Learn How to be a Clown

HONESDALE - The art of bringing happiness and laughter to other people is a rare and cherished gift in our troubled world.

For many years, clowns have brought smiles to the faces of circus goers and parade watchers. Their silly antics, raggedy hair, and painted faces bring sunshine into the gloomiest days. In some cases, clowns save lives. More than once, a rodeo clown has lured an angry bull or a bucking bronco away from the fallen rodeo rider.

How does a person become a clown? Pennsylvania teens will have the opportunity to learn the art of clowning as a part of the first Annual 4-H Clown Camp.

The dates for the teen camp are the afternoon of March 10 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre, and the evening of March 14 at the Pomeroy's Community Room, Wyoming Valley Mall, Rt. 315, Wilkes-Barre. The final session in which all the participating clowns will perform for friends and family will occur the evening of March 23 at St. John's Lutheran Church, S. Wilkes-Barre.

Participants will learn the basis of clowning, including: learning to design and apply their makeup to produce a distinctive and original clown face; selection of costumes and props and development of pantomimes and routines. Clowning inevitably brings forth unexpected creativity and a great deal of fun while learning!

Clowning has side benefits: it seems to bring out the dormant



leadership qualities in many individuals. While they are working with the clowning group, their inhibitions seem to float away. They feel a sense of accomplishment and achievement. Many people who don't feel comfortable in something else really open up and take charge of situations, when they're in

Many participants also overcome their shyness through clowning. They develop their self confidence and communicate more openly after their clowning experience.

Other benefits produced are: the participants gain in creativity, using a lot of imagination in designing their "act", costumes, props, and routines; the community discovers new human resources, fun, and education available locally.

To participate in the 4-H Clown Camp teens need no previous

clown experience and do not need to be current 4-H members. A desire to learn about clowning while having fun is the main requirement.

To receive a free flyer describing the 4-H CLOWN CAMP please contact the Wayne County 4-H Club Office at 253-5970, ext. 114 or write The Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service of Wayne County at Courthouse, Honesdale, Pa. 18431



Saturday, March 3 Lancaster Society 6 meets at the

home of Mrs. William Thome for a program by Mary Lee Spangler. Members will be fined 10 cents if not wearing green.

- Lancaster Society 1 meets to entertain Society 28 at the Farm and Home Center at 12:15 p.m. Grace Wenger will give a program on Teaching in China. Tuesday, March 6
- Lancaster Society 35 meets for a program by Debbie Winger. Thursday, March 8

Lancaster Society 33 meets for a



program on Herr's Potato Chips. Husbands are invited. Lancaster Society 21 meets for a

program by Joyce Eby. Lancaster Society 9 meets

Saturday, March 10

Lancaster Society 7 meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Leacock Presbyterian Church in Paradise. Mabel Lynch will present slides of a Walking Tour of Lancaster.

Lancaster Society 2 meets for a 65th anniversary banquet.

Lancaster Society 25 meets for a program by Janet Groff with a book review





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