

**F. In a presentation:**

1. Use your own words and speak clearly.
2. There is no need to memorize your demonstration. Cue cards with only key words may be used.
3. Look at the audience and talk to them. Speak in a conversational tone.
4. Let the audience see plainly every step of the demonstration. Be careful not to place things between the audience and you. Have a table beside you on which you keep extra equipment.
5. Tell where you obtained your information.
6. If you don't know the answer to a question, rather than give the wrong answer, you could say that you do not know, but you will try and find out the answer. Charts must be neat and should be printed in dark lettering and visible at 20 feet.
7. Display charts only when you are talking about the subject that is on the chart.
8. Dress appropriately to the job you are doing. Always be neat and clean.
9. Avoid chewing gum. It is difficult to speak clearly with gum in your mouth.
10. Be enthusiastic and SMILE!
11. GOOD LUCK!!!!



Many other opportunities are offered in conjunction with demonstrations. Check your Premium Book Guidelines for Special Awards at the Yakima Valley Junior Fair and Central Washington State Fair.

**Are you into it?** 

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## **YAKIMA COUNTY GUIDE 2015 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

### **UPPER VALLEY – March 16, 2015**

Contact Diane Jones to schedule presentations

**Chairperson:** Diane Jones, 966-5336

### **CENTRAL VALLEY –**

Call Barbara Harrer to schedule presentations

Barbara Harrer's home, 70 N Falen, Harrah

**Chairperson:** Barbara Harrer, 848-2883

### **LOWER VALLEY – March 10, 2015**

5:30 PM-6:30 PM, Sunnyside Library

**Chairperson:** Robin Scott, 839-4937

### **COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS DAYS – March 20-21**

**March 20 4:00 PM-8:00 PM, March 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**WSU Yakima County Extension Conference Room**

**Chairperson:** Barbara Harrer 848-2883

If your club members are unable to participate at their assigned time, **they** must take the responsibility to call their leader or the area/county public presentation chairperson **at least** 24-hours in advance to let them know.



## AREAS OF COMPETITION

- A. There are three age groups: Juniors (grades 3-5); Intermediates (grades 6-8); and Seniors (grades 9-12). Within each group are three categories for different types of demonstrations. These categories are Agriculture, Family Science and Miscellaneous. Primary 4-H'ers may participate, but will not be judged.

## II. GUIDELINES

- A. A member can give a public presentation on anything as long as it relates to his/her project. For example, to do the demonstration "Breeds of Rabbits," one must be enrolled in a rabbit project. Gear the demonstration to the age, ability and experience of the member.
- B. A member must participate in Upper, Central or Lower Valley Public Presentations to qualify for County Public Presentations. All members participating in an area event may participate at the county level. An area day Chairperson will assign individual demonstration times. Special times may be set up for those requesting it, due to jobs, etc. **Please note:** members from another area, however, please check first with both area chairs.
- C. Have your entry forms in one week before presentation day. (Main club leader has this form.)
- D. **Special categories in addition to project areas –**
1. **CWSF Trophy Contest.** Top two Juniors, top two Intermediates and top two Seniors from County Public Presentations in each area of competition (Agriculture, Family Living, Miscellaneous) will participate in the CWSF Demonstration Trophy contest. (Check their premium book.) Also, trophy contestants will only qualify on the official listed Presentation Day. There will be no make-up.
  2. **National Equine Presentations:** Three contests held at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup: Individual Demonstrations, Team Demonstrations and Public Speaking for Seniors. One entry in each lot per County. Special score sheets used at Puyallup.
  3. **State 4-H Fair – Puyallup:** Blue ribbon winners from the County Public Presentation contest are eligible to compete at State Fair.

## III. GUIDELINES FOR GIVING PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- A. There is a member manual available, EM4787, How To Make a 4-H Public Presentation.
- B. **Title:** Choose a short, interesting title that gives a hint of the subject of your demonstration, but doesn't tell the whole story.
- C. **Introduction:** A good introduction will get your audience interested in your demonstration.
1. Be sure and introduce yourself.
  2. Tell your audience why you want to demonstrate this particular thing.
  3. Tell your audience how important it is for them to learn what you are doing and what you are going to demonstrate.
  4. If your method will save time and effort, explain how much time and effort can be saved.
  5. If your demonstration will show people a way to save money, explain how much they can save by doing it your way.
  6. Explain how easy it is to do it this way.
  7. Originality is good – use your own creativity. For example, you may use a question to begin your demonstration.
- D. **Body:** The body is the part of the demonstration in which you tell and show how to do something.
1. Have your steps in a logical order and show all the steps as you tell and show how to do something.
  2. In each step, tell **WHAT** you're doing, **HOW** you are doing it, and **WHY** you are doing it."
  3. Talk about what you do, rather than do what you talk about.
- E. **Summary:** In the summary, review briefly the important parts of your presentation.
1. There are generally two or three main points and you can briefly summarize the details on these points. Don't re-state your entire demonstration.
  2. Exhibit your finished product if you have one.
  3. Have recipes, materials or plans available to hand out.
  4. Tell where you got your reference material and information.
  5. Ask for questions. "This concludes my demonstration. Are there any questions?" Be sure to repeat the question before answering.
  6. At the conclusion of the question period, thank the audience for their attention.

