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a packet of categories & rules,
please call the Clay County
Extension Office at 598-2789!

Age: 9-18



4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY CONTEST

APRIL 28TH

9:00AM

RED BIRD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY APRIL 18TH

Junior Speeches: 3-5 minutes (Age 9-13)

Senior Speeches: 5-7 minutes (Age 14-18)

Junior & Senior Demonstrations: (5-15 minutes)





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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



More information will be provided regarding District & State Communication Contest

- Return this form to the Clay Co. Extension Service (located across from the Clay Co. Detention Center) or mail to P.O. Box 421, Manchester, KY 40962.

• The registration form must be returned to the Clay Co. Extension Service by April 18, 2024

- For more information, contact Alissa Ackerman at 598-2789.

**Speech & demonstration winners from each category
will receive a check for \$25!**

4-H Talk Meet & Demonstration Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age as of 1/1/2025: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone # _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Title of Speech/Demonstration: _____

Signature of parent/guardian

Printed Name

Date

Kentucky 4-H Communication Contest Categories

SPEECH CATEGORIES: ☐ 9 Year Old ☐ 10 Year Old ☐ 11 Year Old ☐ 12 Year Old ☐ 13 Year Old
☐ 14 Year Old ☐ 15 Year Old ☐ 16 Year Old ☐ 17-18 Year Old

DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES **(ON BACK)** - Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-18) -Category selection should be based on the primary purpose of the demonstration. It is suggested that demonstrations that do not clearly fit into one category be modified to include information and material relative to the selected category.

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Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

SPEECH CATEGORIES:

9-Year-Old	10-Year-Old
11-Year-Old	12-Year-Old
13-Year-Old	14-Year-Old
15-Year-Old	16-Year-Old
	17–18-Year-Old

DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES:

Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-18) -Category selection should be based on the primary purpose of the demonstration. It is suggested that demonstrations that do not clearly fit into one category be modified to include information and material relative to the selected category.

CORE: AGRICULTURE

Agriculture – to include information on agriculture business and economics, aquaculture, permaculture, horticulture, and plant and soil sciences (e.g. crops, agronomy, gardening).

Animal Science – to include information on selection, care and feeding of animals, financial records, operations, and animal products for small or large animals. This also includes companion animals. (Demonstrations on horses or horse related topics can be included in this category, however, it does not qualify the participant for the State Horse Contests; this is a different event).

CORE: EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Visual Arts - to include drawing, painting, mixed media, decoupage, candle making, macramé, scrap booking, embroidery, quilting, silk screen, batik, block print, corn-shuck flowers, ceramics, jewelry making and similar topics. This category also includes demonstrations related to photography such as picture taking, composition, framing or scrapbooking.

Performing Arts - all demonstrations related to the performing arts including theatre, dance, musical instruments, and musical performance.

CORE: FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Clothing & Textiles – to include construction, techniques, wardrobe selection and planning (color, design accessories, appropriate dress for various occasions) selection, use or care of clothing related equipment, care of clothing, posture as it relates to fit, fibers, fabrics, and textile related topics.

Family & Consumer Sciences – to include information on childcare, consumer and financial education, family life, and home environment. THIS CATEGORY EXCLUDES CLOTHING & TEXTILES AND FOODS. THESE ARE SEPARATE CATEGORIES.

Foods – to include preparation skills and creativity in using foods for meals and snacks (including breads). Please submit a copy of the recipe on the day of the event.

CORE: HEALTH

Health – to include information on physical activity, bullying, substance abuse, personal development, and safety.

CORE: LEADERSHIP

Team Demonstrations – any demonstration (regardless of topic) conducted by two (2) 4-H members of the same age category (i.e. either juniors or both seniors). Each participant must have a significant speaking AND presentation role in the demonstration. Youth may participate in either the individual demonstrations OR the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.

CORE: NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources– includes Entomology, Environment, Geology, Forestry, Soils, Water and Wildlife. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.

Shooting Sports – includes proper care and cleaning of equipment, safety, sighting alignment and shooting techniques, selecting equipment and ammunition. Weapons of any sort cannot be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models, and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow or other firearm.

CORE: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Science, Engineering and Technology – to include information on ATV safety, aerospace/rocketry, biotechnology, bicycle, energy, GPS/GIS, robotics, general science, and computer sciences [may NOT use computer projection equipment in place of posters]. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.

Digital Media Presentation – to include demonstrations using presentation software (i.e. PowerPoint, Prezi) regardless of topic. Slides are used in lieu of poster boards. Please bring the presentation on media that can be transferred to another computer (i.e. portable drive).



