

Types of Presentations/Categories *for 4-H'ers 9 -19 Year Olds*

Time Limit: 5 to 15 Minutes (Varies depending upon age & experience)

1. Demonstrations:

- The presenter shows, one step at a time, how to do, make, or prepare something based on a topic or subject from a 4-H project or from general interests and activities.
- This type of presentation usually includes a completed product and/or posters, which list the ingredients or give background information.
- Some examples may include: "How to lay out a pattern", "How to juggle", "How to use the Internet", "How to sort & do laundry", etc. Topic should be appropriate for experience level.
- **Important reminder about Food Demonstrations:** Presenters must wear aprons, have hair pulled back, wash hands before beginning (or indicate that they just washed their hands if sink is not in the room). Due to food safety guidelines presenters **cannot** serve samples. However, Evaluators may request a sample.
- ***TEAM Demonstrations ARE permitted at the county, district, and state level if the presentation requires two people for efficient use of time and effectiveness relative to the presentation.***

2. Illustrated Talk:

- The presenter tells a story, or informs audience about something.
- An Illustrated talk usually explains a process, trip, activity or event accompanied by visuals such as a poster series, overheads, slides, power point, books, pictures, models or other illustrations.
- The presenter may use visual aids to tell about the topic.
- Some examples may include telling & showing the importance of good nutrition; telling & showing about fishing; telling about quilts, etc.
- ***TEAM Illustrated Talks are NOT permitted at the county, district or state level.***

3. Recitation (Creative Communication):

- The presenter delivers a piece of **pre-written** material (No original pieces).
- Vocal inflection, body language, mood and tone are used as primary communication tools.
- Props **may not** be used but presenter may use clothing to subtly represent the mood however, costumes are not permitted.
- Memorization is expected; but notes are permitted.
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4. Dramatic Interpretation (Creative Communication):

- The presenter or team delivers a re-enactment of a piece of **scripted** material taken from plays, movies or monologues. (Original pieces are acceptable with prior approval from 4-H Educators).
- Vocal inflection, body language, mood and tone are used as primary communication tools.
- Props and costumes should be used but should not detract from the strength of the presenter.
- Memorization is expected; but notes are permitted.
- ***Team Presentations are permitted at the county, district and state levels. (Maximum 2 presenters per team)***

5. Speech