

December 2018

To: 4-H Club Organizational Leaders (including Parents and 4-H Members)
Re: Public Presentations for 2019

It is that time of the year again when 4-H Public Presentations are on the horizon. We encourage all 4-H members to participate in this yearly event to develop their public speaking skills, including confidence and poise in speaking to others.

4-H Public Presentation Training will be on Saturday, January 5 at the 4-H office from 10-12. Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn what 4-H Presentations are all about! Cloverbuds who attend are encouraged to bring something special with them to the meeting, such as a book, toy or a picture of something special to them to help them to build their presentation skills.

Due to the popularity of the presentation program and the space available for the event, you will find a number of days on the registration form to select from for participation. Be sure to give an alternate choice when selection is made.

As you can see from the registration form there are a variety of types of presentations. We encourage members under the age of 13 to do demonstrations or illustrated talks to master the many skills that are gained from doing these types of presentations. The other types are for members who have had experience doing demonstrations or illustrated talks and want to challenge themselves in other areas.

The Finger Lakes 4-H District counties have selected to follow the guidelines of New York State 4-H and use a Rubric Score Sheet. When you are familiar with the rubric you will find it is a learning tool for your 4-H member to gain from to continue to improve their speaking and confidence to improve their presentation skills.

4-H members will continue to be selected to represent Ontario County at the Finger Lakes District Presentation event as in the past years. These youth will be selected by rubric scoring comments and recommendations of the judges and 4-H staff. Cloverbuds are not eligible to attend District level presentations.

A website is available for you to view samples of rubrics, scoring sheets for a variety of presentation types and videos of presentations and completed score sheets for each. This website is <http://ccewayne.org/4-h-youth-development/finger-lakes-district-4-h-public-presentation-training> This link has videos of 4-H presentations, the rubrics and descriptions of presentations. You are more than welcome to view any and all parts of this to help understand more of the 4-H Presentation Program for 2019 in Ontario County.

Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate by doing a show and tell type of presentation by talking about something special to them. This could be their favorite stuffed animal, book or even reciting a favorite poem. Other 4-H members begin their presentations by doing demonstrations or illustrated talks on a topic of their choice. The easiest way to select a topic for a 4-H Presentation is to choose something you like to do. Once that is done you put some organization to it, with an introduction and an ending (summary) while putting words to what you are doing...and....presto, you have your presentation put together.

You will find the 2019 Registration Form and Information sheet are on the website for you to share with your members or is are available in the 4-H office. They are available on our county website www.cceontario.org. Please take some time at an upcoming meeting to go over the information with your members. One thing to remember is that 4-H members who want to be considered for Ontario County 4-H Achievement Awards need to do a public presentation as one of the requirements. **The Registration Form is due January 23.**

Those 4-H members who are in the 4-H Horse Program and are interested in doing the Horse Communication Contest are encouraged to contact the office for more information or check out the information on the Cornell Animal Science website. Members can do horse topics in the regular 4-H presentations, but may not participate in both contests.

Thank you for your continued support of our 4-H Program in Ontario County. We look forward to Presentation Day each year with excitement to see what our members are talking about!! If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office at 585-394-3977 ext. 428 or email at jgj4@cornell.edu.

Sincerely,

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