



4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

April 13th, 2020 Time: TBD

Will be held virtually via Zoom

Register by April 9th by calling 402-329-4821 or emailing Pierce-County@unl.edu with your name, whether doing a speech, PSA or both, the title of the speech, and age division.

The contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

A 4-H Presentation, given by one individual or a team of two individuals, 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. Judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question and answer session following presentation.

Presentation Guidelines:

- A team presentation, consisting of two (2) individuals, may be given for any class; there is no separate class for team presentations.
- Time limit is 6-8 minutes for a presentation given by an individual and 8-10 minutes for a presentation given by a team.
- Participants may be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limits.

Topics:

- All 4-H Presentations topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experience focused on the priorities of career and college readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, healthy living, leadership development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).
- 4-H 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).



Classes:

- Clover Kids - 4-Hers 5-7 years. Non-competitive.
- Junior - 4-Hers 8-10 years.
- Intermediate - 4-Hers 11-13 years.
- Senior-for 4-Hers 14 years and older.

To advance to State 4-H Presentation Contest youth must be 10 years old as of January 1st of the current year and have received a purple at the County contest.

Giving Your Speech

- When introduced, walk briskly to the area where speech will be given.
- Pause, smile, and look at everyone before starting.
- Stand tall.
- Be confident.
- Speak loud and clear.
- Speak normally, don't rush.
- Don't read your speech off your cards.
- Look at your audience like you are talking to each of them.
- Have good eye contact.