

## Guidelines for 4-H Day

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### **Event: Instrumental Ensemble, Band, and Orchestra**

**Objective(s):** For 4-Hers to improve their instrumental performance skills, to share their talent with others, and to learn to perform as part of a musical group.

**Time Limit:** Two numbers. No minimum or maximum time limit.

#### **Equipment and/or Facilities Provided by Event Monitors:**

1. A piano or electric keyboard will be available for accompanists.
2. Music stands will be provided.
3. A practice room is available to be shared among all participants. A piano may not be available.

#### **Equipment Provided by Participants:**

1. Original copy of the music provided to the judge with measures numbered and your name written on your music. If a large group, conductor's score original should be given to judge.
2. Participants must furnish their own sound equipment and personnel to play the accompaniment.

#### **General Rules for All Music Categories:**

1. All 4-Hers must have an original copy of music for the judge. Original music may be proven by original copy or proof of purchase from the internet or copy of music with letter of permission to use.
2. Failure to present original copy of music to judge will result in lowering the placing by one ribbon.
3. Participants should pick up their music after the results are announced.
4. Accompaniment is optional.
5. Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions. Accompanists do not have to be 4-Hers.
6. **Performers should recognize this is a family event and choose costumes, themes, and performances that show respect for both the performers and the audience.**

#### **Guidelines:**

1. Participants will perform two numbers.
2. Selections need not be memorized.
3. One performer should introduce the piece including the title and composer.

#### **Instrumental Ensemble**

1. Ensemble may be composed of 2 to 11 4-Hers, not including the accompanist.
2. The instrumentation should include only recognized instruments of the band or orchestra.
3. The accompanist need not be a 4-Her where the piano is accompaniment only, as for a trumpet trio.
4. The pianist must be a 4-Her when the piano is one of the instruments, as in a keyboard trio or similar group.

#### **Band or Orchestra**

1. Groups may be composed of 12 or more 4-Hers and may not include 4-H Cloverbuds.
2. Bands and orchestras compete against each other in the same category.
3. The original copy of the conductor's score is to be given to the judge before playing.
4. The director is not required to be a 4-Her, but he/she may not play with the group unless he/she is a 4-Her.

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

Private or group lessons

