



**New London County 4-H
Public Presentation Program
New London County Extension Center
County Competition
February 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

Areas that participants will be judged on include:

- Stage Presence: Personal Appearance, Poise, Posture, Attitude, Confidence, Personality
- Choice Of Subject: Knowledge of Subject, Adequate Length, Meaningful to the Audience
- Organization: Introduction, Logically Organized, Sufficient Information, Concise Conclusion
- Delivery: Voice Quality, Power of Expression
- General Effect: Interesting, Understandable, Held Audience Attention
- Questions: Knowledge, Ability to think quickly

Categories:

Jr. Public Speaking- using just note cards (3-5 minutes)

Sr. Public Speaking- using just note cards (5-8 minutes)

Jr. Visual Presentation- demonstration, illustrated talk, power point presentation (3-5 minutes)

Sr. Visual Presentation- demonstration, illustrated talk, power point presentation (5-8 minutes)

Explorers- speech or visual presentation, participation, not scored (participate at local contests)

Local Contests:

Griswold Congregational Church, hosts: Barnyard Buddies, TBD

Contact to register: Rob Sawyer, 860.705.5315 rob@thesawyerfarms.com

Subase Youth Center: 2/17, 4:30 pm

Contact to register: Gail McCloud, ssn690@aol.com

Fields Memorial School, hosts: Happy Hoofbeats, TBD

Contact to register: Peggy Sise, rssandmps@gmail.com

At the county level, second place will also be recognized, and a Junior Novice Public Presentation (a first-time Junior presenter in either category) will be awarded.

See reverse for more information. Information, forms, and hand-outs are available on-line as well. http://www.newlondoncounty4h.uconn.edu/New_London_County_Forms.php

If you have questions contact:

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PUBLIC SPEAKING AGE DIVISIONS

Seniors- any youth 13 – 19 years old as of January 1

Juniors- any youth 7 – 12 years old as of January 1

Explorers- any youth 5-6 years old as of January 1

PUBLIC SPEAKING DIVISIONS

Speeches- note cards only – involves telling about something of interest to you without the use of visual aids. The speech can be informative or argumentative.

Visual Presentations

- **Demonstration** – involves doing something (making, creating, finishing, etc) while telling about what you are doing. This is usually the easiest type of presentation. First time participants are encouraged to do a demonstration.
- **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 a screen, laptop, and LCD projector are provided. All presentations must be emailed to Pam (pamela.gray@uconn.edu), by the close of business on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**, so that presentations can be loaded onto the laptop. Power point presentations must be PC compatible. Power Point presentations will not be accepted after the due date. Remember to have an alternate plan for your presentation in case the technology fails.

Team Demonstrations are available for any age group. A team is TWO people. Both participants must have an equal role in the presentation. (*Team presentations do NOT count for state competition.*)

Explorers- Explorers will participate much like a “Show & Tell.” They are not judged or timed, although speech/demonstration of 1-3 minutes is appropriate. Explorers will participate at the local (or club) level, not at the county or state contests. They receive the green participant ribbons. It is helpful for them to receive positive, encouraging verbal feedback from the judges or their leader.

REGISTRATION

Everyone must pre-register for the local event you are attending. Participants will be expected to be present for the entire event. Local winners are expected to compete at the County event Feb. 26th.

EVALUATION

All youth will be judged on a point score sheet– first place is the 4-H'er in that category with the highest score. All youth will receive their evaluations with comments at the end of their presentation.

A senior and a junior winner will be chosen in each division on the local level and then compete at the county level to be chosen to represent New London County at the state level at State 4-H Day, March 5th. At the State level, you must be at least 9 years old. Team presentations, Junior Novice (unless same person as Junior Public Speaker), and Cloverbuds are not eligible for state competition.

STATE 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION CONTEST

The State 4-H Public Presentation Contest will take place at the State 4-H Communication Arts Day (March 4th in West Hartford). Each county may send one senior (age 13-18 as of 1/1) and one junior (age 9-12 as of 1/1) finalist in the speech category (using note cards only) and one senior and one junior finalist in the visual presentation category. All presentations and speeches must be done individually and last 5-8 minutes for seniors and 3-5 minutes for juniors. Speeches going over time on the state level will be penalized.

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