

4-H Public Presentations Stevens County Policy

Policy

1. Cloverbuds, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are eligible to participate in Area Public Presentations.
2. 4-H Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors receiving blue awards at Area Public Presentations are eligible to take part in County Public Presentations.
3. Participants for the State 4-H Fair will be selected from Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors receiving blue awards at the County Public Presentation activity. The high scoring Senior horse presentation will be eligible to advance to the National Equine Public Presentation Contest at State Fair. Scores at County Public Presentations will be used to determine state-qualifiers in years of low allocation numbers.
4. Public Presentations should be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 20 minutes. Recommended time for Juniors is 3-8 minutes, Intermediates is 5-15 minutes and Seniors is 8-20 minutes. Maximum length includes set-up and clean-up.
5. 4-H Public Presentations should teach a skill, concept or principle. Public Presentations presented at Area or County must be related to a project in which member is enrolled.
6. Presenters may be allowed to use live animals in their public presentation if approved by contest site coordinator. However, live animals are not allowed at State Fair and your presentation must be adapted using life-like models, miniature models and/or illustrative materials where practical in order to visualize their presentation. Use of firearms is not allowed.
7. Team Public Presentations are encouraged. If team presentations are given, both participants must be in the same age division to advance to State Fair.
8. As always, 4-H members are expected to present a clean and neat appearance. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for Public Presentations. Example: for a foods demonstration an apron and hair net should be worn if necessary.
9. Originality in the construction of visuals is encouraged. Visuals should be helpful to enhance understanding of the presentation, legible, and easily seen.
10. Use of notes are discouraged and may impact score.
11. 4-H'ers may give demonstrations, lectures, or illustrated talks. The method chosen should be the one best adapted to what's being taught.
12. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will receive placing ribbons. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.

13. The highest scoring Junior, Intermediate and Senior in the county contest will receive a county medal for public speaking.
14. PowerPoint presentations are permitted after a member has given at least one presentation at an area contest. Cloverbuds and Juniors are not eligible to do PowerPoint presentations.
15. Members using PowerPoint must either provide own equipment—including computer, projector, screens, extension cords, etc.—or make prearrangements with the 4-H office in order to use/borrow county equipment.

Judging

1. Judges will consider age, experience and difficulty of presentation topic to determine ribbon placings.
2. The 4-H Public Presentation Evaluation Form will be used for judging Area and County contests. Please note that the evaluation form used at the State 4-H Fair (C0430) is essentially the same as the County form except that the Personal Traits section is given more points.
3. There is no distinction made between demonstration, lecture or illustrated talks: However, judges will consider whether the best method possible was chosen.
4. PowerPoint presentations will be scored using the same standards as posters and illustrative materials in traditional presentations.