



4-H Share the Fun Showcase 2009 Minnesota State Fair



General Information

Registration for all youth Share the Fun participants is a two step process. Share The Fun participants must register for State Fair following their county and regional process and deadlines. Also, each county Share The Fun group must complete the Share the Fun Nomination form completely, have it signed by a 4-H Regional Educator or Program Coordinator/Director and return it to the Center for Youth Development, Attn: Karen Nelson before **July 30, 2009**. Rehearsal times are set on a first come first serve basis. The county/regional registration process includes registration for all housing and meals for Share The Fun Showcase participants and leaders. There is a program fee assessed for all participants. If you have questions on this registration process, contact your County or Regional Extension Office.

NEW CURTAIN IN 2007!! -- SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MLBA (Minnesota Livestock Breeders) and M4-HAVA (Minnesota 4-H Adult Volunteer Association) for donating the wonderful replacement of the second floor curtain.

Registration and rehearsal for the 2009 Share the Fun Showcase takes place on the second floor of the 4-H Building (Erickson Hall) on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Share the Fun leaders and members will check in, be assigned a storage space for props and costumes, and then start rehearsal (per their scheduled time).

Registration

Share the Fun participants are involved in an extensive schedule. Be sure to check the times and resolve *all* conflicts with exhibiting or demonstrating schedules *before* rehearsal begins.

During rehearsal, acts may need to be modified slightly in order to adapt to the new performing situations and/or increase the effectiveness of the act. These changes, when they occur, will be used as educational tools to illustrate staging techniques and will be under the supervision of the Share the Fun Coordinator, in consultation with your group's Share the Fun leader.

We try to stay as close to the schedule as possible, but don't be alarmed if we are slightly ahead or behind when you arrive. Each rehearsal will be one-half hour in length. Your act *MUST* attend rehearsal if you wish to perform.

Acts must conform to the six-minute time limit. Clubs should modify the length of their act if it is over six minutes. If your act has more than 20 members, you must negotiate housing space by calling the 4-H Superintendent, Brad Rugg, at (800) 444-4238 (ext. 221) or ruggx002@umn.edu. Members younger than the 4-H age requirement may participate in the Share the Fun program with proper supervision. Contact Brad Rugg for more information on this policy.

Access to the 4-H Building

Due to the State Fair Security guidelines, you *CANNOT* drive to the 4-H Building during the Fair. All props will have to be carried in from off the grounds. There are no exceptions to this policy. See the Busing – Unloading/Loading – Parking information at <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/security.html> and the Minnesota State Fair map at http://www.mnstatefair.org/pages/fairgrounds_map.html for more information.

Materials and Equipment

Please keep props and scenic elements very *simple* as storage space and set-up time is limited. Your props, costumes, and scenery need to fit into a small storage area, roughly 5' x 5' in diameter. This space will be marked off by county and available on the day your group is scheduled to rehearse/perform.

You have the space from the beginning of your encampment's scheduled rehearsals until after the performance -- please plan your own arrangements for storage before and after this time. There will be one table, two music stands, and folding chairs for your use. A piano and CD/tape player will also be available. Stationary ceiling and microphones will be available but keep in mind that only technicians are allowed to touch them. Please practice speaking loudly as the room is very large and swallows up sound. Remember, groups have only a few moments to set up and remove their sets.

Stage Area

The Erickson Hall stage is 36" high from floor level. There are handicap accessible ramps located on both sides of the stage.

Safety Restrictions

No acts will be allowed to use live animals nor have water and/or other liquids on stage. Acts are also prohibited from throwing *anything* into the audience.

Recognition and Reimbursements

Each Share the Fun participant will receive a recognition ribbon for his/her performing efforts. There will also be a recognition certificate for each leader. We will announce the top acts at the end of each Showcase.

Meals

Please note that meals during regular encampments are served at the following times so that you may plan according to your schedule:

General Encampment:	Livestock Weekend:
Breakfast: 7 - 8	Breakfast: 7 - 8
Lunch: 11 - 12:30	Lunch: 12 - 1
Supper: 4:30 - 6	Supper: 5:30 - 6:30

Livestock Weekend Housing

No housing is available for Livestock Weekend for Share the Fun participants. On that weekend, Share the Fun is intended to be a "one-day" event. Livestock weekend meal times are:

Encampment Housing

If registered for housing in the 4-H Building, you will need:

- Sleeping bag or bed roll
- Towels, washcloths, toothbrush, toiletries, cosmetics, etc.
- Comfortable clothes for seeing the Fair
- Share the Fun costumes and props

Questions?

For more information on Share the Fun,
Contact Karen Nelson at
(800) 444-4238 (ext. 222) or nelso367@umn.edu
Or after August 13, 651-642-2356

