What is it?
An action exhibit is an interactive presentation which involves the audience in the presentation process. Like a demonstration, in an action exhibit the 4-H members demonstrate a skill, show how to make or repair something, or they show how and why something works. Real objects are used. Unlike a demonstration, as the action exhibit presentation unfolds the audience asks questions and interacts with the presenter; the audience may even try the skill themselves. Because the whole process is shown, action exhibits may last up to 50 minutes each.

On to States
Each county may send their top two exhibits per age group; Juniors (age 8-10 by 1/1/2020), Intermediates (age 11-13 by 1/1/2020), and Seniors (age 14 and older by 1/1/2020), however, the qualifying exhibit must have scored a minimum of 30 points (75%). Teams can be comprised of up to 3 members, and will compete in the division of their oldest member. Participants must be at least 8 years old to be eligible for State Activities Day consideration, and at least 12 years of age to be eligible for Eastern States Exposition.

Action Exhibit Facts
- Action Exhibits have one to three participants.
- The exhibit is organized so that each person has a given time to work.
- Time guidelines: 50 minute time period of youth engaging with judges and audience, with a 15 minute set up time.
- If a product is made, it needs to be made in the allotted time from step one to the finished product. Samples may be used to show different steps.
- The participants must provide all materials and equipment needed.
- Scoring is done by roving observers during the presentation. Score sheets will be returned so that the participants will continue to learn and improve their skills.

How to Plan an Action Exhibit
1. Choose a topic: What have you done or learned that you want to show to others?
2. Choose your action: Do you want to do an Action Exhibit by yourself or work with others in planning and doing an Action Exhibit?
3. Choose your goal: Do you want to teach others something? Do you want to show others how to do something? Do you want to promote something or compare different processes?
4. Choose a title: Make it short and catchy. Have a one-idea theme. Tell the most important point and be original.
5. Choose your support materials: What materials, equipment, and ingredients will you need to make your exhibit active?
6. Practice! Practice your Action Exhibit by doing all the necessary steps in the process.
7. Get People Interested: Decide on ways you might involve the audience.

Categories / Subject Areas are:
1. Animal Science - Horse Public Speaking (Seniors Only)
2. Animal Science - Horse
3. Animal Science - Livestock & Dairy Production
4. Animal Science - Small & Companion Animals
5. Animal Science - Poultry
6. Citizenship & Civic Education – Citizenship / Community Service
7. Communication & Expressive Arts - Arts & expression
8. Consumerism - Family & Consumer Sciences
9. Consumerism - Hospitality, Etiquette, & Social Graces
10. Environment Science - Bugs & Bees
11. Environment Science - Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
12. Environment Science - Forestry & Wildlife
13. Environment Science - Environmental Science (Soil & Water)
14. Healthy Living - Health/Fitness/Physical Activity
15. Healthy Living – Foods/Nutrition/Healthy Eating
16. Healthy Living - Safety
17. Science & Technology
18. Science Experiment/Invention Project (will the new Science/Engineering Score Sheet)
19. Open Class (please describe)

Resources & Scoresheets
https://extension.unh.edu/events/merrimack-county-4-h-presentation-day

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