6. Everyone is expected to exhibit excellent sportsmanship. A Good Sportsmanship Award is presented to an individual exhibiting good sportsmanship at Achievement Night in November. Nomination forms are available on the day of the contest.

For Questions: please call the Larimer County Extension Office at 498-6000.

### **Time Limits**

- Vocal and Instrumental Vocal – 6 minutes
- Dance – 4 minutes
- Skit, Pantomime or Mime – 10 minutes
- One Act Play – 20-30 minutes
- Written Script for Skit & One Act Plays – 20-30 minutes

## LARIMER COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST RULES

(Be sure to read the rules in the State Fair Exhibit Requirements also)

1. Costumes should be selected keeping in mind that this is a 4-H family function. The top of the pants/skirts/shorts must touch the bottom of the shirt at some point around the waistline, when the arms of the contestant are relaxed at their sides. The bottom of the shirt may be lace, fringe, or fabric. If see-thru fabric is used (ie. mesh or sheer) on costumes, all private parts must be covered with the use of a sports bra or tank top. During the course of the performance, no private body parts can be shown or revealed. Full style coverage dance panties (no french cut, bikini, thong, etc) are to be worn under skirts and dresses in the dance division. No glitter or other decoration will be allowed on the costumes that will rub off or wear off in the process of performing, walking, sitting, or movement of any type. There will be a 5 point deduction for infractions.
  2. Material to be performed must be WHOLESOME - family entertainment with no lyrics or actions making reference to drugs, tobacco, sex, alcohol, profanity or violence. Materials which include foul language, racial or religious overtones will not be allowed. There will be a 5 point deduction for infractions.
  3. Points will be deducted from total score as follows:  
Time limits are specific for each division or class. If over the time limit there will be a 5 point deduction for infractions. Accompaniment time is included in the time limit.
  4. Any adult or youth participating in any aspect of the Performing Arts Contest must follow the 4-H Code of Conduct or they will be removed from the competition and/or premises and be barred from future participation in the Performing Arts Contest . The Larimer County 4-H Advisory Council fully supports the decision of the Extension agent responsible for the Performing Arts Contest to take any actions necessary. All audience members are expected to exhibit appropriate etiquette while attending the performance. Cheering and applause should be limited to the conclusion of the act. Other cheering and shouting is disruptive to the timers, the technician, the judges and the performers. **No cameras, cell phones, pagers, food or drink are allowed in the auditorium.** No one will be allowed admittance while an act is in progress. Doors will be opened only between acts.
  5. Performers cannot enter a class more than once. If competing in a group or ensemble, it is each coach or participant's responsibility to verify the eligibility of all members in the group or ensemble. In the event of a conflict, the member will be asked to choose prior to the show.
  6. **Only performers and Performing Arts Contests committee members with assignments will be allowed backstage during the performances. Parents and coaches will be seated in the auditorium to watch their children/teams perform.**
  7. The judge's decisions are final.
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