

# *Sutter/Yuba Counties 4-H 2009 Fashion Revue*

## *“Hawaiian Sunset on the Beach”*

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The annual Bi-County 4-H Fashion Revue is quickly approaching. This year, it is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009 and the theme is “Hawaiian Sunset on the Beach.” As a member enrolled in a 4-H “Clothing & Textiles” or “Fashion Revue” project, you are invited to take part in this event. It is your opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned in constructing, purchasing, and/or embellishing wearable, fashionable clothing as well as developing modeling techniques.

To be in complete alignment with State 4-H Fashion Revue policies and guidelines, the Sutter/Yuba Counties Fashion Revue will have six categories that members can enter. The categories are Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Recycled, Wearable Art, Needle Art, and the Apron Challenge.

Fashion Revue is a fun experience that further develops your presentation skills. You will learn modeling techniques, develop poise, and increase your self-confidence by showing to your family and friends the clothing or accessories you have made, purchased and/or embellished.

The following is important information that will help you in participating in this event. Please read all of the instructions and be sure that you completely understand them. The schedule is the same as in previous years.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the 4-H Fashion Revue is to:

- Provide educational activities for youth who are learning and growing in citizenship, leadership and life skills.
- Inspire appreciation of clothing and textiles, and artistic and creative efforts.
- Provide opportunities to extend youth leadership.
- Promote self esteem through individual expression.



### **DATE, TIME, LOCATION:**

- Saturday, April 18, 2009
- Wheatland Elementary School’s multi-purpose / gym at 111 Hooper Street (at Hwy 65)
- Parking in front of the school is limited, but there is parking on side streets and at the district office (see enclosed map). Signs will be posted to direct you to the multi-purpose/gym.

## **SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES:**

The Fashion Revue schedule starts with registration on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. It is followed by a judging session and dress rehearsal for the fashion show. A BBQ fundraiser will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. so Fashion Revue participants and their families have an opportunity to eat before participating in the fashion show at 7:00 p.m. See the full schedule on page 6. **All due dates set by the Fashion Revue Committee will be strictly adhered to, so please make sure your member/s pay close attention to them.**

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Fashion Revue participants must be currently enrolled in 4-H “Clothing & Textiles” and/or “Fashion Revue” projects. Members who are in Arts & Crafts, Knitting, and/or Leathercraft and want to participate in the 2008 Fashion Revue need to call the 4-H Office and ask to have the Fashion Revue project added to their enrollment form. If you have additional questions about the guidelines and requirements listed on the Entry Form and Supplementary Entry Forms that are attached, please call the 4-H office at (530)822-7515.
- Members may enter any one (1) category they have made or purchased during the current 4-H Program Year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009).

## **AGE DIVISIONS:**

- Primary Members: Members who are 5 – 8 years old. **NOTE: Primary Members will not be judged nor are they eligible to participate at State Fashion Revue in May 2009.**
- Junior: Age 9-11 as of January 1 of current program year.
- Intermediate: Age 12-13 as of January 1.
- Senior: Age 14 and up as of January 1. A member is eligible to participate as a senior until December 31 of the calendar year in which they turn 19.

## **FOR ALL SIX (6) CATEGORIES:**

- The outfit must be created, coordinated and modeled by the 4-H member participant.
- Outfits are subject to review for modesty and appropriate attire. Formal wear may be strapless or have spaghetti straps. **No backless dresses, excessive visible cleavage, visible undergarments, lingerie or swim suits.**
- Guidelines on the specific Supplementary Entry Form related to the category you want to enter must be strictly followed in order to be in alignment with State Fashion Revue guidelines and policies. If you are in doubt about what is an acceptable entry, please contact your Project Leader.

### **1. TRADITIONAL:**

- To showcase the member’s sewing skills and their ability to coordinate an outfit.
- Garment(s) sewn by the 4-H member.
- As skill levels range from beginning to advanced, entries in the traditional category will also vary. The entry might be a one-piece dress or it might be a three coordinated pieces garment. A beginning member might even sew one garment and purchase another (for example, a sewn jumper worn with a purchased blouse). The entry form would state which garment(s) are sewn.

