

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

4-H COMMUNICATION

Superintendent: Debbie Buddish

Exhibit Judging: Pre-Fair Event; Friday, July 24th at Tonganoxie Christian Church (consultation)

Youth will learn to interpret verbal and nonverbal information, develop effective public speaking skills, enhance written and spoken communication, defend a point, design a presentation, bring a reading to life and much more!

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 event is open to *any* 4-H member who has properly enrolled in 4-H for the current year.
3. Demonstrations or illustrated talks may be individual or team (2 people) presentations. Project Talks and Public Speaking are individual presentations.
4. The presentation should be of sufficient length to cover the topic adequately, three minutes minimum and 15 minutes maximum (poetry and prose 10 minute maximum).
5. 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.
6. A project talk should talk about a specific project and experience in the project. Visuals may be used. Project Talks entries are for youth ages 9-12. 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. Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks entries are for Youth ages 9-18. 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. Poetry and Prose entries are for ages 9-18. 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. Shooting sports related entries must inform State Office of entry to meet safety requirements.

Classes

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