

## DEPARTMENT – EVENTS

### SECTION – 4-H COMMUNICATION

#### (Demonstration/Illustrated Talk, Project Talk, Public Speaking, Poetry and Prose)

#### SPECIAL RULES

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
  2. This department is open to *any* 4-H member who has properly enrolled in 4-H for the current year.
  3. Demonstrations, Illustrated or Project talks, Public Speaking may be individual or team (2 people) presentations.
  4. The presentation should be of sufficient length to cover the topic adequately, three minutes minimum and 15 minutes' maximum. Scoring will follow the scorecards in the KSRE Bookstore 4H1101 and 4H11.
  5. 4-H members are encouraged to use technology when it enhances the presentation however, computers will not be provided when technology is used in a presentation. Please note if projector is needed. If extension cords are needed, participants need to bring them.
  6. The use and inclusion of specific brand names for educational purposes does not imply endorsement or refusal by the Department of 4-H Youth Development, Kansas State University Research and Extension, or the State of Kansas.
    - \* ***A Demonstration shows a step-by-step procedure, and explains why each step is essential to develop a particular skill or task.***
    - \* ***An Illustrated Talk incorporates the use of visual aids (posters, technology supplies, equipment, etc.) that describes the process of the topic being discussed.***
    - \* ***A Project Talk should tell about a specific project and the experience in the project. Visuals may be used.***
    - \* ***Public Speaking is for ages 14 and older. Public Speaking is the skill of writing and delivering a persuasive, entertaining, informational, or inspiring speech on a given topic. Visuals should be used only if they make the speech more effective and should not distract from it***
  7. Poetry or Prose should be a piece of literature either Dramatic, Interpretative, Humorous or other type of reading that follows the 4-H Code of Conduct (pieces should be edited for appropriate language and content if necessary). The participant may read from a script or have the piece memorized. The title and author of the selection should be noted within the presentation.
  8. Any purple presentation (or top blue at 4-H Day) may be entered for State Fair if the 4-H member is 9 to 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Counties are not limited to the number of demonstrations or illustrated talks given on any topic. New for 2025, we will of a Public Speaking Class. All Public Speeches at the State Fair will be on the assigned topic, regardless of the topic you qualified for at the local level.
- 5800** Demonstration, Illustrated or Project Talk, Public Speaking by an individual - indicate title and type of presentation in online entry
- 5801** Demonstration, Illustrated or Project Talk by a team (limited to 2 people). Indicate title and type of presentation in online entry
- 5802** Poetry or Prose