

4-H Public Presentations Contest

Demonstrations, Speeches, Illustrated Talks and Theatrical Arts

Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the El Paso County Extension Office

305 S Union Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO (719) 520-7675

A day of Fun, Competition and Entertainment!

Check in at 8:30 a.m. Contests begin at 9:00 a.m.

Entries must be received by February 23rd.

Late entries will not be accepted.

All entries will receive blue, red, or white placing in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions. Champion and Reserve Champion placing may be selected from the blue ribbon winners at the judge's discretion.

The top three blue ribbon entries in demonstration/illustrated talks and the top two blue in theatrical will be eligible for participation at the State Fair in the following categories:

- Demonstration/Illustrated Talks
- Individual Skit/Pantomime/Mime
- Team Skit/Pantomime/Mime
- Group Skit/Pantomime/Mime
- One Act Play: Individual/Team/Group

Senior division winners will be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Conference in June in the categories below. (There are no state level competitions for Juniors or Intermediates.)

- Impromptu Speech
- Original Speech
- Horse Demonstration
- Horse Public Speech

All events have three age divisions determined by age as of Dec. 31, 2011

- Juniors: Ages 8-10 years
- Intermediate: Ages 11-13 years
- Senior: Ages 14-18 years

Cloverbuds, (ages 5-7), are encouraged to participate. All Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.

Contest Rules and Entry Forms can be found on the attached pages.

For any questions please contact Devin at the County Extension Office at 719-520-7698.

GENERAL CONTEST RULES

1. Entries must be received by February 23rd.
2. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. on March 3rd.
3. Contests begin at 9:00 a.m.
4. Award Ceremony will occur at end of competition day.
5. Speech and demonstration topics must be directly related to 4-H projects or activities.
6. Contestants must be currently enrolled in 4-H.
7. All participants must provide their own equipment, props, etc. A table and chairs will be available in the contest room.
8. All participants must dress appropriately (see the Colorado 4-H Dress Code). Business attire is suggested.
9. Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, and Skits are limited to 10 minutes. One Act plays, should be 20 to 30 minutes long. Cloverbuds 2-5 minutes. Please see Public Speaking contest rules for times specific to speech.
10. Ten minutes for set up and take down will be allowed.
11. 4-H members must do their own set up and take down. Parents and leaders are not allowed to assist. Other 4-H members may assist.
12. Team/Group contestants must enter division of the oldest group member.
13. All contestants in demonstrations and theatrical should include the following in their introduction:
 - Name
 - Age
 - Club
 - Number of years in 4-H
 - Project related to Demonstration/
 - Author and Title of Theatrical Material

CONTEST SPECIFIC RULES

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

1. Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks will be judged in same category although judges will be aware of differences between a talk and demonstration and will judge accordingly. Please make sure that if you are giving a demonstration that you have a finished product. Illustrated talks should have a definite conclusion.
2. Posters or flip charts should be used for all talks. An easel will be provided. Please do not use 3 sided display boards.
3. If a power point is used for Illustrated Talk, contestant must provide laptop, projector and screen. Power cord will be provided.
4. Teams will consist of no more than 2 members.
5. Dress must be appropriate to topic.
6. Objective and summary must be clearly stated.
7. Relationship of topic to your personal experience as well as benefit to others should be included.
8. Time limit: 10 minutes. Cloverbuds: 2-5 minutes.
9. Good organization and orderly flow of information important for judging.

10. If live animals are used, contestant is responsible for control and clean-up of animal after presentation. Newspaper or other protective material must be used under animal, and no shavings, sawdust, or like materials may be in cage.

Public Speaking

1. No visual aids allowed.
2. Note cards may be used. Excessive use may cost speaker points.
3. Podium will be provided.
4. Original Speech Rules:
 - 4 to 6 minutes only. 5 point penalty for each 30 seconds over 6 min.
 - Speeches must be on a 4-H topic. Ideas presented should relate to 4-H participation or activities.
 - Competitor must include name, age group, and title of speech in introduction.

