How to Give a 4-H Demonstration

− Hi, my name is Antony.
− And I am Chris.
− This is my ninth year in 4-H.
− And this is my 6th year in 4-H.
− We've done a lot of presentation in those times.
− Oh, yeah!
− A lot of demonstrations and illustrated talks.
− Yeah, it is kind of a mandatory thing normally for most of the clubs.
− Remember how nervous we were when we first started?
− It's kind of nerve-racking when we first started, it really is.
− Yeah. I am sure that a lot of you who are out there and are new to giving demonstrations could be nervous. But we are here to try to help you and give you some tips on how to give a demonstration.
− Exactly, that's what we're here for! When you start your demonstration you want to introduce yourself...
− And you want to make sure you give your name...
− And your age...
− And your club...
− And how many years you've been in 4-H...
− It is also helpful to say your project...
− And any other information you can think of just to give your audience idea of who you are and how many years you have been in 4-H.

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− Hello, my name is Sam, I am 13 years old and I am in Crazy for Cats club. This is my second year in 4-H and my project is cats. This is my first demonstration.

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− Wow! Sam here did a great job!
− Oh, yeah!
− She stated her name,
− Her age,
− Her club,
− Years in a club,
− She just did everything she needed to get the audience going on her demonstration.
− she made sure to say what the project was and how many demonstrations she has done.
− Yes. I think that so far it is turning out to be a very good demonstration.
− Definitely.
− So, when you are doing a demonstration, you always want to be confident.
− You want to look at your audience,
− and you want to speak loudly and slowly.
− We should see how Sam does on the rest of the demonstration.
− Yes, let's watch.

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− (Sam speaks quietly and unintelligibly)

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− Wow! Sam, what happened?
She did not look confident;
Yes, she was not looking at her audience;
and she didn't speak loudly and clearly so people could understand.
You know, I think she should try again.
Let's try that again.

Today I'll be talking about cat breeds. For the major cat breeds there is Bengal and Manx, American Shorthair, Abyssinian and Persian.

Great job, Sam!
Yeah, she really did an awesome job this last time. She was confident
She looked at her audience
And she was speaking loudly and slowly.
Now, as you are trying to finish up your demonstration, make sure you go over the main points.
Exactly! And you should ask the audience if they have any questions.
And as you are answering the questions you should make sure that you repeat the question. And by doing that you should say: “The question has been asked...”
Right! Because sometimes when one person asks a question not all the audience can hear what they said. So, you want to make sure that everyone in the audience knows what the question was, so they'd understand the answer.
And if you don't know the answer to the question for some reason, just simply say: “The question has been asked...” and whatever the question was, and then say: “I don't know but I am going to look it up.”
And tell them you'll get back to them if you can.
Let's see how Sam finishes up her demonstration.

I have shown you a five major cat breeds. Are there any questions? The question has been asked where did I get my information from. I got my information on cats from WSU website. Are there any more questions? If not, this completes my presentation. Thank you.

Wow! Sam did a really great job with this demonstration.
I am sure she will get a blue ribbon.
Yeah, she should do this demonstration for the state 4-H demonstration contest.
She should totally do that!
Yeah, and so when you do your demonstration, you always what to remember to introduce yourself,
you also want to make sure to speak clearly
and be confident.
And always look at your audience.
Speak slowly and loudly.
And you want to make sure to go over all of your main points when you're finished
Right, and ask the audience if they have any questions and always repeat your questions.
Definitely. And as you are finishing your demonstration just have fun.
And don't forget to always thank your audience.
So, thank you!
And good luck on your 4-H demonstration!