

4-H Public Speaking Project Information

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Important Dates:

Beginning of March	- Leon County 4-H Roundup Entries DUE
Mid March	- Leon County 4-H Roundup
Thurs., April 15	- Registration deadline for District 4-H Roundup on 4-H Connect
Virtual in May	- District 4-H Roundup
Mid May	- Registration deadline for Texas 4-H Roundup on 4-H Connect
June 7-11	- Texas 4-H Roundup (Seniors ONLY) in College Station

Description

Develop skills such as communication, decision-making, and problem solving when preparing a speech or performance. Participants develop a pleasing personal appearance and acquire the ability to speak in public.

County, District & State 4-H Contest Opportunities

Why Should 4-H Members Participate in Roundup?

Roundup contests help you increase your public speaking skills. It provides the opportunity to get up in front of a group of other 4-H members or adults and showcase one's knowledge. It also helps with self-confidence, organizational skills, and the ability to successfully relay a message. The great thing about these public speaking activities is that they are FUN! What better way to show off to everyone else what you've learned in your project or even learn more?

Resources

- <https://leon.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-projects/public-speaking/>
- Texas 4-H Explore Guide - Theater & Performance Arts
- Texas 4-H Explore Guide- Public Speaking Project
- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/public-speaking/>
- Texas 4-H Roundup Guide
- 4-H Public Presentation Guide (4-H 3-5.012)
- Public Speaking....4-H Style (COM 1-2.050)
- What Is An Educational Presentation? handout
- Extension publications, library, internet, resource people
- Teen and adult leaders
- Examples on YouTube

Educational Presentations

These are a demonstration of knowledge and skills in a certain project area. A presentation is done in a way that is most comfortable to the 4-H members. It can be accomplished using props (method demonstration) or posters or media presentations (illustrated talk). Educational presentations can be done by individual 4-H members or in teams of up to 2 4-H members. Individuals/teams have 12 minutes to make their presentation and 9 minutes to set up and take down. Here are the **10 categories** (see additional information for a description for each) for educational presentations:

Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety
Animal Science
Beef
Health & Wellness
Horse

Open
Open Ag & Natural Resources
Open Family & Community Health
Promote 4-H
Safety & Injury Prevention

Public Speaking

An individual presents a 5-8 minute (2-5 minute for Clover Kids) talk suitable as a platform speech or broadcast. No props or visual aids may be used. Just speaking and convincing, or simply educating, with words alone (public speaking).

Share the Fun

Show off your acting, singing and other talents. 7 categories: Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routine, Dramedy, Musical/Instrumental, Poetry/Prose, Solo/Band Performance, and Vocal. All are individual or group of up to 9 members. 6 minute presentations with 4 minutes total allowed for set up and break down.

To enter County 4-H Roundup, submit the following **by Beginning of March:**

☆ A Completed Contest Entry Form

For the contest, you will come and present your Educational Presentation, Public Speaking or Share-the-Fun. All 4-H'ers will advance to district, and Seniors, at district, have the opportunity to advance to state.

Recordbook

- ✓ A compiled record of your 4-H projects, activities, awards, and other highlights.
- ✓ Recordbooks are submitted in mid-summer, and are judged at county, district, and state (senior age only) levels.
- ✓ Submitting your completed recordbook earns you a project pin and allows you to be eligible for county 4-H achievement awards such as Gold Star and Silver Star.

Please feel free to visit with me if you have any questions. Best wishes!!
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