



Communication Arts And Public Speaking

Objectives

4-H'ers will learn to:

- demonstrate knowledge and skills to prepare and present public presentations.
- develop improved intrapersonal communication skills (speaking, writing, or listening).
- demonstrate creative ways to communicate ideas and information.

Project Manuals & Other Resources

Communication Arts (Ages 8-18)

Through this interactive communications curriculum you can learn to interpret verbal and nonverbal information, develop effective public speaking skills, enhance written and spoken communication, defend a point, design a presentation and much more!



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| CA 1 | Picking Up the Pieces (Ages 8-10) |
| CA 2 | Putting It Together (Ages 11-13) |
| CA 3 | The Perfect Fit (Ages 14-18) |
| CA H | Communications Helper's Guide |

Public Speaking (Ages 11-18)

This series is to help you become the best public speaker you can! Learning to speak in public is a treasure hunting experience that allows you to discover your ability as a public speaker. Activities are arranged to help you learn how to write and give a speech from beginning to end.



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| PU 1 | Public Speaking 1 (Ages 11-13) |
| PU 2 | Public Speaking 2 (Ages 14-18) |

Supporting Events & Activities

Competitive Contests:

County, District, State or National Levels

Demonstration and Illustrated Talks

Demonstrations in this area are performed as part of the "General" category.

Public Speaking Contests

Public Speaking Contests offer 4-H'ers opportunities to gain experience in the preparation and delivery of a 4-H related speech.

- The General Public Speaking Contest requires 4-H'ers to recognize, organize, and present information on a given topic. [Please see the back of this brochure for additional requirements and information.](#)
- Youth who are involved in the 4-H Horse Program may also compete in the Horse Public Speaking Contest. This contest is held each summer at the University of Florida. For further information and requirements, please visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

Photo Exhibit

The General Photo Exhibit Contest provides a showcase for 4-H member's photographic accomplishments. Winning photographs are displayed for public view with the intent of increasing public awareness and understanding of the 4-H program. For more information and requirements, please visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

Poster Art Program

The Poster Art Program gives 4-H members an opportunity to use the visual medium of poster art to promote public understanding and support of the 4-H program. Program goals encourage 4-H Club members to develop an awareness of visual imagery and its power to express thoughts and ideas. For more information and requirements, please visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

Award & Recognition Opportunities

Ribbons and Awards for Competitive Events

Blue, Red, and White ribbons are awarded based on quality of performance during a competitive event using a standard scoring system. In addition to ribbons, youth may receive additional recognition for excellence, such as trophies, at the district, state and national levels.

4-H Project Reports

Certificates, pins and other county determined awards are available to youth who complete their project records annually at the county level. The project report forms are available for each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). For copies of these materials, please visit our website <http://florida4h.org>.

4-H Portfolios

Senior 4-H'ers (ages 14 and up) are eligible to complete and submit a 4-H Portfolio of their 4-H experiences and activities. Youth in these project areas may compete in one of the following categories:

- **Communication Arts and Sciences** - (predominantly focused on experiences in communication arts and sciences)
- **Citizenship** - (if activities have been significantly focused on community and helping others)
- **Achievement** - (if 4-H activities include a broad spectrum of 4-H projects)
- **Leadership** - (if 4-H experiences have centered on leadership provided to other youth or teaching and leading project activities)

The award for 4-H Portfolio is a partially expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress.

College Scholarships

Graduating Seniors in 4-H are eligible to compete for a variety of educational scholarships.

Contact your local 4-H office for these and other supporting project events, activities and award opportunities.

Public Speaking Contest

Participation Criteria:

- Junior 4-Hers must be 8-10 years old by September 1 of the current program year.
- Intermediate 4-Hers must be 11-13 years old by September 1 of the current program year.
- Senior 4-Hers must be 14-18 years old by September 1 of the current program year.

General Regulations:

Please visit our web site <http://florida4h.org/events>.

Participation Procedures and Quotas:

County:

- The top two winners in each age division (senior, intermediate & junior) at the county level may participate at the district level event.

District Requirements:

- Three type written, double spaced copies of each speech; including topic, name, age, date, and county on the front must be submitted to the District Chairperson at least one week prior to the event.
- The District Chairperson is responsible for delivering speech copies to the appropriate agent/leader in charge of the event who will then send them on to the judges for reading prior to event.

State Requirements:

- The top two senior district winners who won blue ribbons are eligible to compete at the state level.
- Entries must have competed at the county and district levels.
- Three type-written, double-spaced copies of each speech; including topic, name, age, date, county, and district on the front; must be submitted to State 4-H Events Office, University of Florida, P.O. BOX 110225, Gainesville, FL 32611-0225, no later than the deadline printed on the Annual 4-H Calendar (typically June 1). Speeches received after the deadline will be ineligible.
- It is the responsibility of the District winner's 4-H agent to send three copies of the speech to the State 4-H Events Office prior to the deadline.

Awards:

Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded based on quality of performance. A first place trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring individual among those earning blue ribbons.