

4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

(Must pre-register by Wednesday, March 11 at the Calloway Co Extension Office)

March 14, 2009 - 4:00 p.m. Registration 3:45 p.m.

Westside Baptist Church Christian Activity Center



GENERAL RULES:

Participants must be at least nine years of age and not over nineteen years of age. Each demonstrator will compete against others in his specific category and age division. The demonstrator may use note cards. All forms of visual aids and props are permitted for this contest. For further information call the 4-H Office 753-1452. **Registration DEADLINE is March 11.** 4-H youth who are working in a Foods Project may bring a plate of their best dish to be judged. Their samples will serve as the refreshments for the event.

AGE DIVISIONS AND TIME LIMITS:

Under 9 yrs: Cloverbud : Maximum 10 minutes (*not Eligible for Area or State Competition*)

9 -13 yrs: JUNIOR division: Maximum time limit 15 minutes

14-19 yrs: SENIOR Division: Maximum time limit 15 minutes

CATEGORIES: Agricultural Engineering, Agriculture Science & Horticulture, Animal Science -No Live Animals, Breads, Clothing & Home Management, Computers, Creative Crafts/Hobbies, Electric, Foods , Egg Preparation, Health, Horse (Individual and Team), General, Photography/Video Photography, Presentation Software, Safety, Small Engines, Turkey/ Chicken Barbeque, Shooting Sports (Mock –Up or Posters only), and Team Demonstrations

DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE JUDGED ON:

Appearance - clean and neat

Presentation

Equipment - suitable arrangement

Charts and Visuals – neat

Grammar and vocabulary

Organization - logical order

Summary - review of points

Results - quality of product

Subject Matter suitable, creative, informative

Winners at the county contests will be eligible to compete at the Area Communications Day on March 28th at Carlisle County High School.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. **PICK A TOPIC OF INTEREST.** The subject must be right for you and the audience. Make sure you know something about the subject or can easily find the information you need.
2. **DECIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE DEMONSTRATION.** Limit your demonstration to one central idea or theme. Make sure the subject you choose is one that can be demonstrated with the facilities and equipment you have available.
3. **GATHER ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE DEMONSTRATION.** Think, read ask questions. You may have a parent help you prepare for you demonstration. List the important steps and processes that are to be discussed and demonstrated. Use your own words. Outline the explanation necessary to go with each step or process. List the props(materials and equipment) you will need for your demonstration. Plan posters or visuals that will add to the effectiveness of the demonstration. Use posters to help explain and stress a point. Lettering on the posters should be neat and easy to read from the back of the room.
4. **ORGANIZE THE INFORMATION.** It is a good idea to have an introduction, body and a summary. The **Introduction** is where you will get the audience interested in your subject and catch their attention. The **Body** is longest and most important part of the demonstration. This is where you will show each step, tell what is being done, and why this method is the best. Short pauses can be used for emphasis, long silences are dull. Additional information about the materials or equipment may be shared as well. The **Summary** gives you the chance to state your main ideas again and get main point across. This is your last chance to impress your audience, so take advantage. Try to tie it to your introduction. Display your finished product and ask for questions.
5. **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.** Practice your demonstration for your family. Practice your demonstration for your favorite teacher and class. Stand up straight and speak in your own words. Try to speak in a conversational manner - friendly and animated. Practice making eye contact with the audience. **There will be training sessions at the Public Library Annex on February 2nd, February 16th (location to be announced), March 2nd and March 9th from 3:30 to 5:00p.m.** Youth may attend one or all trainings as needed.



4-H TALK MEET

(Must pre-register by Wednesday March 11 at the Calloway Co Extension Office)

(SPEECH CONTEST)

March 14, 2009 -- 4:00 p.m.

Westside Baptist Church Activity Center

GENERAL RULES: Participants must be at least nine years of age and not over 19 years of age. Each speaker will compete against others of his/her specific age. Age will be determined as of January 1, 2009. The speaker is ONLY allowed to use note cards. No other forms of visual aides are permitted for this contest. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons only. Cloverbuds will not be eligible to participate in area event. For further information and to pre-register by March 11th call the Extension Office at 753-1452.

