



Announcing the 2010

4-H Ontario Communications Competition

Are you interested in expanding your skill set in communication?

Do you want to try your hand at speaking in front of a group?

Be a competitor at the new 4-H Ontario Communications
Competition (more information enclosed).

The Overview:

Who: 4-H Members (ages prior to Jan. 1, 2010)

Junior : 10-14

Senior: 15-21

Where: University of Guelph

When: Saturday, October 16th, 2010, starting at 9:30am

Why: Great practice, addition to your resume, tons of fun and show your skills!

To Register: Complete the attached registration form and submit it (by mail or fax to the information below) to the 4-H Opportunities Coordinator by September 1st, 2010. When your registration form is received a notice will be sent to you with further details about the competition.

Registration Deadline:

September 1st, 2010

Registration Fee:

\$20

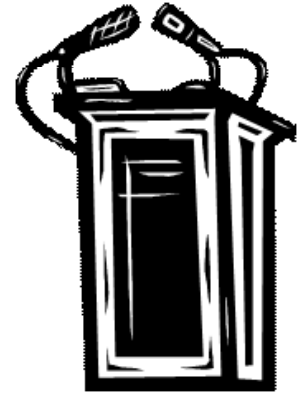
Read on for more details about this event and to find the registration form!

If you have any questions
please contact the 4-H
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Introduction:

Public speaking is known to be one of people's biggest fears. As 4-H is known for its safe learning environment it makes sense to use the safe environment of 4-H as an avenue for members to increase their comfort level when speaking in front of a group. Included here is information on the communication categories and other important pieces of information.

In 2010 the competition is open to all 4-H members who wish to participate. As the competition moves forward, members will be chosen to represent their local Associations. More information will be available soon.

Age categories:

There are two age categories—Junior and Senior. Junior contestants are members aged 10 to 14 and Senior contestants are aged 15 to 21. Ages are based on December 31st of the previous calendar year for both Junior and Senior categories.

Styles of communication:

The 4-H Ontario Communications Competition covers three different categories of communication: public speaking (prepared speech), demonstration, and speak and show. Each of these categories of communication has its own unique advantages and challenges. Members are encouraged to try all styles of communication, however members will be asked to pick one category in which to compete at the Provincial level.

1. Public Speaking (Prepared speech):

Public speaking ('speech') is an extremely valuable tool for all aspects of an individual's life. This skill can be used in a variety of ways including at school, work or personal life while you introduce/thank a speaker or friend, explain a concept to a friend or co-worker, sell a product, or persuade someone to take your position or support your view.

For the 4-H Communications Competition, the public speaking category is a prepared speech developed and delivered by one individual. Speeches given at competition should be the work of the individual and uniquely prepared for the current year's competition. For this category of communication visual aids are not permitted.

Timing for this category is as follows:

- a. **Junior Timing:** 3 to 5 minutes.
- b. **Senior Timing:** 5 to 7 minutes.

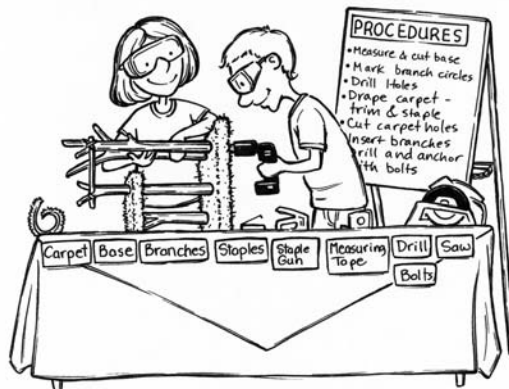


2. Demonstration:

Demonstrations are presentations that show how to perform a task or skill using precise instructions for each step of the task or skill. It is a physical demonstration with adequate description; or barring inadequacy of equipment or time, a presentation of enough of the physical demonstration to give continuity to the task or skill. Demonstrations end with a learned skill (something that in the time allotted takes the audience from inexperienced to more knowledgeable) or a finished product (something that in the time allotted produces a tangible item(s)). Demonstrations are completed by teams of two.

Timing for this category is as follows:

- a. **Junior Timing:** 8 to 10 minutes. Time used to answer questions is in addition to the 8 to 10 minutes allotted.
- b. **Senior Timing:** 10 to 12 minutes. Time used to answer questions is in addition to the 10 to 12 minutes allotted.



3. Speak and Show:

Speak and Show presentations can be either demonstrations or illustrated talks which are developed and delivered by one person. At the end of the Speak and Show, the presenter will have created a finished product, taught a new skill or created an increase in understanding of the topic by the audience. The Speak and Show category is similar to that of the Demonstration, however in Speak and Show only one person is presenting.

Timing for this category is as follows:

- a. **Junior Timing:** 5 to 7 minutes. Time used to answer questions is in addition to the 8 to 10 minutes allotted.
- b. **Senior Timing:** 8 to 10 minutes. Time used to answer questions is in addition to the 8 to 10 minutes allotted.

Quick Comparison: Categories of Communication

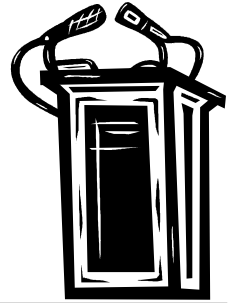
Reference: Modified from the Communication Manual (Publication #1806, Version 12/05), BC 4-H

	Public Speaking	Demonstration	Speak and Show
Actions	Speaking only	Speaking and showing	Speaking and showing
Number of people	1	2	1
Timing	Jr. 3-5 minutes Sr. 5-7 minutes	Jr. 8-10 minutes* Sr. 10-12 minutes* *not including time for questions	Jr. 5-7 minutes* Sr. 8-10 minutes* *not including time for questions
Visual aids	No	Yes	Yes
Final outcome for audience	Increased understanding of topic	Finished product and learned skill	Increased understanding of topic, finished product and learned skill

Questions?

Contact the 4-H Ontario office at 519-824-0101; toll-free at 1-877-410-6748 or by e-mail at opportunities@4-hontario.ca.

Communications Competition Registration Form



Name of Applicant:		Name for Nametag	Check: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> New to 4-H <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H'er
Home Phone Number:	4-H Association (if applicable):		4-H Provincial ID #:
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age (as of Dec. 31, 2009):	Email:	
Parent/Guardian Full Name (1):		Style of Communication: <input type="radio"/> Public Speaking (Prepared Speech) <input type="radio"/> Speak and Show <input type="radio"/> Demonstration (presenting with: _____) Presentation Title:	
Parent/Guardian Full Name (2):			
Full Civic Mailing Address: (Full street address, city/village)			
Postal Code:			
Section 2: 4:H Information			
Number of 4-H Projects Completed:		Number of years in 4-H:	
List below any opportunities you have participated in during the last two years (4-H or school):			

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Section 3: Additional Applicant Information

Other Languages Spoken:	
Have you traveled outside of Ontario? If yes, where?	
List community involvement and responsibilities outside 4-H:	
What does community mean to you?	
What makes you proud to be a 4-H member?	
Why do you participate at this opportunity?	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I have indicated the style of Communication I want to participate in.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Included.\$20 registration fee.(HST.extra.for.Senior.program) with this application form.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I have included a completed Health & Safety / Media Release Form and Member Code of Conduct Form with this application.</i>	
Authorization: I certify that the information contained within the Opportunity Application Form is a true and correct representation. Personal information on this form is collected and used for the administration and publicity of the 4-H program in Ontario. I allow my name and photograph to be published in media coverage and promotion of the 4-H program. My signature below indicates that I agree to the release of this information.	
_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years of age).	_____ Date

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