

Attention!!! Your completed 4-H Style Revue **narration form** is due in the MSU Extension Office by **Wednesday, September 6, 2023** if you want to model in the 4-H Style Revue at Fair! (Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.) The Style Revue takes place on Wednesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

DATE: August 24, 2023

TO: All 4-H Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and Wardrobe Personalization Project Members and Leaders

FROM: Kayla Mitchell, 4-H Program Coordinator

RE: 4-H Style Revue at Fair

Following is important information regarding the **4-H Style Revue** to be held at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair on Wednesday, **September 20, 2023** after the Still Project Demonstrations and Performances.

1. The 4-H Style Revue will be held in the Community Tent.
2. All 4-H members enrolled in Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and/or Wardrobe Personalization Projects in 2023 are eligible to participate in the **4-H Style Revue** at the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
3. 4-H members wishing to participate in the 4-H Style Revue must complete and return the **4-H Style Revue Narration Form** to the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by **Wednesday, September 6, 2023** in order to be eligible to compete. You may either mail or hand-deliver the form, but it must be on file in the Extension office by September 6 in order to allow sufficient time for a volunteer leader to review the narrations for any needed rewriting, and to have the narrations typed for use by the narrators at the Style Revue.
4. A "**narration**" is a written description of the garment(s) you will be modeling in the Style Revue. This description will be read by a "narrator" while you are modeling. **A helpful instruction sheet on "Writing Narrations" can be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_still_projects#Demonstrations.**
5. Your narration may include information on each garment/accessory you wear on stage, and is not limited to just the garments you made. You are welcome to include "personal information" i.e. age, 4-H club, school attended, special interests. Keep personal information to a minimum, one to two "items" at most!
6. When deciding how much information to include in your garment narration, be sure that the amount of information you include matches the length of time it will take you to model your outfit, then **practice, practice, practice** modeling while a family member or friend reads your "narration".
Note: On average, narrations should be 35-50 words in length.
7. **Very Important!** In addition to submitting the "[Style Revue Narration Form](#)" to the Extension office by Wednesday, September 6, the member in question must also sign-up for the appropriate Style Revue modeling class on his/her **4-H Fair Entry Form**. See page 74 of the 2023 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book to determine appropriate modeling class.
8. **Subject to change:** Each family with one or more 4-H members participating in the Style Revue is entitled to a **one-day car and driver pass**, with the exception of families with a 4-H livestock exhibitor pass which admits car and driver for the entire week of fair. Pick up your one-day car and driver pass in Building # **TBD** on Saturday, September 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, or 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
9. Members may model a combination of project exhibits (i.e. shorts made in the Sewing project along with a pair of tennis shoes "personalized" in the Wardrobe Personalization project).
10. Members may use purchased accessories (i.e. hat, gloves, etc.) to "complete"/"accentuate" their outfit and/or a "prop" (such as an umbrella, tennis racket, etc.) to help "set off" the particular type of garment(s) being modeled.



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11. 4-H Style Revue participants will be divided into three (3) divisions by age: 8-11 year olds, 12-14 year olds, and 15-19 year olds.
12. Each member will be judged on his/her modeling ability and general garment fit, and will receive an A, B or C ribbon and premium accordingly. Up to 10% of the participants in each age division may be selected to receive an Honorable Mention rosette. The 1st place member in each division may receive a trophy and Best-of-Show rosette.
13. Music will be provided while you model.
17. 4-H members participating in the Style Revue are to report to Building No. 44 at 6:15 p.m. to change into their modeling garments.
18. A temporary "**dressing room**" will be set up in the large storage room behind the 4-H Fair Office and will include wall mirrors, clothing racks (for hanging up your "street cloths" while modeling), chairs and "drop clothes" to prevent garments from coming in contact with floor dirt or dust. Be sure to bring your own hangers! **Attention:** 4-H volunteers will be available at all times to watch over the "dressing room" areas to the extent possible. **However, do not leave valuables such as purses, jewelry, cameras, etc. in this area!** (The 4-H Youth Program and the St. Joseph County Grange Fair will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.)
19. Line up of Style Revue participants will be done in the walkways in the east end of Building #44 according to the following actual modeling order: 8-11 year olds, 12-14 year olds, and 15-19 year olds.
20. Once a given member has modeled in the Revue, he/she must return to Building #44 immediately, change out of his/her 4-H garments and return them to the "check-in" clerk (who will put the exhibit tag and ribbon(s) back on the garment(s) and return it/them to their proper display location). **Attention!** Any member who fails to return his/her garment for display will forfeit the premium money earned on the exhibit per 4-H fair rule no. 17 found on page 7 of the 2023 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book.
21. Judging results will be posted at the 4-H Fair Office just as soon as possible following the Style Revue, with the appropriate ribbons also available for pick up at the office. Please wait at least **1 hour** past the conclusion of the revue before checking for results.

Modeling Tips: Please find two information sheets (***It's Fun to Be a Model!*** and ***Before the Show...***) on the St. Joseph County Still Projects website containing a variety of valuable modeling "how to" tips. Take time as soon as possible to review the flier, and "practice, practice, practice" modeling in front of your family and friends so that you have an established "modeling plan" (in terms of when you do "turns", "pauses" and "hesitations"), and become comfortable modeling in front of an audience.

Modeling Practice: Each age group of models will have the opportunity (as time allows) to practice their individual "modeling runs" on the stage. In addition, each age group of models will practice a total group "modeling run" that will take place immediately after the final member in a given age group has completed his/her individual modeling run. The purpose of the group "modeling run" is to quickly "run" one model after the next across the stage in order to provide both the judges and admiring audience with one additional opportunity to see each model in a given age group before moving on to the next age group.

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Please do not hesitate to call 269/467-5511 if you have questions regarding information contained in this letter.

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