

Kalamazoo County 4-H

Demonstration Project Guidelines

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Project Social Media: N/A

Project Objectives & Life Skills*

- Learn how to research a topic, organize the facts in a logical order to present to an audience.
- Learn to work and share ideas with others.
- Learn how to engage your audience.
- Explore different ways to present your topic and decide which one will work best for your chosen topic.
- Head
 - o Wise use of resources
 - o Planning/organizing
 - o Critical thinking
 - o Problem solving
- Hands
 - o Leadership
 - o Team work
 - o Contributions to group effort
 - o Marketable Skills
- Heart
 - o Communication
 - o Social skills
 - o Sharing
 - o Nurturing relationships
- Health
 - o Self-esteem
 - o Managing feelings
 - o Stress management
 - o Self-discipline

**note these life skills are just some examples of what 4-H members will learn in this project*

Additional Resources:

[Key Elements of the 4-H Demonstration—Maine](#)

[Demonstrations for 4-H Members—Ohio](#)

[4-H Demonstrations - 2023 Compilation Video](#)

[Demonstration Worksheet—Missouri](#)

[Shop 4-H Public Speaking Curriculum](#)

[5 Storytelling Tips: How to Tell Great Stories When Speaking To An Audience](#)

[Performing Arts Project Spark Sheet—Kansas](#)

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Demonstrations

Guidelines:

- Members may compete in up to two demonstrations or performances as long as they are not in the same class (i.e. a demonstration plus a speech, a team plus an individual demonstration, a speech plus a performance, a solo plus a duet, or two solo performances on different instruments).
- Team/Groups must follow the specified member allotment.
 - Team demonstrations are limited to 2-4 members.
 - Group demonstrations may have more than 4 members.
- Each youth will register for the class and then communicate with the performance/demonstration project leader who is on the team or in the group .
- **Individual demonstrations are limited to a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes. For team or group demonstrations EACH member must talk for a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes. performances will be limited to a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes. Questions at the end from the audience or judge will not be counted against your time.**
- Suggested learning activities
 - Research topic
 - Logical organization of facts
 - Become familiar with equipment and/or animals used in demonstration
 - Learning to work and share ideas with others
 - Frequent practice and presentation.
 - Observe a speaker
 - Talk with minister, public official, or any other person whose job revolves around public speaking or demonstrations
- **If you signed up for a class in this department and decide not to participate, please let the 4-H office know ASAP.**
- Score sheets are at the end of this document to help youth know what the judge(s) will be looking for in their act and will provide feedback to the youth.
- The date and time of the Demonstrations event is TBD but will be posted in the 4-H newsletter closer to the fair.
- Please make sure all performers are at the event no later than 30 minutes prior to the start time with all of their equipment so everyone can get the order of performances and set up prior to the start time so everything can run as smoothly as possible.
- Family and friends are welcome to watch the performances but are asked to stay for the duration of all demonstrations.

Section A –Public Speaking and Still Demonstrations

- Individual/team demonstrations
 - Make sure to bring all equipment with you to your demonstration. Only equipment that might be available for use is a table upon request. Requests for a table must be made at least a week prior to demonstrations.
 - Subject matter is up to the individual or team but must be age/grade appropriate.
 - Demonstrations should show the audience how to do something.
- Individual speech
 - Speech topic is up to the individual but should be age/grade appropriate.
 - The more you like your topic the more engaging you will be to your audience so it is recommended to pick a topic that you find interesting.
 - Speech's can use visual aids but visual aids/equipment needed must be brought in by the 4-H'er.

- Storytelling
 - This class is for an individual to tell a story.
 - The story can be fiction, nonfiction.
 - Decide what the purpose of your story is. Is it to inform, persuade, enlighten, entertain, etc.?

Section B–Live Animal Demonstrations

- Individual/Team/Group Animal Demonstration
 - Make sure to bring all equipment/animals with you to your demonstration. Only equipment that might be available for use is a table upon request. Requests for a table must be made at least a week prior to demonstrations to the 4-H office.
 - Subject matter is up to the individual/teams/groups but must be age/grade appropriate.
 - Demonstrations should show the audience how to do something.

Section C–Performances

- All Performances must be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.
- Performances may include ballet, dance, pantomime, dramatic readings, skits, instrumental or vocal music, etc.
- For Duet and Group performances each youth should enter the class number and communicate with the 4-H office who they are performing with.
- Solo performance is one youth performing.
- Duet performance is two youth performing together.
- Group performance is 3 or more youth performing together.

Kalamazoo County 4-H Performing Arts/Demonstrations/Storytelling

Judges sheet

4-H'ers Name: • • • •	4-H age: • • • •
4-H Club(s) Name:	
Type of Act:	

Scoring

Introduction (15 points):

Introduction may include name/county/topic they are covering/length of study in the presented area.

Content and Quality (20 points):

Were they knowledgeable in the area they were presenting on? Did they answer questions thoughtfully and knowledgeably when asked by the judges or audience? Appropriate content for the performer's age and length of time they've been studying/learning about the topic.

Showmanship/Stage Presence (20 points):

Personality of Performer on stage. Communication/eye contact with judges and audience. Confidence. Facial expressions of the performer(s). Enthusiasm exhibited about the topic. Entertainment quality of performance. Projection of voice to reach the back of the audience. Preparedness.

Originality, creativity and Imagination (20 points):

Originality of presentation. Uniqueness of performance.

Visual Aids, Suitable Attire, Stage setting (15 points):

Were visual aids used in a way that helped? Did the attire of the participant work with or distract from the presentation? Were there any stage settings? Did the stage settings work with/for the presentation?

Time Limit (10 points):

Was the time limit observed?

- Individual demonstrations—minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.
- Team/group demonstrations EACH member must talk for a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes.
- Performances will be limited to a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.

/100 Total Points

Judges Comments: _____

****Before giving awards out please make sure that all participants
in the category have been called back on stage.****

Ribbon: Blue Red White 1st Place Honorable mention

*First place is awarded to participant/team/group with highest combined score

*Honorable mention is awarded to the participant/team/group who displayed exceptional creativity.