

## Demonstration Contest

The demonstration contest gives youth an opportunity to improve their communication and public speaking skills by demonstrating a step-by-step process. Contestants should actually show or demonstrate how to do something. The presentation should include visual aids and an oral presentation. No live animals or people may be used during the presentation.

Demonstrations should be original and factual. Participants will be judged on the composition of their material, their delivery and their appearance relative to their topic.

### Regulations

1. Contestants may compete as individuals or as a team. A team will consist of two members from the same county. Teams with mixed age divisions are permitted; however, the team must compete in the age division of the oldest member of the team. If a contestant gives a demonstration as an individual, he or she cannot be a part of a team demonstration or vice versa. Team members must contribute equally. Teams are judged separately from individuals and will receive separate awards.
2. Individual contestant time limits by age category:
  - a. Junior: 4-6 minutes
  - b. Intermediate: 6-9 minutes
  - c. Senior 9-12 minutes
3. Team presentation time limits by age category:
  - a. Junior: 6-8 minutes
  - b. Intermediate 8-10
  - c. Senior: 10-12 minutes long
4. Points will be deducted as follows for being under or exceeding the time limits:
  - a. 15-59 seconds will receive a 2 point deduction.
  - b. 1-2 minutes will receive a 5 point deduction.
  - c. More than 2 minutes will receive a point deduction of 15 points.
5. Following each demonstration, judges will be allowed up to 2 minutes to ask questions.
6. At the end of demonstrations, contestants must state the resources used (this component will not be timed).
7. All presentations must take place in the room, easels will be provided.
8. Must use approved practice or methods criteria– refer to Tips for Effective Demonstrations, pg. 36-37, 4-H Tool Kit reference #1560.