

Public Presentations Guidelines

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, February 12 from 9 am to 1 pm

General Guidelines:

The most important part of public presentations is simply making the effort. Presenters are evaluated based on their age and level of experience. No matter whether this is your first presentation or your 50th presentation, practice is always important.

Presentation Length

Cloverbuds: ages 5-8

It is recommended that cloverbuds do a very simple demonstration with 2 or 3 steps. For example, how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Cloverbuds are evaluated for participation only, but will be scored and evaluated based on age and experience. Cloverbuds are expected to make a presentation between 3 and 5 minutes.

First Time Presenters- presentations should be at least 5 minutes but no more than 15 minutes.

Experienced Presenters- Presentations must be at least 5 minutes, but it is expected that experienced presenters over the age of 9 will speak for 8 – 15 minutes.

Presentation Categories:

Demonstration- the presenter shows and explains how to do or make something. A demonstration may be done as a team (no more than 2) but each presenter must have a speaking role and play a significant part in the demonstration.

Illustrated Talk- the presenter uses visual aids such as a poster, clothing, equipment or an animal. Illustrated talks may not be done as a team.

Formal Speech- the presenter aims to persuade, motivate, or inform the audience without the use of visual aids. The speech is written in the presenters own words, however quotations, poetry, or other imagery may be incorporated into the speech.

Recitation- the presenter delivers a piece of pre-written material using vocal inflection, and body language to deliver the piece. Notes are permitted but it is expected that the piece be memorized.

Dramatic Interpretation- the presenter(s) deliver a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. Props should be simple and minimal. Dramatic Interpretations may be done as a team of 2 presenters but each presenter is evaluated.

The Monologue- My 4-H Story- Spend an easy 5 minutes telling us about your 4-H career. Presentations may include visual aids or slides as needed.

A Note on Your Appearance:

Your dress can say just as much about your topic as your presentation. Clothing should be neat and 4-H appropriate. No flip flops (except as part of a costume), no halter or spaghetti strap tops. All presenters are evaluated for appearance so make sure yours is neat and appropriate for your topic.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BLUE RIBBON WINNERS!

The top blue ribbon presenter(s) are eligible for a camp scholarship of up to \$100. Scholarship may be used for any 4-H camp including Camp Shankitunk, April Adventures, or 4-H Mini Day Camp.