## **2. CONSUMER SCIENCE - PURCHASED:**

- The member demonstrates positive consumer skills such as decision making in purchasing and coordinating an outfit. The main focus of Consumer Science – Purchased is on value rather than cost. Careful use of comparison shopping should result in value surpassing cost.
- A second focus is on versatility. How will you incorporate the new purchases into your existing wardrobe? Will you be able to wear the new garments and accessories for more than one occasion? Even an outfit purchased for a specific reason such as graduation can have other uses, especially if you substitute different shoes, add a jacket, shorten the dress, etc. A useful preliminary for this category is the wardrobe inventory.
- The maximum expenditure limit is \$150 for all divisions. The limit cannot be exceeded and must be documented with receipts. Cost significantly below the \$150 limit is possible and less cost may even result in higher value.
- Value and cost are recorded on the supplemental form.
- Everything visible must be included in the purchased list including jewelry, shoes and socks, hair bow, etc. Undergarments which are not visible are not included. Receipts are required for everything listed unless a gift or prior purchase.
- A gift or prior purchase must have estimated value and estimated cost listed.
- Cost of accessories handmade by the member is based on cost of materials. Estimated value should also be listed.
- Receipts should be organized and photocopied onto a separate sheet. Please, no original receipts or little slips which can easily be lost.

## **3. RECYCLED:**

- The member designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used materials. The completed garment is different from its original use.
- This category focuses on creativity as well as sewing skills.
- The original garment is not yardage like a bedspread or sheet, but an actual garment. It might even be two or more original garments. Additional fabric and trim may be added to complete the new garment.
- The new garment must show at least 50% change in construction. This means it can't just be a t-shirt dress cut in half to make a tank top and elastic-waist skirt. It could be a pair of jeans made into a skirt and handbag with calico fabric and trim added. It could be a large dress made into a skirt to fit a smaller person with the dress collar cut down to fit onto a new blouse. It could be two old shirts re-made into shorts and a light jacket with trim from a man's tie. It could be an old prom dress made into a new blouse with dress pants cut down from a pair of men's slacks. Be creative!

## **4. WEARABLE ART/EMBELLISHED:**

- Decorate a garment(s) using arts and crafts techniques.
- The member may purchase or make a garment(s) and then using arts/crafts techniques, embellish to taste. The main entry must be an embellished garment (coat, dress, pants, shirt, etc.). Embellished accessories like shoes or a hat may complete the outfit.
- This category focuses on creative techniques and workmanship as well as fit and coordination of the outfit.

## 5. NEEDLE ARTS:

- Members demonstrate their ability to knit, crochet or weave a garment and coordinate an outfit around that garment.
- It must be an entire garment like a poncho, skirt, shirt, dress, etc.
- Scarves, hats or belts are accessories, not garments. Accessories made using needle arts may be added to complete the outfit but by themselves do not count in this category.

## 6. APRON CHALLENGE:

- Construct an apron using Simplicity Aprons pattern #9565. Aprons made from other patterns will not be accepted. The member may design useful additions and embellish the apron. Use your creativity with fabrics, colors and details to personalize your design.
- Change it to suit your needs! Will you wear it in the kitchen, to barbecue, for woodworking, while you paint or for animal grooming? The possibilities are endless! For example, you could adjust the neck strap; make it shorter, longer, smaller or larger; change the pockets or eliminate them; add trim or appliqués; experiment with fabrics, colors or details.
- Purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your apron.
- The apron is judged based on appearance, features used to customize it, and how it coordinates/adds to the ensemble worn by the member while carrying or wearing it.
- There is no dollar limit for the outfit like in the Consumer Science - Purchased category, but it is always wise to be a smart consumer.

## JUDGING:

- Participants are divided by age division and category for judging.
- Participants are judged on overall appearance and expression of personal style while wearing their outfits and/or aprons.
- Participants will briefly tell the judges what they made or purchased and what they learned. They should be prepared to answer questions from the judges.
- The judges will review the entry forms and accompanying information.
- There will not be “on the hanger” judging.
- Judging is closed to the public.
- The commentary is not read during judging. It is read during the Fashion Show.

## AWARDS:

- All entries will be judged by the Danish System.
- Each participant will receive a certificate and a participation pin.
- Additional awards may be given in each age division, in each category, including donated gifts.
- Awards are based on merit, as determined by the judges. If there is only one entry in a category, this does not automatically warrant an award.

