

## Public Presentations

# Progression and Age-group Expectations

*These are guidelines, not strict rules.*

Approximate Age	Presentation Type Length	Comments and Expectations
Young Cloverbuds Grades K-1, Ages 5 & 6	Show-and-Tell <i>1-3 Minutes</i>	This is a lead-up activity that “readies” the young Cloverbud for participation in the Public Presentation program. The Show-and-Tell is not evaluated, but a dialogue between the member and either an adult or teen listener takes place providing motivation and praise. Emphasis is on self-expression and helping the member feel comfortable speaking to a small group of peers and adults.
Cloverbuds Grades 2-3, Ages 7 & 8	Show-and-Tell Demonstration <i>2-5 minutes</i>	“First-timers” are advised to do the Show-and-Tell. Cloverbuds who have already had a positive Show-and-Tell experience and/or feel confident about trying a Demonstration may do so. Although the three parts of a presentation are learned at this level, focus is still on helping the member to feel comfortable. Cloverbuds are not expected to do a polished job. A special Cloverbud Comment Sheet is used; no ratings or scores are given. The evaluator encourages and coaches in a highly positive manner.
Grades 3-6, Ages 8-11	Demonstration Illustrated Talk <i>3-7 minutes</i>	Emphasis is now shifted to the Demonstration format and some of the finer points of organization. The member is expected to both show how and explain why. The member should know enough background information to answer reasonable questions. Members who have done well with Demonstrations are encouraged to try an Illustrated Talk.
Grades 7-9, Age 12-14	Impromptu Demonstration Illustrated Talk Recitation Dramatic Speech <i>6-15 minutes</i>	Training emphasizes format, presentation techniques and showmanship equally. Presentations are expected to be informative, well organized and presented in an interesting manner. Members who have done well with Demonstrations are encouraged to try an Illustrated Talk, Impromptu, Recitation, or Dramatic Speech.
Grades 10-12, Ages 15-19	Impromptu Demonstration Illustrated Talk Recitation Dramatic Speech <i>7-15 minutes*</i>	Experienced teens should be able to deliver a polished and professional Demonstration. They are encouraged to try one of the other presentation types if they have not already done so. Training emphasis is on delivery and showmanship since format and organization should be second nature by now. The formal Speech is an appropriate challenge because the speaker has nothing but his/her own voice and body to retain audience attention and communicate the message.

This is highly dependent on the individual child.

Members sometime choose to do an Illustrated Talk over a Demonstration.

\*No presentation should be longer than 15 minutes.

Please Note: The Horse Communications Program has different guidelines.

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