



4-H SEWING & TEXTILE DESIGN

Cowley County Fair Clothing Project Events 2026

The Cowley County Fair features the 4-H Clothing and Fashion Revue judging and public review on **Tuesday, July 21**. Judging will be at Central of Burden High School, 700 North Main Street, Burden, KS. The Public Revue will be in Messenger Recital Hall at Southwestern College in Winfield.

In 2025, Shopping in Style became the new name for the buymanship project. At the state level, boys and girls are combined. In Cowley County we still have separate divisions in Shopping in Style for fashion revue.

The “Shopping in Style” project also has a new category for youth to create a poster or display highlighting wardrobe skills. These entries will be judged on **July 21** with conference judging.

Reminder: Fashion Revue participants are limited to two entries per department and are only on the schedule twice. Youth will pick their favorite outfit to model for the evening public revue and need to **submit a script by 4 p.m. on Monday** (yes, this is earlier than the past!)

NEW FOR 2026- Participants will submit their own digital photo wearing their outfit that will be used for the fair display. A backdrop will be available and all photos are requested by Tuesday evening (no later than 8:30 p.m.)

Favorite Foods Show and Decorated Foods entries will be judged between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. All youth can participate in photography and Family and Consumer Sciences Judging contests.

**TUESDAY
July 21, 2026**

8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
**Clothing Construction
judging**

NEW LOCATION:
Central of Burden
High School
700 N Main St
Burden KS

Starting at 8:30 a.m.
**Fashion Revue Judging
for Constructed
Garments Revue and
Shopping in Style
(see schedule in packet)**

7 p.m.
**Messenger Recital Hall
Southwestern College
Winfield**

**Public Fashion Revue
doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

MODELING WORKSHOP

A Modeling Workshop will be held Monday, July 13 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Cowley County Courthouse, Extension Assembly Room. If you need ideas about modeling, check out this video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROOvdIU6VKA>. Remember to practice walking in the shoes you will be wearing!

CLOTHING LABELS

In Clothing, Fiber Arts or other exhibits needing a cloth label, exhibitors can make their own label on a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be 3"x 2.5" in size and include exhibitor name, class number and county.

Sew-in labels are no longer available from the local Extension Office.

FORMS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE

The Cowley County Fashion Revue Cost Per Wear Worksheet is a form fillable document.

Please complete both sides of the worksheet for each fashion revue entry and bring with you on Tuesday.

The front page of the form includes a space to attach a photo, fabric swatch or sketch of your outfit. The photo can be a candid picture and can be inserted into the PDF.

The back of the form includes the "Cost Per Wear" worksheet and is required for all age divisions. It is important for all ages to know how to care for their garment and how it fits into their wardrobe plan.

A copy of the "4-H Fashion Revue Evaluation Scorecard" is on the next page for your information. Members do NOT have to complete this form prior to judging.

Questions on Cost per Wear sheet:

1. What is your favorite part of this outfit?
2. What is something you learned during this project?
3. Where will you wear this outfit?
4. Seniors (ages 14-18): If you could change one thing about any of the garments, what would it be?

REMINDER: Make your own clothing label using interfacing or a small scrap of fabric:

Exhibitor name: *Christy Clover*
 Class number: *0265*
 County: *Cowley*

Fashion Revue & Clothing Project Checklist:

Prior to Tuesday:

- **Go online to access all worksheets, forms and templates:** <https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/cowley-county-fair/index.html> or **click [here](#)**. Complete the 2 sided Cost Per Wear /Fashion Revue Worksheet for each outfit you will model.
- Clothing Construction - Sew in label to each garment or article.
- Decide which outfit you will model for public review; write and submit script using the [online form](#) or <https://forms.gle/zo9VeSvTexz9YXKP8>.

Judging Day - Tuesday, July 21, 2026

FASHION REVUE

- Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled modeling time; dressing rooms will be available.
- Check-in and submit all worksheets at “info table” upon arrival.
- Please notify host at “info table” if you are scratching any entries.
- Check-in with room host and wait for instructions.
- Youth will model in groups (see schedule)
- Stay in outfit until group call backs.

CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION & SHOPPING IN STYLE DISPLAY

- Judge will be available between 8:30-11:00 a.m.; first come, first served.
- Entry tags for each exhibit are pre-printed and available at the “info table.”
- Clear garment bags for projects will be available.
- Youth will participate in conference judging and receive a ribbon placing that day.
- Purple ribbon projects will be held until 11:30 a.m. for the judge to review for division champion placings.
- All projects must be claimed by 12 p.m.

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4-H Fashion Revue Evaluation Scorecard

Scorecard	Excellent	Good	Fair	Comments
I. General appearance and knowledge - 70%				
A. Posture, poise				
B. Personal grooming				
C. Garment condition				
D. Fit of garment				
E. Modeling skills				
F. Accessories used to create a total look				
II. Construction appearance & life cycle knowledge - 30%				
A. Quality of construction				
B. Appropriate finishing techniques used				
C. Plan for clothing care & life cycle				
D. Able to calculate value per wear				

JUDGING CONTEST

- Youth who are waiting for activities can participate in a Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest and/or a Photography Judging Contest.

Public Fashion Revue - Tuesday, July 21, 2026

- Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Participants should be dressed and ready for line-up by 6:45 p.m.
- Script readers will meet to practice at 6:40 p.m.
- Awards and ribbon comment sheets will be distributed at the end of the public revue.

Exhibit Check-In Day - Thursday, July 30 at Cowley County Fair

- Take projects (classes 3998-4006 and 4020-4022) with ribbons and entry tags attached to Barn 4 anytime between 4-7 p.m. for exhibit check-in.
- Only Constructed Clothing projects and Shopping in Style display projects will be exhibited at the fair; Photos of Shopping in Style (buymanship) outfits will be featured in a special display.

4-H Fashion Revue Script Information

Submit one script for your favorite outfit by 4 p.m. the day before judging using the online form at www.cowley.k-state.edu (Cowley County Fair tab).

4-H members must participate in the public revue in order to receive ribbons and premiums. Ribbons will be presented at the public revue.

The 4-H Fashion Revue commentary presents the 4-H'er and his or her project to the audience. The commentary should introduce the 4-H'er, describe special garment features for the audience to notice, and may highlight additional personal information about the 4-H'er and the project. A commentary's introduction lets the 4-H'er know when to come on stage and the conclusion gives the 4-H'er the signal to leave the stage. 4-H Fashion Revue commentaries should be no longer than 90 seconds (about 200 words). This gives the model times to come on the stage, make two or three turns, and then exit. Read aloud and time the commentary to be sure it takes 60–90 seconds. (Time may vary at a county activity.)

When writing your 4-H Fashion Revue commentary, consider the following ideas:

- A lead statement introduces the model by name and town/county or club name.
- Review the pattern envelope for a description of the garment. These descriptions can give you many ideas. Tell about details that the audience might miss. Stating the obvious bores the listener.
- Discuss what the 4-H'er learned in completing the project.
- Tell how this garment fits into the model's total wardrobe.
- Discuss any original techniques used in the construction of the garment.
- Tell something about the 4-H'er—background and special interests.
- Use statements that carry out the Fashion Revue theme, if one is used.

Examples of Fashion Revue Commentaries

Won't Jon Adams, from Homestyle 4-H Club in Richland, be proud on the first day of school, wearing his new colorful shorts and T-shirt outfit? This is Jon's first clothing project. Besides sewing, Jon is active in tennis, baseball, and choir. Jon learned how to keep his eyes on the sewing machine needle so he could sew straight. Jon says that it is fun to wear this outfit, but that it is even more fun to tell people he made it all by himself! Great Job, Jon!

This rayon challis dress is just right for dress-up days at school and other special occasions. Maria Cruz, from Spokane, chose this forest green fabric because she wants to wear the dress year-round. Notice the lace-tucked edges on the bodice. One of Maria's first learning experiences from this project was matching fabric, lace, and thread. She said it was difficult. The time she spent looking for just the right colors and textures sure paid off! Maria, you have a beautiful outfit—wear it with pride!



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