

Clover Kid Rules

1. OBJECTIVES:

To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following:

- Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection.
- Clothing construction or comparison shopping.
- Fashion interpretation and understanding of style.
- Good grooming and poise in front of others.
- Modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND AGE CRITERIA:

Membership - the contestant must be enrolled and actively participating as a 4-H member. The 4-H member must also be actively participating in a 4-H Clothing program. To participate in the District 1 4-H Fashion Show, a participant must place first at his or her county level fashion show and/or be certified by his or her county Extension agent. Only one entry per age level, division and category per county may advance to the District 1 4-H Fashion Show.

Age is based on the 2008-2009 4-H year:

Clover Kid - not yet old enough to compete as a Junior.

Junior – must be 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 & 10 years of age on August 31, 2008.

Birth date is between September 1, 1997 - August 21, 2000.

All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2008 and the district contest.

3. JUDGING DIVISIONS:

Construction

Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased. Clover Kids, Juniors and Intermediates: A minimum of one garment is all that is necessary to enter the construction category. Other garments worn with the garment entered may be purchased or constructed.

Buying

Comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, internet, outlet stores, discount stores, resale shops, garage sales, thrift stores and professional seamstresses. **Three different sources or stores must be used, not three sections of a single store.** Be sure to include all costs related to the garment, for instance, if an alteration or mending is needed to make the garment wearable, include the cost of labor and supplies for a professional seamstress to make the adjustment/repair.

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Judging Criteria: Appearance, quality of workmanship, wardrobe coordination, appropriateness of care requirements and selection of pattern, fabric and construction techniques will be judged. Adult judges will ask questions about the garment and its construction. This is an interview, not a presentation. You may introduce yourself, but let the judges conduct an interview.

4. **CATEGORIES:**

Clover Kids, Junior & Intermediate Categories: REMEMBER, THESE CATEGORIES APPLY FOR BOTH CONSTRUCTION AND BUYING!

ACTIVE - garments suitable for strenuous outdoor activities and exercise. Ensembles should be accessorized appropriately. Garments in this category would be: jogging suits and shorts, jams, swimsuits, tennis ensembles, leotards, and ski-wear.

CASUAL- (school) garments should be appropriate for school or to wear to spectator sports. Such garments are: walking shorts, culottes, skirts, vests, blouses, pants, big shirts, dresses. This includes plain denim and chambray garments

DRESSY- this includes garments appropriate to wear to a wedding as a guest, recitals, receptions, church, teas and showers. This would also include lace, denim, and chambray garments.

SPECIALTY- garments in this category should require extra time, work, and/or special fabric or construction techniques. Such garments are formals, pageant dresses, tuxedos, wedding party attire, costumes, sleepwear, tailored suits.

Cost. There are no cost limits, so there is no need to attach receipts or list expenses for either construction or buying division. The Construction Division and Buying Division Worksheets include a space to provide the total cost of your garment/ensemble.

5. Clover Kids will be interviewed by senior fashion show participants.