

# Hardin County 4-H Demonstration Contest

## GENERAL RULES

1. Any active 4-H member is eligible to participate.
2. The top 5 members from each class, who meet all requirements, will advance to the State Fair competition. Members must fall in the specified time range to advance.
3. Any member who was a clock trophy winner in any one class in the previous year is not eligible to participate in the same class in current year.
4. All work is to be original work created by the 4-H member.
5. Any member who has competed in the demonstration contest in previous years is expected to give a new and different demonstration this year.
6. No large animals may be used for demonstrations. Members should use models, photographs, or illustrations. Animals less than 20 pounds may be used, if they are up to date on vaccinations. The member is responsible for taking care of small animals before, during, and after their demonstration. No pens, kennels, or cages will be provided.
7. Members must set up their demonstration without outside assistance. A judge's helper will be available to help, if needed. Parents may not be on the demonstration floor at any time. Posters should be placed on a stand, not held by an assistant.
8. All demonstrations will be timed. The timer will start when the member begins to speak. Questions and answers are not included in the official time.
9. Firearms, bows, arrows, weapons, air pistols or rifles, paintball guns, gun cases, and ammunition are not permitted. Plastic replicas are permitted, but must be clearly marked as replicas with orange tips or similar markings.
10. Only Intermediate and Senior members are permitted to use computer technology to supplement their demonstration.
11. Members who use computer technology must give a live delivery of the topic. No pre-recorded narration is allowed.
12. A laptop computer with PowerPoint and a projector will be provided. Members may bring their slides on a flash drive to use this computer. If other software is needed, members must bring their own computer. There will NOT be wifi internet access made available.
13. Members using technology may ask the judge for outside help if a computer problem occurs. Members must be able to do basic set-up and tear-down of equipment unassisted.
14. Members who experience a technology failure will be given a few minutes to resolve the issue. If it is not resolved in a reasonable time, the judge can move on to the next demonstration. The member will be given one more chance in front of the judge after resolving the issue.

The following items will be made available for any member to use:

- Laptop computer with Microsoft PowerPoint
- Projector
- Computer Speaker (not to be used for pre-recorded narration)
- Poster easel
- White board

## **DEMONSTRATION CLASSES**

1. Junior Individual (ages 8-10) *without the use of computer technology*
  - a. The presenter uses appropriate props and other visual aids to teach others about a subject or how to do something.
  - b. May use charts, posters, or pictures to accompany their demonstration.
  - c. PowerPoint or other computer generated visual aids are not used in this class.
  - d. Presenters are evaluated on their ability to convey information and teach on a particular topic. See score sheet for more evaluation information.
  - e. Demonstrations should be 6-9 minutes in length.
2. Intermediate Individual (ages 11-13) *with or without the use of computer technology*
3. Senior Individual (ages 14 and up) *with or without the use of computer technology*
  - a. The presenter uses appropriate props, posters, and/or computer generated visual aides to teach others about a particular topic, practice, procedure, scientific principle, or phenomenon. Use of computer generated visuals NOT required.
  - b. Requires live speech delivered along with any PowerPoint, Prezi, poster, or other message. (No pre-recorded narration is allowed.)
  - c. Demonstrations are evaluated on presenter's communication skills and their ability to effectively use technology, posters, and props to enhance their demonstration.
  - d. Presentations must be 9-12 minutes in length.

## **ENTRY REQUIRMENTS**

1. All participants must fill out the Demonstration Contest Entry form found on [hardin.osu.edu](http://hardin.osu.edu)
2. Forms are due to the Extension Office one week prior to the contest.
3. Forms can be dropped off at the Extension Office front desk Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 4:30 OR placed in the OSU Extension drop box by the front door after hours.