DEMONSTRATIONS
SIGN UP DEADLINES
Friday, February 15, 2019

What is it?
Demonstrations are an opportunity for members to share with others, something that they know “how to do”. It also gives members the opportunity to learn more about one of the seven 4-H life skills, “communication”. We need to communicate with others through a variety of ways all throughout our lives. 4-H demonstrations help members to learn new knowledge and be able to share it with others. Many of the skills learned in 4-H demonstrations, strengthen school projects and are beneficial in later work environments and college.

On to States
Each county may send their top two winners in each category within each age range; Juniors (age 8-10 by 1/1/2019), Intermediates (age 11-13 by 1/1/2019), and Seniors (age 14 and older by 1/1/2019), however, the qualifying youth must have scored a minimum of 39 points (75%). Teams can be comprised of up to 3 members, and will compete in the division of their oldest member. Participants must be at least 8 years old to be eligible for State Activities Day consideration, and at least 12 years of age to be eligible for Eastern States Exposition.

Topics/Categories Demonstrations
Demonstrations can be done in several different project categories as outlined below. Any 4-Her, 8-18 years of age can do a demonstration, whether they have been in a project for one or many years. They should select the category which is most appropriate for what they are demonstrating.

When completing the Sign Up form, please select the category that best fits the demonstration topic so we can organize rooms. If you have a demonstration that does not resemble one of the above, use #19 (Open Class) and describe the subject matter so we can group it most appropriately.

Attention Animal Science Members
Demonstrations make a great way to educate others about some aspect of your project. Let’s see clubs represented at this event!

Important Note about Demonstrations
No live animals are allowed. If you are doing an animal presentation, you must use a stuffed animal. Be aware that live animals may not be accepted at Eastern State Exposition New England Center. Firearms may not be included in any exhibit for State or Eastern States. For presentations related to firearms, models or photos must be substituted.

Horse Demonstration
As a county, we can send 2 senior individual horse demonstrators and 2 Senior Team Horse Demonstrations (14 and older) on to State Activities Day if those demonstrations are eligible to compete at the National Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY. Eligibility requirements are as follows; participant must be 14 years of age as of January 1 of current year and cannot have competed at the National Horse Communications Contest in the past.

Award Notes
For the Horse Senior individual and team selected to attend Louisville, it is highly recommended a demonstration is done, not an illustrated talk. An illustrated talk does not compete well at the national level, and a lower scoring demonstration may be selected over a winning illustrated talk.

Length of Demonstration
The length may vary with the subject of the talk, but generally:
Juniors (8-10 years old): 3-8 minutes
Intermediate (11-13 years old): 4-9 minutes
Seniors (14 & older): 5-10 minutes
Posters/Visual and Finished Product
In most cases, posters/visuals are very much a part of a demonstration. They help members remember parts of their demonstrations - listing steps of recipes; a cover poster can be used to introduce the demonstration and the demonstrator. A summary poster can help recap what the member did. Posters add clarity because hearing and seeing help people remember better. Members should have a finished project to show at the end of their demonstration.

Questions
Members should be prepared to ask their audience if they have any questions and answer questions from the judges. Members may also be asked to talk briefly with the judges after their presentations.

Volunteers Needed
Volunteers are needed for each of the various events. Please help us tap some of the talents of parents and volunteers in your club to help us with these events. Use the enclosed volunteer sheet to provide us with information. 4-H Alumni make great volunteers as well.

How to do a Demonstration Guide
Not sure how to do a demonstration or how to teach your members? Call for the Demonstration Guide which walks you through the steps of how to put one together. This guide, if followed, will give key points for doing a demonstration.

Foods Demonstration
All food demonstrations will need to be sure they have a barrier between them and the food they are preparing. Gloves, spoons, spatulas can serve as barrier protection depending on the demonstration.

Resources & Score Sheets:
Available on the website at:
https://extension.unh.edu/events/merrimack-county-4-h-presentation-day

Categories / Subject Areas are:
1. Animal Science - Horse Public Speaking (Seniors Only)
2. Animal Science - Horse
3. Animal Science - Livestock & Dairy Production
4. Animal Science - Small & Companion Animals
5. Animal Science - Poultry
6. Citizenship & Civic Education – Citizenship / Community Service
7. Communication & Expressive Arts - Arts & expression
8. Consumerism - Family & Consumer Sciences
9. Consumerism - Hospitality, Etiquette, & Social Graces
10. Environment Science - Bugs & Bees
11. Environment Science - Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
12. Environment Science - Forestry & Wildlife
13. Environment Science - Environmental Science (Soil & Water)
14. Healthy Living - Health/Fitness/Physical Activity
15. Healthy Living – Foods/Nutrition/Healthy Eating
16. Healthy Living - Safety
17. Science & Technology
18. Science Experiment/Invention Project (will the new Science/Engineering Score Sheet)
19. Open Class (please describe)