

## 4-H Fashion Show — Procedures and Information

The 2023 Lancaster County Super Fair Book has information about 4-H contests — see page 14.

In the Fashion Show contest, 4-H'ers learn how to present themselves and gain confidence as they model their constructed or purchased clothing projects and show proper fit of their clothing.

4-H members enrolled in clothing projects are eligible to model their garment (this also includes Beyond the Needle, Clothing 1 Non-Wearables, Fiber Arts/Knitting or Crocheting, and Shopping In Style/Attention Shoppers).

Contest consists of two parts:

- 1) Judging which is held two weeks before the Lancaster County Super Fair.
- 2) Public Fashion Show held during the Lancaster County Super Fair.

A parent or helper is allowed to assist youth in preparing for Fashion Show judging and the public Fashion Show.

### Fashion Show Judging

Judging is held before Lancaster County Super Fair on **Tuesday, July 18, 8 a.m. at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A.** Prior to judging, a letter will be mailed to participants assigning specific check-in and judging times.

STEAM Clothing 1 Non-Wearables (including Fiber Arts/Knitting or Crocheting Level 1) participants will not be judged on judging day. Clothing 1 Non-Wearables participants need to register and complete the Fashion Show Narration form. They will receive participation ribbons at the public Fashion Show.

### Public Fashion Show

The public Fashion Show is held during the Lancaster County Super Fair, on **Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m.** at Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds (Exhibit Hall — use east entrance). Again this year, 4-H'ers will model runway style in the middle of the audience! Invite parents, relatives and friends to this event.

The evening of the public Fashion Show, the 4-H members will model their clothing projects. Dressing rooms will be marked with respective clothing areas. Participants



may begin dressing at 6:30 p.m., but must be in line by 7:15 p.m.

Ribbons and trophies will be handed out during the public Fashion Show.

### Register by July 10

4-H members must preregister for Fashion Show by Monday, July 10. Participants need to fill out one of the following entry forms for EACH entry:

- Fashion Show Narration — sewn item(s); all ages
- Attention Shoppers — purchased item(s); age 8
- Shopping in Style — purchased item(s); ages 9 & over

On each entry form, 4-H'ers write the narration which will be read as they model their clothing during judging and the public Fashion Show. Be creative in describing your outfit. Samples of past narrations are below.

Forms **MUST** be emailed and are available online as fill-in PDFs at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair>. Email forms to [kristin.geisert@unl.edu](mailto:kristin.geisert@unl.edu). For sewn garments, a printed copy of the completed Fashion Show Narration form including a fabric sample and sketch/picture of pattern **MUST** also be mailed or delivered to: Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln NE 68528.

If computer submission is not possible, mail or deliver handwritten entries to: Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln NE 68528.

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## Clover Kids Fashion Show Project

Clover Kid members may model one item in the Fashion Show.

No Premiums — Participation ribbons only.

No state fair entry.

Clover Kids Fashion Show items may NOT be entered for static exhibit judging.

Register by submitting “4-H Clover Kids Fashion Show Entry Form” (available at the Extension office and online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair>) by Monday, July 10. Submit to the Extension office or email to [kristin.geisert@unl.edu](mailto:kristin.geisert@unl.edu).

Clover Kids may:

- Carry and show: pillow, pillowcase, purse, bag or other item they have sewn.
- Wear: purchased top, shorts, pants or cape they have decorated/embellished.
- Wear: top, shorts or pants they have sewn.
- Clover shoppers: wear a purchased outfit on a budget.

## Clothing Static Exhibits

All clothing items modeled in the Fashion Show must be entered as a Clothing Static Exhibit to be judged for construction. Except, Clover Kids Fashion Show items may NOT be entered for static exhibit judging.

Static Exhibit check-in is Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 4–8

p.m. in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds. **On the Static Exhibit Entry Tag, clearly mark the check box which indicates the item is a Fashion Show article.**

All Static Exhibits are released Monday, Aug. 7, 7–11 a.m.

## State Fashion Show

Top models at the county contest will be selected to participate in the State Fashion Show held during the Nebraska State Fair. Any 4-H member who is 9 years old by January 1 of the current year, and is in STEAM Clothing 2, Clothing 3, Beyond the Needle, Knitting or Crocheting, or Shopping In Style is eligible for the State Fashion Show.

## Additional Information

If you have any questions about the Fashion Show, please contact Kristin Geisert at [kristin.geisert@unl.edu](mailto:kristin.geisert@unl.edu) or 402-441-7180.

### HELPFUL RESOURCES



Two YouTube videos, “4-H Fashion Show at 2021 Lancaster County Super Fair” and “4-H Fashion Show at 2022 Lancaster County Super Fair” are at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>

# Sample Fashion Show Narrations

## STEAM Clothing 1

Sarah Doe is ready for school in her close-fitting cotton capri pants and a cotton pullover sleeveless top. Her pants are accented with trim to coordinate with the top making it a complete outfit. Making this outfit was a new experience for Sarah! She plans to wear this outfit to school, church, or when she goes shopping with friends.

Emily Doe is ready for the heat in her cool summer outfit. This easy pull-on outfit is accented with bright smiley faces. Emily chose 100% cotton because it is breezy and easy care. While sewing her first outfit, she learned how to hem and create a casing for elastic. Keep smiling Emily!

## STEAM Clothing 2

Jane Doe will be counting ladybugs instead of sheep in her cotton/flannel pajama top and coordinating black cotton/flannel boxer shorts. Her pajama top features a front button placket, patch pocket and long set-in sleeves which Jane found challenging. Watch out for Jane as she'll be the best dressed at the next slumber party!

For Maria Doe's clothing project this year, she chose a plaid jumper made from a wool and rayon fabric with a matching beret. This is the first time Judy constructed pleats. To finish her ensemble, she's wearing a white cotton long-sleeved blouse accented with gold buttons. Maria is looking forward to this fall when she can enjoy wearing this outfit.

## STEAM Clothing 3

Becky Doe is showing off her dress she made for a high school dance last January. She chose a 100% polyester crepe in periwinkle blue fabric. The close fitting, A-line dress has front princess seaming, back crossing straps, and a side zipper. Becky fully lined this short formal dress which was a new experience. Looking elegant, Becky!

Emily Doe is showing fashion from the 1950's. This costume has a blue felt circle skirt complete with a poodle appliqué. Complimenting the skirt is a white cotton semi-fitted blouse with buttons. Putting in a collar, sleeves, and making buttonholes were new skills learned in this project. Very retro, Emily!

## Beyond the Needle

Nola Doe decorated this shirt with a few of her favorite things. After learning the skill of stenciling, she stenciled butterflies, caterpillars, bees and flowers on the collar, cuffs, and pocket. Hand sewn bugle beads add intricate detail to her design. This beautiful and versatile shirt can be worn over a sun dress, or with pants, capris or jeans. Excellent embellishment, Nola!

After Monica Doe attended 4-H Camp in Halsey, she was inspired to create this shirt. She tried a new procedure, arranging the leaves on the shirt and lightly spraying it with a bleach mixture and quickly rinsing it to stop the bleaching action. Now she will “blend right in” to the forest the next time she goes hiking. Very creative, Monica!