



# 4-H Public Presentations Guide & Registration



**Friday March 22nd, 2024**  
**Union County Vo/Tech School Campus**  
**Magnet High School**  
**1776 Raritan Rd**  
**Scotch Plains NJ**  
**7:00 PM**



## What happens at Presentation Night?

Your child gets a chance to develop their public presentation skills. Depending on their age, they can present from 3 to 15 minutes. In that time they can do a number of different types of presentations such as:

- ❁ **Demonstration**  
*Show how a task is done or a product is made. For example, with a pet hamster in its cage, demonstrate how to take care of the hamster, or using props, show how to make a milkshake.*
- ❁ **Illustrated Talk**  
*Present information using pictures, posters, models, etc., not the actual item. For example, use posters to talk about a favorite breed of horse. Also, power points can be shown.*
- ❁ **Formal Speech**  
*An original speech or a poem or one written by a well-known person, given from memory.*
- ❁ **Performing Arts**  
*Includes dramatics, oral interpretation of literature, dance, musical performance, puppetry, etc.*

After the presentation is finished, each presenter is evaluated by volunteer judges against 4-H criteria. The judging is done on the 'Danish' system. This means there are no 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers, but rather they receive ribbons saying "excellent", "very good", or "good" - As many presenters who deserve these rankings will receive their respective ribbons. There is not just one winner, as in other types of events.

❖ Any 4-H'er who does not want to be judged may indicate so on the registration form; but will still receive comments on their talk and a participation ribbon.

*Members in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger (Cloverbuds) will participate in the "participation only" category.*

## How long should my presentation be?

4-H'ers in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger (Cloverbuds): your presentation can be any length and done as a group. Please discuss this with your leader.

4-H'ers in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older, your entire presentation should be:

- ❁ 3-5 minutes (1<sup>st</sup> time speaking at the county level)
- ❁ 5-8 minutes (for those who have previously presented at the county level)
- ❁ 8-15 minutes (for those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher & who are attempting to qualify for NJ State Presentation Day, Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick )

## How do I prepare?

**Pick a topic:** When choosing a topic for a presentation, start with something easy that you know and enjoy talking about. It is very

hard to tell people about something that you don't know.

Keep an open mind. You don't have to use your 4-H project as a topic. There are many topics related to what you're already doing in 4-H. Consider a variety of areas and topics. A project at school? A hobby? A sport? Your favorite music?

### ***Gather your information***

### ***Organize your information into 3 sections:***

#### ***The Introduction***

Introduce yourself and tell what you are going to do. Tell the audience why they should be interested.

#### ***The Body***

"Show and Tell", what you are doing, so the audience may learn. Give accurate and complete information. Use charts or pictures big enough for people to see, but keep facing the audience.

#### ***The Summary***

Remind the audience of your main points.

Tell the source of your information. Ask, "Are there any questions?"

### ***You may use notes.***

They help you to be able to look at the audience when you speak.

*If you are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above and you receive an Excellent Ribbon, you will be invited to attend the State Public Presentation Day on Saturday June 8th, 2024, at Rutgers in New Brunswick. You will receive an entry form from the Union County 4-H Office*

## ***Need more help?***

View the video "How to Give a 4-H Public Presentation" <https://youtube/WCPwmQ6G98g>

### **MUST REGISTER BY:**

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

### **NEED HELP?**

- ✿ See your club leader.
- ✿ Contact Jim Nichnadowicz at the 4-H office: 908-654-9854 ext.3
- ✿ E-mail Jim Nichnadowicz at [Nichnadowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:Nichnadowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu)

*The night of the event - Friday, March 22nd*

*Arrive by 6:45 PM*

*UC Vo-Tech School Campus  
Magnet High School  
1776 Raritan Road  
Scotch Plains*

*We will begin the program at 7:00pm in the main auditorium*

For more details on preparing your talk and how it will be judged please go to:

<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=4H233>



# 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION NIGHT 2024 Registration Form

Register on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/4-H-PRESENTATION-NIGHT-2024> or scan the QR code below or fill-in form below, scan & send to Reginald Atkins at [Reginald.Atkins@ucnj.org](mailto:Reginald.Atkins@ucnj.org) or mail to Reginald Atkins, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Ave E, Westfield NJ 07090



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\* Check which type of presentation you are giving:

Return to: RCE of Union County  
4-H Presentation Night  
300 North Ave E  
Westfield NJ 07090-1426

\_\_\_\_\_ Demonstration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Illustrated Talk  
\_\_\_\_\_ Formal Speech  
\_\_\_\_\_ Performing Arts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club(s) *(list all)* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (zip)

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of past county presentations given: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE of this year's presentation \_\_\_\_\_

(You may give the same presentation as last year, but make it longer and better.)

**IF YOU HAVE A PowerPoint® PRESENTATION, YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP.**

Approximate length of this year's presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes  
[suggested times: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & below 'Cloverbuds': 1-5 minutes  
4<sup>th</sup> grade & up: 3-15 minutes –see front page of guide for more specifics]

I am in 4th Grade or above and DO NOT wish to be judged.

(Place a check mark here to NOT BE JUDGED)

**LIVE ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED IN CAGES ONLY.**

PLEASE BRING A REFRESHMENT TO SHARE: (tell us what you are bringing) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(snack, cookies, cakes, fruit, veggies, beverage, etc...)*

4-H Youth Development programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on a grade appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. All possible efforts will be made to include rather than exclude youth in events conducted by the 4-H Youth Development Program.