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The 2021 Speech and Demonstration Contest will be virtual. The contest is open to any Boulder County 4-H member. Registration and videos are due by Friday, April 16, 2021. REGISTRATION and SUBMISSION is done at the same time. Impromptu contests will be held if enough interest is presented.

How to Enter:

- Fill out the Registration Form at:
- Upload the video of your speech and demonstration at the bottom of the registration form
 - If you are competing in more than one category you will need to fill the form out for each category.
- If you have a poster, please take a picture of the poster and upload it into the form for the judge. If you have slides, you can upload those as well.
- Age divisions will be (as of 12/31/2020):
 - Cloverbud – 5-7 years
 - Junior – 8-10 years
 - Intermediate – 11-13 years
 - Senior – 14+
- Registration and video upload deadline are Friday, April 16, 2021.
- Questions? Contact Faith at fkroschel@bouldercounty.org

For Demonstrations – please have someone in your family ask you at least one question about your demonstration. Answering question(s) should be part of your video.

Presentation tips:

- *Relax and have fun!*
- *Choose a topic that you are interested in*
- *Figure out what you will be talking about and organize your thoughts. Make sure that your presentation is in logical order*
- *Practice! Go through your demonstration or speech more than once. If you can, practice in front of other people and get their feedback.*
- *Make sure your posters are easily read and aren't too busy.*

We are excited to see your speeches and demonstrations!

Contest Guidelines

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks:

The Demonstration and Illustrated Talks contest is a “Show and Tell” opportunity for 4-H Members. A demonstration is described as “showing” how to do something, using props and materials in a step-by-step, clear and concise manner. You “Show How” while you “Tell Why”. An Illustrated Talk “explains” how to do something by using charts, pictures or models. The method depends on the Speaker’s preference in deciding the best way to teach a specific subject. Presentations must be directly related to 4-H projects or activities.

- Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks will have individual and team (2 people) classes for each age division.
- Time limits are age specific. Two points may be deducted for every 30 seconds over or under the time limit. The time will start once the contestant begins to speak and will end when they stop speaking. Questions from your family on the video will not be included in the time limits.
 - Juniors (Ages 8-10 years old) - 4 to 6 minutes
 - Intermediates (Ages 11-13 years old) - 6 to 8 minutes
 - Seniors (Ages 14 to 18 years old) - 8 to 10 minutes
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior champions may be eligible to represent Boulder County at the State Fair in August.

Interpretive Reading

Interpretive reading is an opportunity for members to deliver with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools a rendition of a piece of pre-written material. The pre-written material should be a selection from a book, poem, story, etc. and should be 4-H appropriate. This creative communication area bridges the gap between message deliver and the performing arts. Costumes and small props can be used, but they need to be simple and minimal, not detracting from the strength of the presenter. This area is not intended for presentation of original material written by the presenter.

Interpretive Reading is for individual contestants, not teams.

- Members may choose which selection or multiple portions of a text to present but may not change the content. Content should be cohesive and transition smoothly from one portion to the next.
- During the beginning of the reading, the speaker should introduce their piece and explain the significance of the material
- Interpretive reading will be timed. Senior reading must be between 6-8 minutes; Intermediates between 4-6 minutes and Juniors between 3-5 minutes. Points may be deducted if over or under the time limit.
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior champions may be eligible to represent Boulder County at the State Fair in August.

Prepared Speech

A speech is an opportunity for a 4-H member to write and deliver his/her own speech. The speaker will persuade, inform or educate the audience on a single issue or topic related to 4-H. the purpose of this category to encourage participants to give a speech in which they seek out accurate information, organize it into a useful form and present the information. A speech has a clear and understandable topic. Citing sources can increase the credibility of the speech if it does not interfere with the delivery of the prepared speech.

The prepared speech contest is for individuals, no teams.

- Speeches must be original and written by the individual
- Note cards may be used. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant.
- Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids or props in their presentations.
- Speeches must be related to 4-H in some manner. Any ideas presented should relate to 4-H participation and/or organization in Colorado as appropriate. Past contest speeches may not be used for county competition.
- Speeches should be between 4-6 minutes for seniors; 3-5 minutes for Intermediate and Juniors and 2-3 minutes for Cloverbuds.
- The Top Senior in the Prepared Speech may be eligible to represent Boulder County at the State 4-H Conference in June.

Horse Demonstrations:

This is a demonstration relating to the Horse industry. The subject matter must pertain to the horse. Demonstration not appropriately related to the horse industry will be judged as a general demonstration. Presentations may be either a demonstration or illustration talk format.

- The Horse Demonstration contest will have individual and team (2 people) classes for each age division.
- **No live animals may be used**
- Creative audio-visual aids may be used, but the contestants must be involved in making or designing them
- Presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes
- Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the presentation. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
- The Top Senior Horse Demonstration individual and team may be eligible to represent Boulder County at the State 4-H Conference in June.

Horse Public Speaking:

This is a prepared speech related to the Horse industry. The subject matter must pertain to the horse. Speeches not appropriately related to the horse industry will be judged as a prepared speech. No visual aids may be used, including the use of handouts such as bibliographies and pamphlets.

- The Horse Public Speaking contest is for individuals, no teams
- Speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length for seniors. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes. Speeches should be between 4-6 minutes for Intermediate and Juniors and 2-3 minutes for Cloverbuds.
- Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the speech. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
- The Top Senior Horse Public Speaking individual may be eligible to represent Boulder County at the State 4-H Conference in June.