Guidelines for 4-H Day

**Event: Group Novelty Performances**

**Objective(s):** This is a miscellaneous grouping that may include talent such as novelty numbers, musical freestyle with dog(s), stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist acts, baton routines, gymnastic routines, folk music without a score, stand-up comedy, or other types of talent.

**Time Limit:**
1. 10 minutes maximum, including set up, tear down, and introduction.
2. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded; 30-second grace period.
3. Judge will serve as time keeper.

**Equipment and/or Facilities Provided by Event Monitors:**
1. Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.
2. Participants will be provided a table and two chairs which can be used as a set. No other sets or backdrops may be used.

**Equipment Provided by Participants:**
Each ensemble or group presenting an other theatrical performance will be responsible for all scenery, property and effects.

**Other Theatrical Performance Ensemble**
1. Ensemble may be composed of 2 to 11 4-Hers, not including the accompanist. (Cloverbuds may not perform in ensembles.)
2. Animals do not count toward number of performers; 1 youth and 1 dog equals one performer.
3. Each ensemble will perform one selection of their choice.

**Other Theatrical Performance Group**
1. Groups may be composed of 12 or more 4-Hers. This event is not available for Cloverbuds.
2. Animals do not count toward number of performers; 1 youth and 1 dog equals one performer.
3. Each group will perform one selection of their choice

**Guidelines:**
1. Performers should introduce themselves including the names of the participants and their 4-H club(s). Introductions should also include a brief description of the performance.
2. Costumes are optional.
3. This area is for all other performances that are not included in another category including performing with animals.
4. Performers should recognize this is a family event and choose costumes, themes, and performances that show respect for both the performers and the audience.

**Resources:** Resources that may be used in planning this event include:

Your talent coach
Internet search using the name of your talent
Older youth who share your talent
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Group Novelty Performances Score Sheet

Number in Group ___. Selection Title:

4-H Club(s): List names of participants on the back of Score Sheet

Division: Junior (7-9) _____ Intermediate (10-13) _____ Senior (14-18) _____

Event Time Limit: 10 Minutes Event Actual Time: _____

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Penalty: ___Exceeds time (30-second grace period) = reduction by one ribbon

Circle ONE Top Purple Alternate Top Purple Purple Blue Red White

*Top Purple and Alternate Top Purple are only used at County or District 4-H Day.

Reason for Ranking and other Comments: (Use back of sheet for additional comments.)

Judges initials: ____