

Congratulations on being selected to compete in the 2021 State Share the Fun Contest! It is always exciting to see the talent that our members have and to enjoy the performances you share with us. You have been selected to represent your District at the 2021 State Share the Fun contest. As you prepare for the contest this week here is some information that will help you arrive and get to your destination as easily as possible. Please read through this, save it for reference, and contact me if you have any questions.

**Who:** We have 10 performances representing districts all over Florida.

**What:** 4-H State Share the Fun Contest

**When:** Friday, July 30, 2021 at 1:00pm

**Where:** University of Florida, J. Wayne Reitz Union Rion Ballroom, 686 Museum Road, Gainesville, FL 32611

<https://union.ufl.edu/visit/location-parking-directions/>

**When you need to arrive:** You may arrive as early as 7:00am at the Union. However, we will not check in props and music until 10am and will continue until 12:00pm. All rehearsals will be completed by 12:30pm and the ballroom will be cleared of all performers. We will open the doors to guests and our audience at that time.

**Unloading Props or Large Items:** When you pull into the Reitz Union, drive past the parking garage entrance to the circle. There is 15 minute parking. You can unload there. DO NOT park in handicapped parking, even for a minute, unless you have a pass. You will get a ticket. Proceed up the stairs/ramp to the right. This is the ground floor entrance to the Reitz Union. It will take you in by the hotel desk. You can ask there if they have a cart you could borrow or you can take elevators to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and ask at the Information desk to borrow a cart. It will honestly be easiest if you have large items to bring your own cart or hand truck. However, there are carts if you need them. Once unloaded, proceed to the parking garage to park.

**Parking:** There is a Parking Garage attached to the Reitz Union. Park there. We are providing you with a "Coupon Code" for Free Parking in the Parking Garage. Go to either of the two pay to park kiosks. You will need your license plate number (Take a picture). Follow the instructions at the kiosk. It will ask you

if you have a coupon code. When it does, enter: **4HVIP**. This will provide you with free parking for the day.

**Getting to the Rion Ballroom:** Inside the Reitz Union, the Rion Ballroom is on the Third Floor. There are lots of elevators, any elevator can get you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Once on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, follow signs to the **Rion Ballroom EAST**.

**Checking your Music and Props in:** Once you are at the Ballroom, please quietly go inside and check in with Dustin Hart or the volunteer there to greet you. They will advise you where to put your props, how to label them (please have your name clearly listed on them), and take your music from you. They will also set you up with a time to do a quick rehearsal.

**Recorded Music:** If you need us to play recorded music for your performance, please have that music file on a flash drive that is labeled with your name. We recommend bringing 2 just in case one file is bad. **DO NOT RELY ON THE WIFI/INTERNET**. Dustin will test the music file to be sure it works and he can play it. Please be patient as he is working with all 10 performers and needs to be sure everyone is ready to go. If you are playing the Piano, a Piano will be in the room for you.

**Dressing rooms/Prep Time:** All performers need to be back in the Green Room area no later than 12:30pm. There will be male and female dressing rooms, there is a single use restroom there as well. You may have 1 guest with you to help you if you need help. Space is limited so only 1 guest will be allowed with you in the Green room/Dressing area. Room Temperature Bottled Water will be available. If you need other food or beverage, please plan ahead and bring that with you.

**The agenda:** We will alternate performances with Award recognitions. This will give performers an opportunity to be ready back stage to go out when it is your turn. You will be given an order of go when you arrive. Please pay attention to the order and make sure you are ready when it is your turn. We will have a staff volunteer back stage to help you stay on track. We are very tight on time so it is very important to be ready when you are called. If you are not ready, we will move on to the next performer and put you in their spot.

**Performing Via Video:** If you have made prior arrangements to compete via video submission (we have 1) I have the video and we will play your video for the Judges to evaluate during the competition.

**The Scoring/Placing:** We will place performances 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will receive the judges comments following the performances. Placing will be announced on Friday at the end of the contest. We also have a Crowd Favorite Award. Guests vote online. The links to vote will be posted during the live streaming event on Facebook. Please tell your friends and family who are attending as well as those who are watching from home to like and follow us on Facebook. They do not have to have a Facebook account however, we have a public page. Here is a link to our page: <https://www.facebook.com/florida4h>

**Live Streaming:** The Share the Fun Contest will be Live Streamed on our Facebook page and on You Tube. You do not need to have a Facebook or You Tube account to watch. Through Facebook, we will put a link in the comments for viewers to vote for crowd favorite.

**COVID-19 Precautions:** UF has returned to Pre-Covid-19 operations. Non-vaccinated individuals are encouraged to please wear a mask. For more information regarding the COVID-19 Guidelines on Campus, you can click here: <https://coronavirus.ufl.edu/health-guidance/>

**7/30/2021 State Share the Fun Schedule:**

10:00am-12:00pm	Drop off music and Props to Rion Ballroom at UF Test music with sound tech
12:30pm	Report to Rion Ballroom Green room for Share the Fun Contest
1:00pm	Share the Fun Contest Begins
3:00pm	Share the Fun Contest Concludes and Awards Announced

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing you soon!