

# SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED

<b>Contest Description:</b>	The purpose of the Solutions Unlimited contest is for participants to demonstrate proficiency in researching topics on the internet, organizing, and synthesizing the information into a logical presentation form and presenting using PowerPoint or other digital presentation. All participants will be presented with the same situation/issue/problem the day of the contest (Note: the scenario presented will have a direct relationship to 4H Youth Development).
<b>Superintendent(s):</b>	Brandon Guillory
<b>Award:</b>	Louisiana 4-H Educational Trip
<b>Grade/Age Requirement(s):</b>	Must be enrolled in 8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade as of August 1, 2021.
<b>Team or Individual Contest:</b>	Individual or a Team of two (2)
<b>Number of Entries Per Parish:</b>	Two (2) Entries

## Contest Rules:

1. Refer to Louisiana 4-H University General Rules and Guidelines for a complete set of event rules and guidelines.
2. All teams will be presented with the same situation/issue/problem the day of the contest.
3. Teams will meet on the LSU campus in the designated computer lab.
4. Teams should expect to only have one computer per team so that judges are better able to see the teams working together.
5. In observance of posted computer lab rules, no drinks and food may be brought into the lab.
6. Cell phones may not be used during the contest.
7. Paper and pencils will be provided for each team.
8. Teams will have access to the internet to do research on the scenario.
9. Teams will be presented with some website that will have information concerning the scenario but will be allowed to use additional sites if they choose. **No outside resources, papers, files, jump drives, google docs may not be used during the contest.**
10. Teams will be expected to utilize the research found on the website to put together pertinent information to solve the scenario.
11. Teams will assemble this information into a logical format to present this information in a PowerPoint presentation. **Parish names should NOT be included on the presentation.**
12. Teams will construct a brief abstract detailing their presentation with references (no longer than 1 page). Team members' names and parish should not be included on the abstract. Each team will receive a numbered label for the abstract to ensure anonymity during judging.
13. Teams will be monitored by proctors who will answer questions and ensure each team is doing their own work.
14. An observational score sheet will be completed by proctors for each parish team.
15. At the conclusion of the allotted time each team will save their PowerPoint presentation and abstract to the designated location. **Teams should plan to pick up a printed copy of the PowerPoint presentation from J.C. Miller, Room 159 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. If a team fails to pick up the printed copy during the designated hours, the copy will be placed in a sealed envelope and taped to the door of J.C. Miller Hall, Room 159. Teams are only allowed to have the printed copy of their PowerPoint presentation. NO digital copies (i.e., saved to jump drive, emailed, saved to a cloud location, or any other media) may be taken from the contest.**
16. Thursday each Parish will present their PowerPoint presentation to a panel of judges with a time limit

of five (5) to seven (7) minutes.

17. During the presentation each member is required to present a section of the PowerPoint presentation to judges and answer the judge's questions after presentation.
18. Teams will be given a break of approximately 20 minutes within the posted contest times on Wednesday. For example, if the official program says that the contest is from 9:00a.m. until 2:00 pm., a 20-minute break will be given during that time period. No additional time will be added to the contest. This will be a required break for all participants.
19. Tie breaker will be determined the team within the highest oral presentation score.

**Other Information:**

Sample Scenario:

*Your 4-H region has decided to host a 4-day camp for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The camp is to be an outdoor skills experience. It will be limited to 75 campers. The budget for the camp is \$5,000. Kayaks, canoes, tents and bicycles are available at no cost. Develop a budget (including meals, lodging, and supplies needed) and marketing materials.*

**Contest Resource(s):**

- Louisiana 4-H Solutions Unlimited Study Guide, 2022.