



MEMORANDUM

TO: 4-H Clothing, Knitting & Crochet Members and Leaders

*FROM: Michelle Lain
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**SUBJECT: HOW TO EXHIBIT ITEMS AND PARTICIPATE IN CONTESTS
AT NCW AND CHELAN COUNTY FAIRS**

Fairs will be starting before we know it, and now is the time to think about what you've made in your clothing, knitting, or sewing project this year and to get it ready to exhibit at the NCW Fair and/or the Chelan County Fair. You are eligible to exhibit in both fairs if you wish.

The information you need to get an exhibitor number and entry ticket is found in the 4-H Chelan County Fair and NCW Fair letters that you have already received. The information you need to fill out exhibitor tags for your items is found in the NCW Fair and Chelan County Fair Premium Books (published by each fair). These books are available at the 4-H Office, each

Fair Office and at local feed stores. Use the class and lot information in the 4-H section for the fair at which you plan to exhibit. If you are not sure which numbers to use, the 4-H Clothing Superintendent at Fair will be happy to help you. Please note: Each item must have written care instructions attached to it.

You may also want to participate in any or all of the following activities at either or both fairs:

INTERVIEW JUDGING: (Must pre-register by August 18)

You may choose to have one clothing exhibit judged in a setting where you sit with the judge while the clothing exhibit is being judged. You hear what the judge has to say about your exhibit and have the judge personally explain their reasons and suggestions. You also have a chance to explain what you did and why. Plus, you have a chance to ask the judge questions. Interview judging will last about 15 minutes. 4-Hers like interview judging and say they learn more than just reading judge's comments on a score card.

CLOTHING ACTIVITY CONTEST: (Must pre-register by August 18)

Bring your sewing machine and make a simple garment in 2 hours or less. Don't worry about the time. You will have plenty because you come with your garment cut out and ready to sew. Prepare a poster that shows what you are making, introduce yourself and your project, and sew! You can answer any questions the judge may ask, but no one else is allowed to interrupt you or help you. When you finish you model the garment for the judge. Some ideas for a project include a T-shirt, shorts, popover skirt or other simple project. It's fun! Give it a try! Contact me for more information and a copy of the judging score card.

CREATIVE CONSUMERS OF FASHION ACTIVITY -Must pre-register by August 18

The Creative Consumers of Fashion Activity is a fun learning experience for youth enrolled in 4-H Clothing to showcase their clothing and textile knowledge and their creative

consumer skills. 4-Hers select an outfit, model it for a judge, and discuss the consumer decisions made in the selection. The main purpose is to put together a total outfit and accessories that fits one's lifestyle, style, needs and budget. Garments and accessories can be purchased, remodeled, or part of an existing wardrobe. If you plan to do this contest, ask for a Data Sheet from the 4-H Office. *The day and time for the Creative Consumers of Fashion Show will be on Saturday, August 27 at 4 p.m.*

FAIR STYLE SHOWS: (Must pre-register by August 18 for either or both Fairs)

Use this opportunity to show others what you have made and to gain poise and confidence as you present yourself and your outfit. Judging will be done in 2 parts, and you will need to participate in both to receive a ribbon. You will need to submit a written commentary prior to the Fairs. *The day and time for Style Show at NCW Fair will be on Saturday, August 27, at 4 pm.*

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

Clubs or individuals may enter a 3-dimensional display or poster depicting some aspect of their Clothing or Needlework project work. Educational displays are an opportunity for you to teach others about what you have learned in your 4-H project. A display (poster, models, samples, etc.) may be used to illustrate your project: Wardrobe planning, pattern and fabric selection, construction techniques, care, storage, etc.

A Clothing Activity Pre-registration Form is enclosed with this letter. Please indicate which activities you wish to participate in and return it to me no later than August 18. We will then send you any additional information you may need for the contests. A Style Show Commentary Form is also enclosed with this letter. Return it with your pre-registration if you will be participating in the Style Show at either fair.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions! My phone number is 667-6540. I look forward to seeing you at the fairs!