

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Types of Public Presentations - Guidelines for Youth Presenters

4-H Presentations (9 - 19 Year Olds):

Time Limit: 5 to 15 Minutes
(Varies depending on Age & Experience Level)

1. Demonstrations: (Show How)

- The presenter shows, one step at a time, how to do, make or prepare something based on a topic or subject from a 4-H project or from general interests and activities. Be sure to review the Introduction Guidelines.
- This type of presentation usually includes a completed product and/or posters, which list the ingredients or give background information.
- Some examples may include how to lay out a pattern; how to juggle; how to use the Internet; how to sort & do laundry, etc. Topic should be appropriate for experience level.
- **Important reminder about Food Demonstrations:** Presenters must wear aprons; have hair pulled back, wash hands before beginning (or indicate that they just washed their hands if sink is not in the room). Due to food safety guidelines presenters **cannot** serve samples however, Evaluators may request a sample if they choose.
- Team Demonstrations are permitted

2. Illustrated Talk:

- The presenter tells a story, or informs audience about something. Be sure to review the Introduction Guidelines.
- An Illustrated talk usually explains a process, trip, activity or event accompanied by visuals such as a poster series, overheads, slides, power point, books, pictures, models or other illustrations.
- The presenter may use visual aids to tell about the topic.
- Some examples may include telling and showing the importance of good nutrition; telling and showing about fishing; telling about & showing quilts, etc.
- Teams presentation are NOT permitted

(Please Turn Over)



3. Recitation (Creative Communication):

- The presenter delivers a piece of **pre-written** material (No original pieces). Be sure to review the Introduction Guidelines.
- Vocal inflection, body language, mood and tone are used as primary communication tools.
- Props **may not** be used but presenter may use clothing to subtly represent the mood however, costumes are not permitted.
- Memorization is expected; but notes are permitted.
- Team presentations are not permitted.

4. Dramatic Interpretation (Creative Communication):

- The presenter or team delivers a re-enactment of a piece of **scripted** material taken from plays, movies or monologues. (Original pieces are acceptable with prior approval from 4-H Educators). Be sure to review the Introduction Guidelines.
- Vocal inflection, body language, mood and tone are used as primary communication tools.
- Props and costumes should be used but should not detract from the strength of the presenter.
- Memorization is expected; but notes are permitted.
- Team presentations are permitted. (Maximum 2 per team)

Cloverbud Presentations (5 - 8 Year Olds):

Time Limit: 1 to 8 Minutes
(Varies depending on Age & Experience Level)

1. 4-H Pledge
2. 4-H Creed
3. Show & Tell / Demonstration