**FASHION SHOW:** All participants must model in the Fashion show. The Fashion Show is open to project members, their families and their guests.



## ENTRY FORMS:

- Complete the Fashion Revue participant entry form.
- Complete the one-page supplemental entry form for your category.
- Both pages must be complete. Members may receive assistance in completing forms.
- Attach your typed commentary on the 5"x8" Commentary Card. Commentary limit is 100 words. Use size 14 font, double-spaced. Commentary may be edited by the committee. See the separate sheet on Commentary Guidelines.
- *Photos of your completed garment/backpack are not mandatory, but are required if you are eligible to participate in State Fashion Revue.*
- Traditional: attach a photocopy of the pattern envelope front if a pattern was used and a 2x3" swatch of each fabric.
- Purchased: attach a page containing photocopies of your receipts (*please do not include originals or small slips of paper which can get lost*).
- Recycled: a before photograph of the old garment as well as a 2x3" swatch of each fabric.
- Wearable Art: a before photograph of the garment is required.
- Needle Art: attach a yarn or thread swatch and a photocopy of the pattern envelope front.
- Apron Challenge: attach a 2x3" swatch of each fabric.

## REGISTRATION:

- Completed *Entry Forms and Commentary Cards* must be turned in to your Project Leader **no later than Monday, March 16, 2009**.
- Project Leaders: Please review entry form packet and commentary cards.
- Project Leaders must turn in completed *Entry Forms and Commentary Cards* **no later than Friday, March 20, 2009** to the 4-H Office.

### LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

- You must write your own commentary. Your commentary is what you want to tell others about your project. Refer to the enclosed information sheet for more ideas.
- Rehearse! Read your commentary aloud. Think about how it sounds. Is it too long or too short?
- Members requiring special arrangements due to disability, please attach an explanation to registration form.

Members and their families need to plan to make a total commitment when participating in Fashion Revue. The event comprises a full afternoon and evening and participants must: 1) take part in the judging, 2) take part in the fashion show, and 3) be present at the time awards are presented in the evening. They are also asked to attend and participate in the "Emblem Club Salad Luncheon Fashion Show" fundraiser that will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2009.

Remember, county winners of the Bi-County Fashion Revue are eligible to participate in the 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue on Saturday May 30, 2009. If county winners are unable to compete at the state level, the county alternate is eligible to do so.

For 2009 State Fashion Revue entry information, go to  
<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- March 16** Turn in completed entry forms and commentary cards to your Project Leader.
- March 20** All entries are due into the 4-H Office (Project Leader's responsibility).
- April 2** Commentary Committee meets to put together the lineup.  
**Note:** Commentator tryouts will occur on this date (see enclosed application) at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office.
- April 18** **2009 Fashion Revue – Wheatland Elementary School**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Registration / Check-in**  
Fashion Revue participants and judges check in, follow signs to the registration table in the multi-purpose / gym. Room Coordinators will escort participants to the dressing rooms.
- Primary Members are to meet in the multi-purpose / gym at 3:00 p.m. for rehearsal and to become familiar with walking on the stage.
- 3:30 p.m. **Judging** – Winners will be announced at the fashion show.
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Dress rehearsal on the multi-purpose / gym stage - ALL** participants are expected to attend this important rehearsal. Participants should come prepared knowing how to model. It is crucial that members work with their Project Leader prior to the dress rehearsal to learn how to walk, turn and stand when modeling their outfits.
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **BBQ Fundraiser** – Family and friends are invited (Fashion Revue participants will receive *one* complimentary meal).
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Fashion Revue participants will dress and line up for fashion show.**
- 7:00 p.m. **Fashion show begins.**

**One person from each club that enters must sign up to help with the clean-up of the facility.**

- April 26** **Emblem Club Salad Luncheon Fundraiser** - The Emblem Club Luncheon is a fundraiser to support future Fashion Revues. All 2009 Fashion Revue participants are expected to take part in this luncheon and fashion show. All family and friends are invited. Your support of this event is needed. Tickets will be mailed separately, so watch for them in the mail. Contact Mary Hall at 530-743-2490 if you have any questions.