TIME LIMITS: under 9 (Cloverbuds): 1- 3 minutes speeches or talks (*Not eligible for Area or State Competition*)
9 - 13 age categories: 3 - 5 minutes speeches or talks
14 - 19 age categories: 5 - 7 minutes speeches or talks

SPEAKERS WILL BE JUDGED ON:

Appearance--clean and neat	Voice Quality
Expression	Presentation
Eye Contact and Gestures	Appropriate use of notes
Accurate information	Involvement and interest in subject

HELPFUL HINTS

1. **PICK A TOPIC OF INTEREST.** To help you decide, make a list of things that you like and would like to talk about.
2. **DECIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE SPEECH OR TALK.** What do you feel is important about your subject? Decide on the one or two main ideas that you want the listeners to know.
3. **GATHER ALL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR YOUR TALK OR SPEECH.** Think, read, ask questions. You may have your parents help you write your speech.
4. **ORGANIZE THE INFORMATION.** It is a good idea to have an introduction, body, and conclusion. The **Introduction** is where you will get the audience interested in your subject and catch their attention. The **Body** is the longest and most important part of your speech or talk. This is where you will share the main points that you want the listeners to know and remember. Illustrate each point and give facts to back up your arguments. You may tell a story and include your own experiences and ideas. The **Conclusion** gives you the chance to state your main ideas again and get main points across. This is your last chance to impress your audience, so take advantage.
5. **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.** Practice your talk for your family. Practice your talk for your favorite teacher. Do your speech in front of a mirror. The more you practice, the easier sharing your talk or speech will be.

TALK MEET TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES are available at the Calloway County Public Library Annex on February 2, and March 2 and 9th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Michael and Sharon Siebold will be the instructors. February 16th will be a session at an alternate location to be announced.

Winners at the county contests will be eligible to compete at the Area Communications Day on March 28th at Carlisle County.

THESE EVENTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE CALLOWAY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL.

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Dear Teacher:

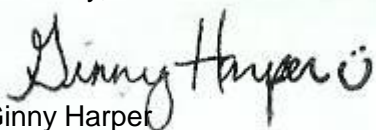
I am so glad that you are working with your students to teach them valuable and necessary skills to help them develop into productive and well-rounded citizens of our community. I have an opportunity for your students that might enhance your instruction in the areas of communication and public speaking.

The Calloway County Communications Competition is slated for March 14th at 4:00 p.m., at Westside Baptist Church of Murray. Youth must pre-register by Wednesday, March 11th at the Calloway County Extension Office. This event has two competition opportunities which would be great for outstanding students from your class. These students would compete against other students in their age division in the Talk Meet and in the Demonstration Contest they would compete against others that choose the same category. These events are excellent ways to extend your classroom learning and provide a real life platform to practice the life-long skill of communication.

Enclosed are copies of the handouts that will be available for your students. If I can be of assistance to you as you teach the skills of communication and speech preparation, please feel free to contact me and I will be glad to provide material or some instruction in this endeavor. Youth learn so much and gain many strengths and abilities through these 4-H communication events. There will be three training sessions at the Calloway County Public Library Annex on February 2, March 2, and 9 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. February 16th practice will be at an alternative location to be announced. Winners at the county contests will be eligible to compete at the Purchase Area Communications Day. The Purchase Area 4-H Communications Day will be on March 28th in Carlisle County. If these events don't fit into your curriculum this year, please take advantage of the various other school enrichment and educational 4-H opportunities throughout the school year.

Again, thanks for working so hard with the many incredible students of Murray and Calloway County. I look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,



Ginny Harper
Calloway County Extension Agent
for 4-H/Youth Development

Enclosures



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CALLOWAY COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DAY COMPETITION



March 14, 2009
Westside Baptist Church
Registration 3:45 p.m.

(Must pre-register by Wednesday, March 11 at the Calloway County Extension Office)

To prepare for the Calloway County Communications Day competition, there will be three training sessions. These trainings will be held at the Calloway County Public Library Annex on February 2, March 2 and March 9 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

An additional practice will occur on February 16th (*location to be announced*).

Winners at the county contests will be eligible to compete at the Purchase Area Communications Day. The Area Event will be March 28 at Carlisle County High School.



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SUPER SIMPLE SPEECH PLANNING OUTLINE

TOPIC _____

INTRODUCTION

What can I say first to get everyone's attention?

How do I introduce the topic (tell what I am going to talk about)?

BODY

What are the key (main) points I want to make?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CONCLUSION

How do I sum up what I have talked about? Mention the purpose of the talk and key points.

SUPER SIMPLE DEMONSTRATION OUTLINE

1. My title is: _____
2. What steps do I use to do this?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
3. List the most important points or facts.

4. What do I put on my posters?

Poster 1 - Title (*copy answer 1*)

Poster 2 - Steps (*copy answer 2*)

Poster 3 - Summary (*copy answer 3*)
5. What color poster board and lettering should I use?

6. Do I need pictures or drawings? Is yes, what?

7. What items or materials do I need to show?

8. Do I need a tray for my materials?
