

Finney County 4-H Day Guidelines

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description
I. Public Presentation	Senior Public Speaking	14-18	5 - 15 min	Public Speaking is the skill of writing and delivering a persuasive, entertaining, informational or inspiring speech on a given topic. Talks are original. Visuals may be used. One or two note cards are suggested. Outlines are to be provided for each judge. Maximum: 15 minutes
	1. Senior Division			
	Junior Project Talks	7-8	3 - 4 min	Project Talks are intended for 4-H'ers, (11 years of age and younger) to gain confidence in expressing themselves before an audience. They tell of their actual project experiences, information relating to the project & promoting. Visuals may be used. Maximum: 7 minutes
		9-11	6 - 7 min	
	Extemporaneous	14-18	3 - 5 min	Extemporaneous is for older members that would like to display their speaking skills. Each participant will draw two topics and select one for his/her presentation. A 15 minutes preparation time will be given after the topics are drawn. Notes may be made on the 4x6 index card provided containing the topic. Minimum: 3 minutes Maximum: 5 minutes
	1. Senior Division			

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description	
I. Public Presentation	Demonstration & Illustrated Talk	14-18	up to 15 min.	Involves doing or making something while giving an explanation. It uses actual items, supplies, equipment, people or animals while going through a process. There is usually a finished product to show.	
				1. Senior Division	
		2. Junior Division	7 -13	up to 10 min	Illustrated Talk Tells How -is a presentation that tells how something is done. Show pictures, charts, models, equipment and other types of visual aids. The purpose is to teach the audience. No end product made. Can show one previously made.
		Digital Presentation	14-18	15 min.	Digital presentations are presentations that use current digital and computer technology to help in showing or demonstrating a presentation. This presentation method can be used to give an illustrated talk or a demonstration. - Contestants should make arrangements to provide computer and LCD projector. Screen Will be provided.
		1. Senior Division			
			7-13	10 min.	
	Readings	14-18	10 min.	Reading: this may be a musical, dramatic, interpretive, humorous, or other type of reading. This presentation should be one that can be done in 10 minutes or less.	
	1. Senior Reading				
All participants must have one original of their piece(s) to be given to the judges for them to view while judging.		12-13	10 min.		
		2. Junior Reading		Maximum: 15 minutes	

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description
I. Public Presentation	Show & Tell			<p>Show & Tell is intended for 4-H'ers that are first or second year members, to have a non competitive public presentation experience. The presentation does not have to be related to a 4-H project experience. Each participant will receive a participation ribbon. There is no regional 4-H Day division.</p> <p>Maximum: 5 minutes</p>
	1. Junior Division	7-8	5 Min.	
	2. Cloverbud	5-6		
II. Model Meeting	Model Meeting			<p>The 4-H Model Meeting has been used successfully as a device for teaching 4-H members proper meeting procedure. Competition between clubs has been used to encourage</p> <p>4-H youth in their efforts to add zest to the activity. The group may be composed of any number of 4-H members and two adult leaders.</p> <p>Maximum: 35 minutes</p>
	Senior & Juniors	7-18	35 Min.	
III. Talent (Dance)	Square Dance			<p>Square Dance: The purpose of square dance is to teach appreciation of wholesome recreation and develop a cooperative type of recreation.</p> <p>The kind of music is the choice of the group. A tape or live music may be used.</p> <p>Maximum: 10 minutes</p>
	1. Senior Division	Group 14-18	10 Min.	
	2. Junior Division	Group 7-13	10 Min.	

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description
III. Talent (Dance)	Folk Step Dance Circle, Polka, Line, etc			<p>Folk Step Dance: This may be a circle dance, line dance, polka, schottische, etc.</p> <p>Maximum: 10 minutes</p>
		Individual or Group		
	1. Senior Division	14-18	10 Min.	
	2. Junior Division	7-13	10 Min.	
III. Talent (Dance)	Other Dance Tap, Ballet, Couple, Interpretive, Individual & Group			<p>Other Dance: This may be a tap dance, ballet, interpretive, acrobatic dance, or other type of dance done by an individual or by a group.</p> <p>Maximum: 10 minutes</p>
		Individual or Group		
	1. Senior Division	14-18	10 Min.	
	2. Junior Division	7-13	10 Min.	

