Regional Public Presentation Competition
Hartford, Litchfield and Tolland County
Saturday February 8, 2020- 9:00 am-1:45 pm (there will be multiple rooms- if needed for larger turn outs)
(Snow date Saturday February 15, 2020, 9:00am- 1:45 pm)

Tolland County Extension Center; 24 Hyde Avenue
Route 30, Vernon Ct. (Exit 67 from Route 84)
Registration is due by February 3, 2020

Light refreshments are served: Lunch is not provided

All 4-Hers in good standing must engage in some form of public presentation every year. All 4-Hers are invited to participate in this competition to help develop your skills. 4-Hers may present a demonstration, visual presentation (illustrated talk), or a speech. Winners in each County for each division (possible total of 12 winners) will be invited to compete on the State Competition on TBA.

Junior:
- Juniors (ages 9 – 12 as of Jan. 1, 2020) will need to give a presentation that is 3-5 minutes in length to be eligible for the new state event. Juniors (ages 9-12) will be able to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest in both the Speech category and the Visual Presentation category. Two county winners will be selected to represent their counties at the State Junior Public Speaking Event on in the Speech and in the Visual Presentation category.
  - Juniors that are 7 & 8 years old as of January 1, 2020 may give shorter presentations. They are not eligible for the state contest.

Senior
- Seniors (ages 13 – 18 as of January 1, 2020) will need to give a presentation that is at least 5 minutes but not more than 8 minutes in length. Two seniors from each county will be selected to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest on TBA. One will be in the Speech category and one will be in the Visual Presentation category. A visual presentation may be a demonstration, an illustrated talk or a power point presentation. Teams are not eligible for the State Contest.

4-Hers may choose any subject that is of interest to them. Think about your subject and begin to work on your presentation. It can be about your project, or a serious, humorous or educational topic. Brief note cards are okay. 4-Hers should refrain from reading their presentations from a written script. 4-Hers may choose to use a lectern or may give their presentation without a lectern. A demonstration table and an easel will be available for demonstrations, team demonstrations and illustrated talks if you wish to use them. 4-Hers wishing to use a computer presentation for their illustrated talks must bring their presentation on a flash drive as well as an additional back up copy. Your visual presentation should be used to enhance your speech. Internet connection is not available.

Ribbons will be presented to all contestants and winners will receive a plaque and be announced from each county to present at the State Public Speaking Contest on TBA. All 4-Hers that make presentations at this regional event will be eligible to present their demonstrations, illustrated talks or speeches at Eastern States Exposition in the New England Center during Connecticut 4-H day.

The evaluation sheets for demonstrations, illustrated talks, junior speeches and senior speeches are available on forms page or by calling the Tolland County Extension Office.

Important: You must register for the contest in order to participate. 4-Hers that are registered will be called by the evening before or by 7AM on the day of the contest in case the event must be rescheduled due to a major snow or ice storm.

Register for the contest by February 3, 2020. Registration and instructions are on the next page.
PUBLIC SPEAKING CATEGORIES

Speech - It’s best to use note cards only – involves telling about something of interest to you without the use of visual aids. The speech can funny, serious, informative or argumentative.

Visual Presentations

Demonstration – The demonstrator is doing something. Making, creating, or showing the audience how to do something while telling about it.

Illustrated Talk – Involves telling about something while using an illustration such as a diagram, chart, model, or picture

Power Point - A demonstration or illustrated talk that uses computer technology. For Power Point presentations you MUST have your presentation on a USB flash drive. A projector and screen will be provided. Internet is NOT available.

Team Demonstrations - A team is TWO people. Both participants must have an equal role in the presentation. If team members are in different age categories, they will be judged in the category of the oldest team member.

Team Demonstrations are not eligible for the state contest.

Registration Form for Regional Public Speaking Contest due by February 3, 2020

1. Mail or drop off to the Tolland County Extension Center 4-H; 24 Hyde Avenue; Vernon, CT 06066 or 2. Call 860-875-3331 with all of the information or 3. You may also e-mail, with subject line: “2020 Regional Public Speaking”, the information to mackenzie.white@uconn.edu by February 3, 2020.

Name_________________________________________ Age on 1-1-20__________

Street__________________________________________

Town________________________ Zip_________ County__________

Phone________________________ E-Mail________________________

Title of presentation__________________________________________________________

Check age category:

_____ Junior – ages 7-12 or _____ Senior – ages 13-18

Check presentation category:

Speech______

or

Visual Presentation – check one

Demonstration______ Illustrated talk ______ Power Point ________

_____ I will need to use a computer and projector for a visual presentation.

_____ I will not need to use a computer and projector for a visual presentation.

Team Demonstration______ Name of other Presenters________________________________________

***All visual presentations needing a computer and projector MUST be brought on a USB flash drive or on your computer. Internet connection is not available ***