

Guidelines for 4-H Day

Event: Skit

Objective(s):

1. To present skits that are improvised or lightly rehearsed. By definition, skits are more extemporaneous and less developed than plays in presentation and staging. Skits may either be improvisational in nature or may be loosely scripted and lightly rehearsed.
2. To encourage 4-Hers to have a place for original work to be performed.
3. To have fun performing and practicing performance skills.
4. To perform with a group of friends.

Time Limit:

1. 10 minutes maximum; introduction is not included in time.
2. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded; 30-second grace period.
3. Judge will serve as timekeeper.

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. A table and two chairs will be provided.
3. On most stages, all skits will use the same drapes as a backdrop, but it is suggested that performers prepare and bring their own backdrops. Not all performances will be on stages.

Equipment Provided by Participants:

Each group doing the skit will be responsible for all other property and effects.

Guidelines:

1. Skits are for groups of 3 or more. (For smaller groups, see Solo and Duo Acting or Other Theatrical Performances.)
2. This event is not available for Cloverbuds.
3. 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. The introduction is not included in the time allowed.
4. May use hand props.
5. No straw, confetti, or similar materials will be allowed in performances.
6. Skits can be lightly rehearsed or improvised from a given basic situation for the theme of the skit.
7. Skits can be original presentations written by 4-H members or other amateurs.
8. Skits can also be from previously published material.
9. May provide a list of cast members, synopsis, or other information commonly found in programs.
10. **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:

Friends getting together to have fun sharing a project with the audience
Books of skits in the public library or on the Internet
Developing an original idea into a performance piece
Creative adults and youth who have ideas for themes for skits

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Skit Score Sheet

County (circle one):

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List performers' names on the back side						Number in group:					
Club(s):						Event Time Limit: 10 Minutes					
Title of Presentation:						Event Actual Time:					
Weight	The performers	P	B	R	W	Comments					
40	Talent Demonstrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Words easy to understand ▪ Shows skill in talent area 										
25	Showmanship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appearance ▪ Style, carriage, enjoyment 										
25	Choice Of Material Or Idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interesting to watch ▪ Shows respect for self and audience 										
10	Costumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appropriate ▪ Original ▪ Shows respect for self and audience 										

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: _____