4-H Communication Event
April 13, 2023
6:30 p.m. - Kearney County Fairgrounds

Pre-register by noon on April 12th

This 4-H Contest provides 4-H'ers with the opportunity to develop the life-time skill of public speaking in an "audience friendly" contest. The contests is divided into 3 different areas of competition. Trophies will be awarded in each division except Future 4-H'ers.

Prepared Speech

CLOVER KID: This division is for Clover Kid 4-H'ers ages 5 to 7. As a beginning speaker, less is expected. This will be a non-competitive division, where 4-H'ers are evaluated, but not judged. Participants will receive future 4-H'er ribbons. Enjoy the experience! You will find it fun! Choose any topic to speak about. Read a poem, favorite story, or tell of a favorite place you have visited. If it is written by someone else, tell who the author is at the beginning. Your talk can be two minutes or less in length. This division is not eligible for advancement to the district speech contest. No visuals or props allowed.

JUNIOR: Age is 8 to 9 year olds as of January 1, 2023. You may use a poem or a story. Time limit is under 3 minutes in length. This division is not eligible for advancement to the district speech contest. No visuals or props allowed.

ADVANCED JUNIOR: Age is 8 to 9 year olds as of January 1, 2023. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. You may tell about an experience in 4-H including projects, activities, or experiences. Time limit is one to three minutes in length. No visuals or props allowed.

INTERMEDIATE: Age limit is 10-13 years old as of January 1, 2023. In your speech, you may talk about any experiences in 4-H. Time limit is three to five minutes in length. No visuals or props allowed.

SENIOR: Age limit is 14 years or older by January 1, 2023. Time is limited to five to eight minutes. Speech must be 4-H related and written by the 4-H'er. No visuals or props allowed.

PSA

All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.

- The state theme for the 2023 Public Service Announcement is "**Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H!"** and must be incorporated into the PSA.
- All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.
- All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu". The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit. Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used. Please use .wav or .mp3 audio formats when recording your PSA.

The Public Service Announcement division is open to any age level and must be on some aspect of the 4-H program of interest to the 4-H'er.

Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Illustrated Presentation

An Illustrated Presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following the presentation.

Rules

- Divisions
    - Junior Division-8-9 Year Olds by January 1, 2023
    - Intermediate Division-10-13 Year Olds by January 1, 2023
    - Senior Division-14 Years Old or older by January 1, 2023
- Length
    - Individual (all age divisions): 6-8 minutes
    - Team (all age divisions): 8-10 minutes
    - Participants will be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit
- An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.
- All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.
- Presentations should include an introduction (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic), and a conclusion/summary (the "what" portion of the topic).
- Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Please indicate when registering that you will need a computer.
- Live animals may be used in the presentation. Presenters are responsible for all stalling arrangements, care, and handling of animals.

Other Events Held at Nebraska 4-H Communications Event – June 23rd

No Local Contests held for the following events. You may register for these state events to compete on June 23rd in Lincoln.

Impromptu Speech

- The Impromptu Speech competition gives youth the opportunity to write and present a speech around a 4-H-related topic that they select during the competition, where they are given 15 minutes to develop and prepare for their presentation. Judges evaluate the subject, organization, and delivery of the speech. On the day of the contest, participants will have a topic randomly selected for them. Youth will have no more than 15 minutes to develop a speech on the selected topic. Participants will then deliver the speech to judges and audience members.

Video Communication

- The video communication contest allows youth to create a multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating on both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production. Length: 60-90 seconds Youth may use a phone, laptop, or tablet to create a multi-media piece around the theme: **Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H!**