Impromptu Speech

1. Competitors must check-in on time to draw topics.
2. Members will select a topic and be given 10 minutes to prepare speech.
3. Three note cards and pencil will be provided so member may prepare notes. Note card may be used during speech.
4. Junior time frame: 2-3 minutes
5. Intermediate and Senior time frame: 3-5 minutes
6. Participants will receive a 30 second warning before end of time.
7. 2 point penalty for each 30 seconds over or under time
8. General topic areas may include the following:
 - Personal issues/values
 - Youth issues
 - 4-H promotion/persuasive
 - Leadership
 - Current events

Interpretive Reading

1. Open to Cloverbuds and Juniors only.
2. Presentation to be between 2 and 6 minutes
3. Readings can be combined.
4. Piece need not be memorized
5. Points given for expressiveness and clarity.
6. Introduction must include:
 - Name
 - Title
 - Why they chose the reading/personal significance.

Horse Public Speaking

Please see rules at state link: <http://equineextension.colostate.edu/content/view/154/>

Horse Demonstrations

Please see rules at state link: <http://equineextension.colostate.edu/content/view/155/>

Theatrical Categories

1. All theatrical entries must be memorized.
2. **SCRIPT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FORM!**
3. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Performing arts materials must be age appropriate. All scripts must be reviewed beforehand. Materials that include foul language, racial or religious overtones, or other subjects deemed inappropriate will not be allowed, and contestant will be disqualified. Judges and County Agents will have final say. Please use good judgment.*
4. Solo event is one individual.
5. Team event is 2 – 5 individuals.
6. Group event is 6 or more individuals.
7. Entries with multiple ages must compete at oldest member age division.
8. Contestant must supply own props and costume.
9. Contestant must set up his own staging. No adult help on stage allowed.
10. No amplification is allowed.
11. Skits/Pantomimes/Mimes: will be divided by age divisions.
12. One act plays will not have age divisions but will be divided by solo/team/group
13. Skit: A brief dramatic or comic sketch in a performance done by amateurs
14. Pantomime: a scene from life in which the actors use no words. Expression of something by bodily or facial movement only. Background music can be used.
15. Mime: A form of entertainment in which story and emotion are conveyed by gesture only without words but often with music. Mime works with five basic facial expressions: happy, sad, surprised, angry, and afraid.
16. One Act Play: A short performance done in one act. It is a stage representation of a drama or comedy.

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See attached Entry Form.

2012 4-H Public Presentations Contest Entry Form

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Check in at 8:30 a.m. Contests begin at 9:00 a.m.

Entries must be received at the Extension Office by 5:00pm on February 23rd. Late entries will not be accepted. This contest is free. There is NO entry fee.

Name: _____ Age as of Dec. 31, 2011: _____

Club: _____ Best Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Please place "X" in circle of activity and then circle the age division.

Individual Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Junior Intermediate Senior
Project Area: _____ Live Animal? Yes No

Team Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Junior Intermediate Senior
Project Area: _____ Live Animal? Yes No
Partner's Name: _____

Horse Demonstration Junior Intermediate Senior
Title: _____

Team Horse Demonstration Junior Intermediate Senior
Title: _____
Partner's Name: _____

Horse Public Speech Junior Intermediate Senior
Title: _____

Public Speaking: Original Speech Junior Intermediate Senior
Title: _____

Public Speaking: Impromptu Speech Junior Intermediate Senior
Title: _____

O Public Speaking: Interpretive Reading Junior Intermediate
 Title: _____

O Theatrical, Individual: Skit Pantomine Mime Junior Intermediate Senior
 Title: _____

O Theatrical, Team: Skit Pantomine Mime Junior Intermediate Senior
 Title: _____
 Please list all group members below.

O Theatrical, Group: Skit Pantomine Mime Junior Intermediate Senior
 Title: _____
 Please list all group members below.

O Theatrical, One Act Play Junior Intermediate Senior
 Title: _____
 Please list all group members below.

Please list at team members for Theatrical Teams, Groups and and One Act Plays:

Theatrical Team		Theatrical Group		One Act Play	
Name	4-H Age	Name	4-H Age	Name	4-H Age