

4-H Public Presentations

Presenter Guidelines



General Guidelines:

- ♣ **LIVE ANIMALS:** Small domestic animals that are caged and/or on a leash are permitted at Green Chimneys. Please notify 4-H staff at least 2 weeks in advance if you plan to bring an animal. (Please be sure your pet has all of the appropriate vaccinations).

- ♣ **COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS:** Youth presenters who plan to do a Cooking Demo may bring a small electric grill, frying pan and/or wok, etc. Be sure to let your County Educator know if you require electric access. (Please refer to the attached Food Demo Guidelines for additional information).
Please be sure to wash hands thoroughly before your presentation starts and inform your Evaluators that you have done so. Samples may NOT be offered; but may be distributed to Evaluators only if requested.

- ♣ **POSTERS:** Posters/handouts may be computer generated. (See Tips for Poster Preparation)

- ♣ **CREATIVE INTRODUCTIONS:** Be sure to begin your presentation by using a *catchy, creative 'Introduction'*, like a quote, a snappy sentence, personal experience, question, a surprising fact, or a funny joke/story, which incorporates at least your first name and if you wish your county and years in 4-H. (See Presenter's Guide for more information about introduction guidelines)

- ♣ **TEAM PRESENTATIONS:** A **"Team Presentation"** consists of no more than two presenters. In a team presentation, both presenters are scored individually on their own form by both evaluators. Their individual scores will be averaged together for an overall team total at the Check-out/Awards Table. Team presentations in Illustrated Talks or Recitations are not permitted at the county or district level.

- ♣ **CLOTHING:** If your clothing is intended to reflect or enhance your presentation, please let the audience know by incorporating that into your presentation. *Remember to always wear 4-H appropriate clothing that is neat & clean. (ie: Skater tshirt & board shorts if doing skate boarding presentation).

- ♣ **IF YOU ARE SELECTED TO ADVANCE TO DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS - DO NOT CHANGE YOUR PRESENTATION TOPIC/CATEGORY:** Presenters selected to advance to District (or State if offered) must present the same presentation they gave at their County event. Using tips and suggestions from your County Evaluator, 4-H Members should work to enhance and strengthen their presentation skills for the second round.