

Kentucky 4-H Communication Contest Categories

SPEECH CATEGORIES

- 9 Year Old
- 10 Year Old
- 11 Year Old
- 12 Year Old
- 13 Year Old
- 14 Year Old
- 15 Year Old
- 16 Year Old
- 17-18 Year Old

DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES- Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-18) -Category selection should be based on the primary purpose of the demonstration. It is suggested that demonstrations that do not clearly fit into one category be modified to include information and material relative to the selected category.

CORE: AGRICULTURE

1. Agriculture – to include information on horticulture, and plant and soil sciences (e.g. crops, agronomy).
2. Animal Science – to include information on selection, care and feeding of animals, financial records, operations and animal products for small or large animals. This also includes companion animals. *(Demonstrations on horses or horse related topics can be included in this category, however, it does not qualify the participant for the State Horse Contests; this is a different event).*

CORE: COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

3. Visual Arts --to include drawing, painting, mixed media, decoupage, candle making, macramé, scrap booking, embroidery, quilting, silk screen, batik, block print, corn-shuck flowers, ceramics, jewelry making and similar topics. This category also includes demonstrations related to photography such as picture taking, composition, framing or scrapbooking.
4. Performing Arts -all demonstrations related to the performing arts including theatre, dance, musical instruments and musical performance.

CORE: FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

5. Clothing & Textiles – to include construction, techniques, wardrobe selection and planning (color, design accessories, appropriate dress for various occasions) selection, use or care of clothing related equipment, care of clothing, posture as it relates to fit, fibers, fabrics, and textile related topics.
6. Family & Consumer Sciences – to include information on childcare, consumer and financial education, family life, and home environment. **THIS CATEGORY EXCLUDES CLOTHING & TEXTILES AND FOODS. THESE ARE SEPARATE CATEGORIES.**
7. Foods – to include preparation skills and creativity in using foods for meals and snacks (**including breads**). Please submit a copy of the recipe on day of event.

CORE: HEALTH

8. Health – to include information on physical activity, bullying, substance abuse, personal development, and safety.

CORE: LEADERSHIP

9. Team Demonstrations – any demonstration (regardless of topic) conducted by two (2) 4-H members of the same age category (i.e. either juniors or both seniors). Each participant must have a significant speaking AND presentation role in the demonstration. **Youth may participate in either the individual demonstrations OR the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.**

CORE: NATURAL RESOURCES

10. Natural Resources– includes Entomology, Environment, Geology, Forestry, Soils, Water and Wildlife. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
11. Shooting Sports – includes proper care and cleaning of equipment, safety, sighting alignment and shooting techniques, selecting equipment and ammunition. Weapons of any sort cannot be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow or other firearm.

CORE: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

12. Science, Engineering and Technology – to include information on ATV safety, aerospace/rocketry, biotechnology, bicycle, energy, GPS/GIS, robotics, general science, and computer sciences [may NOT use computer projection equipment in place of posters]. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
13. Digital Media Presentation – to include demonstrations using presentation software (i.e. PowerPoint, Prezi) regardless of topic. Slides are used in lieu of poster boards. Please bring the presentation on media that can be transferred to another computer (i.e. portable drive).