General Rules

- 1) This event includes Speeches, Demonstrations (Team and Individual) and Illustrated talks.
- 2) Each Area Grouping can send one participant per category.
- 3) The state standard is that state communication day event participants earn a blue ribbon at the Area level to qualify for the state communications day event.
- 4) Participants can participate in one speech and one demonstration category per year.
- 5) State Champions may participate only in categories in which they have NOT previously won.
- 6) It is suggested that the speech or demonstration given by the 4-H'er be a new topic from previous years.
- 7) The contestant will be introduced by name and title by the room host. There will be no penalty if name and subject or title is used during the presentation.
- 8) A penalty of three points will be subtracted from the participant's **total overall score** for time errors (under/over time). The time requirement penalty will apply to the state contest, but not necessarily to county or area events. Participants will be eligible for champion placement.
- 9) The decisions of the judges are FINAL.

Speech Specific Rules

- 10) Any youth age 9-19 (must have passed their 9th birthday but have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current program year) may participate in the 4-H Public Speaking (Talk Program) on a county basis. SENIORS must have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.
- 11) **NOTE: AGE REQUIREMENTS:** We understand that programming areas may host their event in the Fall which falls before January 1st of the current year for the State Communication's event. Please keep this in mind when certifying age on the registration form for the State Event. (i.e. youth may be age 15 in November, however, state event is not until Spring of next year, youth has a birthday Dec. 1, and is now age 16 for the state event, he/she cannot be the area representative for the 15 age category).
- 12) Speeches by Senior youth (14-19 age youth) must be between 5 to 7 minutes long. Speeches by Junior youth (9-13 age youth) must be between 3 to 5 minutes.
- 13) **Senior Level:** Because this is an educational learning experience, the Senior 4-H'er is expected to choose a topic, research and write their own speech. A participant may have help with practicing the speech. **Junior Level:** The 4-H'er may have assistance in writing and preparation based on age level.
- 14) No visual aids will be used in speech competitions. **Costumes (special outfits)** and/or electronic equipment are considered visual aids. Speakers using visual aids will receive a ribbon but will not be considered for champion placement.
- 15) The use of note cards/electronic notes is optional. Points will not be added or subtracted for the use of notes unless the speaker uses them in a distracting manner.



- 16) Dramatic readings, dramatic monologues and recitation of poems (as the entire speech) including web-based information will not be accepted. Excessive or distracting body or hand gestures will be counted against participants in the scoring section.

Demonstration Specific Rules

- 17) Junior Demonstrations: Any member age 9-13 may compete in Junior Demonstrations as per their age determined on January 1st of the year in which the state contest is held.
Senior Demonstrations: Any member age 14-19 may participate in Senior Demonstration (must have passed their 14th birthday but have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1st of the year in which the state contest is held). Age is determined by the date of the State event, not when the district or multi-county group hosts their event.
- 18) A participant may have help with practicing the demonstration. Preparation may include practicing in front of peers, club leaders, etc. **At the SENIOR LEVEL, the 4-H'er is expected to demonstrate original work – choosing a topic, researching it and writing their own speech or demonstration. The internet may be used as a reference source but NOT as a source for a non-original speech or demonstration.**
- 19) A participant may have help setting up their demonstration but may not have another person helping during the demonstration. Only team demonstrations may have more than one person participating. There shall be no assistance from the audience.
- 20) Team demonstrations ARE permitted at the state level. They will follow the same rules and regulations of the single participant demonstrations. Two (2) 4-H members will comprise a team. Each person must have a significant speaking and presentation portion. Team demonstrations will be placed in a Junior Category or a Senior Category regardless of topic. All team members must be in the same age category.
- 21) Weapons of any sort cannot be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models, and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow, or other firearm.
- 22) The use of computers and presentation equipment is allowed in the presentation software category only. It is not allowed in any other category. *Electronic devices may be used in place of notecards.
- 23) Demonstrations must have a posterboard or tri-fold poster as aids during their demonstration.
- 24) Videos may not be used during presentations in any category.
- 25) NO LIVE ANIMALS of any size are permitted.
- 26) Youth may participate in the individual demonstrations or choose to participate in the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.



4-H Demonstration Score Sheet

NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____ AGE: _____

CATEGORY: _____ TITLE: _____

***NOTE TO JUDGES:** Constructive comments are helpful to participants. Please make positive, helpful comments in space provided.

