

SPRING CONTEST DAY

PART 1: MARCH 20TH 9:00AM UNTIL NOON

Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Personal Development

PART 2: APRIL 6TH 10:00AM UNTIL 2:00PM

*Insect ID, Horticulture ID, Dog Science, Wildlife ID, Fishing Sports,
Consumer Foods Judging, Consumer Decision Making, Ready to Wear*

General Demonstration Requirements

1. All contests will consist of three divisions:

Elementary (grades 4-5)

Junior (grades 6-8)

Senior (grades 9-12 or 14 by January 1)

2. 4-H'ers may participate in any demonstration contest.

3. Contestants must present a method demonstration - not an illustrated talk.

4. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for all demonstrations.

5. There is no limit to the number of demonstration contestants from each club. No individual may enter more than one demonstration in each category. No individual or team may enter the same demonstration in more than one category.

6. Members of a team demonstration must be from the same club.

7. All demonstrations and speeches must be prepared and practiced prior to Demonstration Day.

8. A demonstration which was presented for area and/or state competition may not be presented by the same person or team on Demonstration Day.

9. First place senior winners will be eligible for State 4-H University (in contests indicated with *).

Demonstration Categories:

*Indicates a 4-H University contest

Agriculture Individual or Team *

1. Open to any 4-H member.
2. In the individual category only 1 person can compete. In the team category there must be 2 4-H'ers competing.
3. May include livestock and crop production, conservation of natural resources, wildlife management, marine science, poultry science, agricultural engineering, forestry, horticulture, etc. Examples: Care of lawn E equipment, how to plant potatoes, grooming a dog, making an insect collection, etc.

Home Economics Individual or Team*

1. Open to any 4-H member.
2. In the individual category only 1 person can compete. In the team category there must be 2 4-H'ers competing.
3. Subjects may include clothing, family life, family resource management, health, safety, housing, house furnishings, etc. This does not include foods demonstrations. Examples: Cleaning a sewing machine, making play dough, proper way to exercise, making a first aid kit, removing stains, etc.

General Individual or Team

1. Open to any 4-H member.
2. In the individual category only 1 person can compete. In the team category there must be 2 4-H'ers competing.
3. Demonstrations may not be related to another category. Demonstrations that are not allowed in this category include: any foods demonstration, entomology, energy management, horticulture topics, small engines, etc. Examples: How to chart a hurricane, using the computer, how to make a necklace, how to clean a camera, garnishing, how to make any craft, and making slime, etc.

Foods Individual or Team

1. Open to any 4-H member.
2. In the individual category only 1 person can compete. In the team category there must be 2 4-H'ers competing.
3. Contestants must give a method demonstration on the preparation of a food dish. This category includes demonstrations in rice cookery, fruits and vegetables, breads, dairy foods, etc.
4. Time limit - 15 minutes.

Horse Demonstration Individual or Team

Junior 13 and under

Senior 14 and over

1. May be a demonstration or illustrated presentation.
2. May be individual or team.
3. Subject must pertain to the horse industry.
4. Twelve minutes will be allowed for each demo.
5. Notes will not be used when giving demonstrations.
6. Live animals may be used.
7. Judges may ask questions after demonstrations.

Horse Public Speaking

Junior 13 and under

Senior 14 and over

1. Subject must pertain to the horse industry.
2. Ten minutes will be allowed for each speaker, with points subtracted for excessive time. One point will be deducted from each judge's score for each minute over time.
3. Contestants may use notes. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestants at the discretion of the judges. Visual aids are not allowed.

Public Speaking

Public Speaking contests are open to any 4-H member.

Public Speaking -General

1. Speeches may be on any topic but must be original. Brief notes may be used, but dependency on notes is not encouraged.
2. A penalty will be assessed to those speeches that do not adhere to the time limit. The penalty will be 3 points for each 30 seconds or a portion thereof, above or below the limit. Time limit will be as follows:
Elementary and Junior (3-5 minutes) Senior (5-7 minutes)

Public Speaking-Cooperatives

1. Speeches must be original and must be on and in favor of cooperatives. Brief notes may be used, but dependency on notes is not encouraged. Reference material is available from the 4-H Office.
2. A penalty will be assessed to those speeches that do not adhere to the time limit. The penalty will be 3 points for each 30 seconds or a portion thereof, above or below the limit. Time limit will be as follows:
Elementary and Junior (3-5 minutes) Senior (5-7 minutes)

Public Speaking - Soybean Production

1. A 5-8-minute illustrated talk will be given on some facet of soybean production, marketing, processing, utilization, nutritional value, etc.
2. *The use of visual aids is encouraged.*

Personal Development

1. Open to all 4-H members.
2. Boys and girls will compete separately.
3. Contestants have a short interview with a judge. Contestants should be able to answer the following questions: What career you plan to follow? What kind of schooling or training is needed for this job? What kind of skills are needed? Why did you select this job? Why do you think you would be good at this job? Where could you get a job like this? General appearance, cleanliness, manners, and poise are factors for consideration in judging the contestants.
4. Scoring will be as follows:
GROOMING 50%
INTERVIEW 50%
TOTAL 100%
5. First place senior contestants will be eligible to compete at State 4-H University.