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description
III. Talent Dramatics	One Act Play			
	1. Senior Division	Group 14-18	30-45 Min.	One Act Play: Limited to one-act plays. Only one setting is allowed. The curtain may be dropped to denote the passing of time. A change of setting is not permitted during the drop of curtain. Each group is responsible for scenery, property, and effects. Maximum: 45 minutes
	2. Junior Division	Group 7-13	30-45 Min.	
	Skits			
1. Senior Division	Group 14-18	10 Min.	Skit: This section is designed for original plays or skits written by 4-H members or other amateurs. Any size group may participate. Maximum: 10 minutes	
2. Junior Division	Group 7-13	10 Min.		
III. Talent (Novelty)	Novelty (stunts, novelty, puppets, etc.)			
	1. Senior Division	Individual or Group 14-18	5 Min.	Novelty: This is a miscellaneous grouping that may include talent such as novelty numbers, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist acts or other types of talent. Maximum: 5 minutes
	2. Junior Division	Individual or Group 7-13	5 Min.	

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description
IV. Music	Chorus			
	1. Senior Division	14-18	2 numbers	Chorus: 1. A chorus may be composed of 6 or more 4-H members. 2. Each group will sing two numbers of their own choosing. 3. Original of selections will be given to judges before performing. 4. The director and accompanist need not be 4-H members, but they cannot sing with the group unless they are 4-H members. 5. Selections should be memorized. Maximum: 2 numbers
2. Junior Division	7-13	2 numbers		
IV. Music	Vocal Ensemble			
	1. Senior Division	14-18	up to 2 numbers	Vocal Ensemble: 1. Group may be composed of 2 to 5 4-H members, not including the accompanist. 2. Each group will sing up to two numbers of their own choosing. 3. Original of selections is to be given to judges before performing. 4. Accompanist need not be a 4-H members. 5. Selections should be memorized. Maximum: 2 numbers
2. Junior Division	7-13	up to 2 numbers		

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description
IV. Music All participant s must have one original of their piece(s) to be given to the judges for them to view while judging.	Vocal Solo			
	1. Senior Division	14-18	1 number	Vocal Solo: 1. Participant will sing one number. 2. Original of selections is to be given to judges before performing. 3. Accompanist need not be a 4-H member.. 4. Selections should be memorized. Maximum: 1 number
	2. Junior Division	7-13	1 number	
	Vocal Performance			Vocal Performance: 1. Participant(s) will perform one number 2. Selection should be memorized. 3. Participant(s) must provide their own music and system for playing the music. 4. A Vocal Performance group consists of two or more individuals.
1. Senior Division	Individual or Group 14-18	1 number		
Sheet music is NOT required for vocal performance .	2. Junior Division	Individual or Group 7-13	1 number	

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description	
IV. Music	Instrumental Ensemble			Instrumental Ensemble: 1. Groups may composed of 2 to 5 4-H members not including the accompanist. 2. Each group will play up to two selections of their own choosing. 3. Original of selections is to be given to judges before performing. 4. The instrumental should include only recognized instruments of the band or orchestra 5. The accompanist need not be a 4-H member where the piano is accompaniment only, as for a trumpet trio. The pianist must be a 4-H member when the piano is one of the instruments as in a string trio or similar group. Maximum: 2 numbers	
	1. Senior Division	14-18	up to 2 numbers		
	2. Junior Division	7-13	up to 2 numbers		
IV. Music	Instrumental Solo			Instrumental Solo: 1. Participant will play one number. 2. Original of selection is to be given to judges before performing. 3. Accompanist need not be a 4-H Member. Maximum: 1 number	
		1. Senior Division	14-18		1 number
		2. Junior Division	7-13		1 number

Section	Event	Age	Time	Description
IV. Music	Band or Orchestra			Band or Orchestra:
All participants must have one original of their piece(s) to be given to the judges for them to view while judging.	1. Senior Division	14-18	2 numbers	1. Groups may be composed of 12 or more 4-H members.
	2. Junior Division	7-13	2 numbers	2. Each group will play two number of their own choosing. 3. Copy of the conductor's score is to be given to the judge before playing. 4. The director is not required to be a 4-H members. The director may not play with the group unless a 4-H member.
				Maximum 2 numbers

Resources available at the Extension Office:

- Judges score Cards for individual categories
- Guide to Evaluating Electronic 4-H Presentations

4-H Communication Fact Sheets - October 2009

- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 1.0
Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 2.0
4-H Project Talks
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 3.0
4-H Demonstrations
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 3.1
4-H Demonstration or Illustrated Talk Outline
Planning Form
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 4.0
4-H Illustrated Talks
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 5.0
4-H Public Speaking
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 6.0
Effective Presentation Tips
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 7.0
Preparing and Using Visual Aids
- 4-H Communication Fact Sheet 8.0
Presentation Brainstorming Activity
- Project idea topics suggestions for demonstrations/talks