

# Presentation Contests

## 4-H PRESENTATIONS

March 9, 2024 Crook County Open Campus Building

**These guidelines are to be used for Presentations in all project areas.**

Judging criteria are outlined on the Oregon 4-H Presentation Evaluation sheets for Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks (211-001); Public Speaking (211-002) and Impromptu Speaking (211-003) available at the county Extension office and on the State 4-H website at:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/state-fair>

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. 4-H Presentation divisions include demonstrations, illustrated talks, public speeches, and impromptu speeches. Impromptu speeches are intermediate and senior level only.
2. Members may be expected to use a microphone.
3. Contestants must sign up for a time slot to give their presentation.
4. 4-H members must furnish all supplies and equipment required, except table, easel and microphone. If other special equipment is needed, contact the county Extension office.

### DEMONSTRATIONS AND ILLUSTRATED TALKS

A demonstration shows how to do something. There is a finished product at the end.

An illustrated talk is a way to share information with the use of visual aids.

1. Topic may be anything the member wants to share with others.
2. Teams will consist of two members. If team members are in different classes (junior, intermediate or senior), the presentation will be entered in the higher class.
3. Each individual or team will have time to set up, present, and clear the area. The actual presentation has to be a minimum of 10 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes in length for intermediates and seniors. Points will be deducted if time requirements are not met. For junior members, the actual presentation has to be a minimum of 3 minutes and no longer than 10 minutes. Points will be deducted if time requirements are not met.
4. The use of notes is permitted. However, the excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant at the judge's discretion.
5. During the presentation, contestants should introduce themselves by name and topic.
6. Contestants should cite their major references at the conclusion of their presentation. (Citing references is not included in the time.)

**211 600 011 Demonstration, Individual, Junior \*County Only\***

**211 600 012 Demonstration, Individual, Intermediate**

**211 600 013 Demonstration, Individual, Senior**

**211 600 021 Demonstration, Team, Junior \*County Only\***

**211 600 022 Demonstration, Team, Intermediate**

**211 600 023 Demonstration, Team, Senior**

**211 601 011 Illustrated Talk, Individual, Junior \*County Only\***

**211 601 012 Illustrated Talk, Individual, Intermediate**

**211 601 013 Illustrated Talk, Individual, Senior**

**211 601 021 Illustrated Talk, Team, Junior \*County Only\***

**211 601 022 Illustrated Talk, Team, Intermediate**

**211 601 023 Illustrated Talk, Team, Senior**

## **PUBLIC SPEECHES**

A public speech can be informational or persuasive. No visual aids may be used.

1. Topic may be anything the member wants to share with others.
2. Speeches must be a minimum of 7 minutes and no longer than 10 minutes for intermediates and seniors. Points will be deducted if time requirements are not met. For junior members, speeches must be a minimum of 3 minutes and no longer than 8 minutes. Points will be deducted if time requirements are not met.
3. The use of notes is permitted. However, the excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant at the judge's discretion.
4. During the presentation, contestants should introduce themselves by name and topic.
5. Contestants should cite their major references at the conclusion of their speech.  
(Citing references is not included in the time.)

**211 602 011 Public Speaking, Junior \*County Only\***

**211 602 012 Public Speaking, Intermediate**

**211 602 013 Public Speaking, Senior**

## **IMPROMPTU SPEAKING**

1. The presenter must compose and deliver a speech with no prior preparation.
2. Contestants will draw topics at random.
3. Once contestants draw a topic, they will have five minutes to prepare before they begin their speech. The contestant may write notes on one 3 x 5 inch notecard, which will be provided.
4. The speech should be 3 to 5 minutes in length.
5. Impromptu speeches are intermediate and senior level only.
6. During the speech, contestants should introduce themselves by name and topic.

**211 603 012 Impromptu Speaking, Intermediate**

**211 603 013 Impromptu Speaking, Senior**