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**4-H CLOTHING REVUE
AT
AVOCA CENTRAL SHOOL
May 1, 2009 7:30 p.m.**

Clothing Evaluation Dates

Wednesday, April 8	North Cohocton Methodist Church	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21	4-H Office, County Office Bldg., Bath	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

WHAT ARE CLOTHING EVALUATIONS AND CLOTHING REVUE:

The clothing evaluation and clothing revue are the last steps in completing a Clothing Project. A member sews a garment during the current 4-H year, and then attends one of the clothing evaluations where the garment is worn for an evaluator. (See “What Happens at Area Clothing Evaluations”.) The last step is to attend the Clothing Revue where the member will model the garment while a commentary about the garment is read. Family and friends are invited to attend.

COUNTY CLOTHING REVUE GUIDELINES:

ALL COMMENTARIES ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF EVALUATION!! Leaders must be sure club members bring their commentaries to the area evaluations. Commentaries will be read by older 4-Hers at the Clothing Revue. **They must be LEGIBLE!!** Use “name” not I or my (Mike’s garment, Mary’s blouse, etc.). We must have commentaries no later than April 21.

1. **Junior and Senior commentaries should be types on 4” x 6” index cards.** Please help by having all commentaries ready at evaluations or send them to the CCE Office by April 21. Word processor/computer printouts taped securely to index cards are acceptable. Do not group members together in a commentary. All commentaries should be written separately on 4” x 6” cards, typed if possible. Assistance will be available at each evaluation site.
2. When writing the commentary, remember the theme and incorporate statements about the garment (refer to HOW TO WRITE YOUR COMMENTARY enclosed). If a 4-Her has a difficult name, please write it out phonetically.
3. An individual may enter only one outfit. It must be complete before it is judged. Incomplete garments will not be judged.
4. **To be eligible for awards, the 4-Her must participate in BOTH an evaluation session and the Revue. Even though evaluation sheets and ribbons are given at evaluation sessions, it is important for the 4-Her to participate in the revue to complete the project.**
5. The enclosed registration form is for the leader to fill out and return to the CCE Office by **Friday, April 3** if being evaluated in North Cohocton and by **Friday, April 17** if being evaluated in Bath. On the registration form, indicate those interested in assisting the judges as teen evaluators. This should be an older member over 13.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension in Steuben County provides equal program and employment opportunities.

6. Seniors are those who are 13 years old by January 1, 2009.
7. Cloverbud members can participate in Clothing Evaluations and Revue. They will not receive blue, red or white ribbons, but will get special recognition at Clothing Revue and "rainbow" ribbons.

WHAT HAPPENS AT AREA CLOTHING EVALUATIONS?

1. At the area Evaluation Day, members will wear their outfits and be evaluated by clothing judges. Suggestions and comments will be written on the evaluation sheet and given orally. Parents and leaders are invited to listen. This is meant to be a learning experience for their 4-Her. Recommendations are made for improvement of techniques, workmanship and fit.
2. Remind members to have their garments freshly laundered and neatly pressed. Signs of wear in a garment are not counted against it. Judges expect that garments will be worn occasionally before evaluations and Clothing Revue. This shows that the individual has made something that he or she needs. Any rips or tears should be mended appropriately.
3. Both junior and senior members will be evaluated at Evaluation Days. If a member cannot be evaluated with his or her club, please make arrangements to attend one of the other Evaluation Days.
4. Please look at these enclosures carefully:
 - Evaluations Forms: One form will be used for Cloverbuds first year members. Second year - ninth year members will use the other evaluation form. (Refer to Evaluation Form enclosed.)
 - Self Evaluation Form - to be used by the 4-Her for self-evaluation with the help of the project leader. An honest self-evaluation can be very meaningful and may make the judge's comments easier to understand and accept. Have the 4-H member complete this before evaluations. (Refer to Self Evaluation Form enclosed.)

WHAT ABOUT COUNTY CLOTHING REVUE?

Please register each 4-Her on the registration sheet according to the specific "clothing type" categories listed. Each participant will register on the evening of May 2nd and receive their color. Juniors and Seniors will be called to the stage to model according to their assigned color. Leaders are asked to help members move to the stage on the evening of Clothing Revue, when their color is called.

PLEASE NOTE 4-H members will "pose" as mannequins (stand still and quiet) while waiting to model. Markers (circles) will be placed on the stage to help them with modeling.

Facilities for changing clothes are extremely limited at the Clothing Revue. Junior 4-Hers should plan to wear the garment that will be modeled.

SENIOR RECOGNITION (13 years and up)

All members in the senior division will be re-evaluated the evening of the County Clothing Revue. The judges will evaluate the 4-Hers before Clothing Revue begins and as they model.

State Fair Clothing Revue is held at State Fair in Syracuse in late August. Seven (7) 4-Hers from Steuben County are chosen to participate. There is no competition at the State Clothing Revue. Members may participate in State Clothing Revue every other year (i.e.: If you participated in State in 2008 you are not eligible in 2009), unless there are not 7 that qualify. If that is the case, then 2008 participants may be invited.

MODELING HELP

If your club members need help with modeling, please contact the CCE office. We will arrange for an older 4-H member who has participated in the State Clothing Revue to come to your club meeting to help your 4-Hers learn modeling techniques. A good time to do this is after evaluations, but before the Revue.

Please explain the area Clothing Evaluation days and County Clothing Revue procedures to your 4-H members so there is no misunderstanding. Please encourage each member of your club who has made a garment to attend both the evaluation and the revue! Both are an important learning experience.

ONLY ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROJECT LEADERS RECEIVE THIS LETTER!

Please share this information with all 4-Hers. All information available on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter or the enclosures, please contact Loree Symonds at 607-664-2310 or at las65@cornell.edu.

Enclosures:

- Suggestions For Writing a Clothing Revue Commentary
- Cloverbud and First Year Clothing Member Evaluation Form
- Evaluation For Clothing Revue
- Self Evaluation Form
- Registration Form