SCORING: 5-4 ABOVE AVERAGE, 3-2 AVERAGE, 1 NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

DEMONSTRATOR:	SCORES	COMMENTS
1. Neat, well-groomed, dressed appropriately.	5 4 3 2 1	
2. Posture (erect but not stiff).	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Gestures natural (contribute to talk).	5 4 3 2 1	
4. Eye contact with audience. *costumes are allowed	5 4 3 2 1	
PRESENTATION:		COMMENTS
1. Introduction interesting and gives purpose.	5 4 3 2 1	
2. Posters appealing, neat and readable.	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Steps well organized.	5 4 3 2 1	
4. Demonstrator skilled in working with equipment.	5 4 3 2 1	
5. Suitable equipment and proper techniques used.	5 4 3 2 1	
6. Procedures easy to view by audience.	5 4 3 2 1	
7. Effective use of notes (if used; displays confidence & composure).	5 4 3 2 1	
8. Display finished product, offer sample to judges or show that the exhibit works.	5 4 3 2 1	
9. Conclusion (short, interesting and reviews main points, asks for questions).	5 4 3 2 1	
AUDIBILITY:		COMMENTS
1. Clearly heard and easy to understand.	5 4 3 2 1	
2. Voice expressive.	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Talking while working (no dead silent moments, unless equipment is running)	5 4 3 2 1	
GENERAL:		COMMENTS
1. Originality.	5 4 3 2 1	
2. Use of correct grammar and vocabulary.	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Information age appropriate.	5 4 3 2 1	
4. Subject matter accurate and up-to-date.	5 4 3 2 1	

TIME: _____ **TIME PENALTY:** _____ **TOTAL:** _____ **AVERAGE:** _____

TIME: 5-15 minutes. Participants going over/under time will be assessed a one-time penalty of 3 points from the final, averaged score and WILL BE ELIGIBLE for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing

Total 5's:	___ X5 = ___
Total 4's:	___ X4 = ___
Total 3's:	___ X3 = ___
Total 2's:	___ X2 = ___
Total 1's:	___ X1 = ___
GRAND TOTAL:	20 = ___

SCORING:

BLUE 100 - 80
RED 60-79
WHITE 59 AND BELOW

RIBBONS:

___ BLUE
___ RED
___ WHITE

PLACE: CHAMPION 1St 2ND 3RD

JUDGES SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

4-H Speech Score Sheet

NAME: _____ **COUNTY:** _____ **AGE:** _____

CATEGORY: _____ **TITLE:** _____

***NOTE TO JUDGES:** Constructive comments are helpful to participants. Please make positive, helpful comments in space provided.

SCORING: 5-4 ABOVE AVERAGE, 3-2 AVERAGE, 1NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

APPEARANCE: 1. Neat, well-groomed, dressed appropriately. *costumes are NOT permitted	SCORES 5 4 3 2 1	COMMENTS
AUDIBILITY: 1. Pitch, volume, speed, tone, rhythm.	5 4 3 2 1	COMMENTS
2. Clear pronunciation.	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Clearly heard and easy to understand.	5 4 3 2 1	
4. Enthusiastic, personality shows through.	5 4 3 2 1	
5. Speaker captures and retains audience attention.	5 4 3 2 1	
EYE CONTACT AND POISE: 1. Eye contact with audience.	5 4 3 2 1	COMMENTS
2. Gestures natural (contribute to talk).	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Posture (erect but not stiff).	5 4 3 2 1	
4. Body language exhibited by contestant desirable.	5 4 3 2 1	
5. Effective use of notes (if used; displays confidence & composure).	5 4 3 2 1	
ORGANIZATION OF MATERIAL: 1. Introduction gets audience attention & introduces subject.	5 4 3 2 1	COMMENTS
2. Main points organized.	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Flow of speech (smooth with no unnecessary pauses).	5 4 3 2 1	
4. Conclusion (short, interesting and final).	5 4 3 2 1	
GENERAL: (25 POINTS MAX.) 1. Originality.	5 4 3 2 1	COMMENTS
2. Use of correct grammar and vocabulary.	5 4 3 2 1	
3. Information age appropriate.	5 4 3 2 1	
4. Speaker understands the content of the speech.	5 4 3 2 1	
5. Subject matter accurate and up-to-date.	5 4 3 2 1	

TIME: _____ **TIME PENALTY:** _____ **TOTAL:** _____ **AVERAGE:** _____

TIME: SENIOR:5-7 min; JUNIOR: 3-5 min. Participants going over/under time will be assessed a one-time penalty of 3 points from the final, averaged score and WILL BE ELIGIBLE for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing

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Total 2's:	___ X2 = ___
Total 1's:	___ X1 = ___
GRAND TOTAL:	20 = ___

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BLUE 100 - 80
RED 60-79
WHITE 59 AND BELOW

RIBBONS:
___ BLUE
___ RED
___ WHITE

PLACE: CHAMPION 1St 2ND 3RD

JUDGES SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

