

Walworth County 4-H Drama Fest

Now is the time for you to be dramatic!

The 2017 Walworth County 4-H Drama Fest will be held on Sunday, April 23, at Elkhorn Area High School. The event begins at 1:00pm.

All acts must pre-register using the Drama Fest registration form. **Entry forms are due in the UW-Extension office by 5:00pm on Friday, April 7.**

Registration for this event is FREE! Refer to the score sheet for guidelines that the judges will be using to critique performances. Please note that there will be a short evaluation that will take place directly after the routine.



The judges will give out their full-evaluation score sheets at the **4-H Drama Fest Awards Ceremony**. Directly after the last performance, the judges will gather their thoughts and finish their evaluations for 15 minutes while actors and their families enjoy a cookie reception! When the judges are finished, they will give out special awards, such as: "Scenery Crew Award," "Best Use of Stage," "Best Script Interpretation," and "Most In-Character." Stay until the end of the show to see if YOU or your club won an award!

A performance schedule will be mailed to participating clubs shortly after the registration deadline. If your club wants a specific time, be certain to get your form in as early as possible, and be sure to note that on your form. Requests will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Rehearsal time may be scheduled by calling Chelsea Dertz at (262) 741-4960. Clubs may reserve the stage for 40 minutes per play. The practice date is Saturday, April 22 from 8:00am-1:00pm. Make your reservations early, as practice times fill up quickly. If you will not need the full 40 minutes, please let Chelsea know when you call. We would like to schedule as many groups as possible. Thank you!

Remember:

- There is no limit to how many plays may be performed; maximum time per play is 15 minutes.
- Directors/Screened Adult Volunteers **MUST** be screened 4-H leaders unless they always hold practices in the presence of another screened 4-H volunteer. If that is the case, please provide the name of the screened 4-H volunteer, along with that of the director. Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety of our 4-H members.
- Performances must be family friendly (appropriate content, gestures, clothing, etc.).
- You may bring props to the gym and store them neatly against the wall on the rehearsal date: April 22. Items can be stored in tubs or crates labeled with your club name. **ALL PROPS *MUST* BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LAST PERFORMANCE ON APRIL 23.**
- Make-up will be available the day of performances.
- **NO late entries will be allowed.** Registration received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Suggestions:

- Your club may want to consider performing two or more separate plays if your cast is large. A smaller cast means bigger parts for the participants.
- Performers and their families are asked to stay to watch and support other artists.
- Junior Directors are encouraged to help the adult director. Invite a youth to help!
- Having trouble thinking of a play? Need some new material? Come into the UW-Extension office to check out our many playbooks! We have access to hundreds of plays and skits.
- Creativity is encouraged for 4-H Drama Fest! Your entry can be anything! **If your club does not have interest in performing an entire play, please consider a monolog, scene from a play, improv, puppet show, solo acting, scene from a movie, etc.**