

4-H Public Presentations Stevens County Policy

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I. Policy

A. General

1. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are eligible to participate in Area Public Presentations.
2. Those Junior, Intermediate, and Seniors member 4-H'ers receiving blue awards at Area Public Presentations are eligible to take part in County Public Presentations.
3. Participants for the State 4-H Fair will be selected from Intermediates and Seniors receiving blue awards at the County Public Presentation activity. Final judging score at County Public Presentations will be used to send members to State Fair in years of low allocation numbers.
4. An Area and County Public Presentation should be from two to ten minutes in length. Maximum length of presentation is twenty minutes; this is to include setting up, answering questions, and removing presentation.
5. 4-H Public Presentations should teach a skill, concept or principle. *Public Presentations presented at Area or County must be related to a project in which member is enrolled.*
6. Presenters will be allowed to bring or use live animals in their demonstrations. Presenters are encouraged to use life-like models, miniature models and/or illustrative materials where practical in order to visualize their presentation.
7. Team Public Presentations on the Senior level are discouraged. If team presentations are given, both participants should be in the same age division.
8. As always, 4-H members are expected to present a clean and neat appearance.
9. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for Public Presentations. Example: for a foods demonstration an apron and hair net should be worn if necessary.
10. Originality in the construction of visuals is encouraged.
11. Visuals should be helpful to enhance understanding of the presentation, legible, and easily seen. Note cards may be used; however, presenter should not read or rely too heavily on cards.

12. 4-H'ers may give demonstrations, lectures, or illustrated talks. The method chosen should be the one best adapted to what's being taught.
13. An individual enrolled as both a member and a leader (18 years of age) may participate in those competitive programs for which they are eligible as a 4-H member, but may not compete for awards.
14. Presenters will receive placing ribbons.
15. The highest scoring Junior, Intermediate and Senior in the county contest will receive a county medal for public speaking.

II. **Judging**

1. Judges will consider age, experience and difficulty of presentation topic to determine placings.
2. The 4-H Public Presentation Evaluation Form will be used for judging Area and County contests. Please note that the evaluation form used at the State 4-H Fair (C0430) is essentially the same as the County form except that the Personal Traits section is given more points.
3. *There is no distinction made between demonstration, lecture or illustrated talks:* However, judges will consider whether the best method possible was chosen.