

## **California State 4-H Fashion Revue General Info & Tips**

- State Fashion Revue is held during State Field Day on last Saturday of May at UC Davis
- How to qualify & enter
  - One County Winner (or Medalist, if County Winner cannot enter) from each age division in each category may enter State Fashion Revue. The county will submit a list of members who qualify.
  - A county may only have one entry per age division for each category
  - A member may only have one entry in State Fashion Revue
  - Primaries are not allowed to enter in State Fashion Revue
  - A State Fashion Revue entry is submitted online by the participant.
  - Participants should expect competition at State Fashion Revue to be at a much higher level than at county.
  - The county is required to provide 1 judge per 5 entries. Adults may also volunteer to be room monitors.
- State Fashion Revue uses most of a three story building.
  - Check-in is outside the building.
  - The second floor contains dressing rooms and judging rooms.
  - The first floor contains a dressing room section (participants only!), a workshop section, presentation judging section for fashion revue participants, and volunteer orientation & tally room section.
  - The basement contains the parent orientation room, vending machines, and an area for parents to help with hair and other preparation.
  - Only participants and registered volunteers (judges & room monitors) are allowed above the first floor!
  - Dressing rooms are separated by age categories and gender. They are locker room style. They are just regular classrooms with desks and chairs. There are not private booths for changing.
  - Only participants are allowed in the dressing rooms. No parents! No siblings who have not been assigned to the same dressing room.
  - Label your garment bag and other bags and supplies you bring in the dressing room.
  - Participants may come to the first floor and basement for help with hair, etc, before their judging time.

- The participants may be required to stay upstairs in the judging hallways for an hour or more. Parents may be unable to contact the participants during this time.
- Sample schedule
  - review an actual schedule – this is a sample schedule:
    - 7:15–8:30 check-in – name tags, dressing room & judging room assignments
    - 8:30 – 9 orientations (separate rooms for parents & participants)
    - 9 – 9:30 dressing (same time as room monitor & judge orientations)
    - 9:30-10:30 Group A judging
    - 10:30-11:30 Group B judging
    - 11:30-12 Group A & B may be called back for final judging
    - 12:00 remove all belongings from dressing rooms before lunch
    - 12 – 1:00 lunch
    - 1:00 line up for Fashion Show – this is at a different building
    - 1:30-3:30 Fashion Show & awards (held on outside stage)
  - This is an all day event. It may be hot outside during the Fashion Show.
  - Participation in the afternoon fashion show is required to receive an award.
- Judging
  - There are two judging time slots. If there are a lot of entries in an age division of a category, the judging may be broken into two groups. Each group will be divided into smaller groups. Participants will be seen in small groups. The small group enters the room, standing in a line before the judges. Judges ask the group to turn to show the back of their garments, then face the judges. One youth at a time is asked to step forward to give a short, not more than 30-second oral presentation to the panel of judges about their outfit. No note cards. Judges may use a timer in to ensure the 30 second limit is observed. The members will respond to questions from the judges. Total time spent should be no more than 2 minutes for each participant.
  - See the website and paperwork from State Fashion Revue for rules, etc
  - Read “State Fashion Revue, Guide for Judges, 2016” which is available at the State Fashion Revue website
  - Print a copy of everything related to your entry so you can review it.
  - **Practice your 30 second presentation!** Review the questions judges may ask (in the State’s Guide for Judges) and practice your answers. Your 30 second presentation should include answers to some of these questions. Be sure to know where you will wear your outfit and how to care for it.

- Pay attention to the time. Listen to whether or not the judges want you back at your judging room at a later time. If they do not make this clear, ask them or your room monitor before you leave your judging hallway. Do not leave the hallway until you are excused by your room monitor. Unless they are very clear about not wanting you to come back, it is best to stay in the building until noon.
- Bring: chairs, shade, emergency sewing supplies, clear tape, water, snacks, etc.
- Other tips (lunch places, other contests, etc)
  - Food: Farmers' Market (about 3 blocks away), 4-H food booth (sometimes there is a long line), UC snack/coffee shop (not always open), Whole Foods (about 3 blocks away), or bring a picnic
  - Contests & other events: photography, plant science, presentations & share-the-fun, logo design contest & voting, MyPlate viewing, displays & exhibits, entomology contest, judging contest, interview contest, film festival, award ceremonies for the various contests
  - Be prepared to walk. If the shoes for your entry are uncomfortable or heels, bring separate shoes to walk from parking lot and to the Fashion Show location.
- Workshops, make & take items, and community service projects are usually available on the first floor of the Fashion Revue building. These all close by noon.