

4-H Showcase Guidelines

4-H Showcase is an opportunity for 4-H members to share what they have learned in a project by giving a project talk, demonstrating a skill or illustrating how something works. 4-Hers can also demonstrate music skills on the piano or other instruments, showcase dance skills, drama, offer a public speaking presentation or present a skit. 4-H Showcase offers options for individual, group and club entries.

All of the categories will be evaluated upon a standard. A Danish ribbon placing of Purple, Blue, Red or White will be awarded by adult judges.

The following are guidelines for participation. Please read through them carefully so that you are not surprised on the day of competition. These guidelines will be used by the judges. Age divisions are **Juniors 7-13** and **Seniors 14 & Older**, as of January 1, 2021.

4-H Showcase will be held virtually on **February 20**. Entries are due **February 1, 2021**. Once entries are received, families will sign up for judging times. You must [pick your judging time by February 17](#). A schedule will then be emailed to all families.

A Project Talk tells about something

An Illustrated Talk tells how to do something

A Demonstration shows how to do something

PRESENTATIONS

Project Talks – Junior

- For 4-Hers 7-13 years old.
- Time: recommend 4-5 minutes, 7 minutes max.
- Visuals are encouraged, but not required.
- Topic may be on a 4-H project or aspect of a project 4-Her is currently enrolled in.
- Questions asked by the judge.

Note: PowerPoint visuals are permitted for project talks, demonstrations and illustrated talks. You must be able to share your screen.

Demonstration – Illustrated Talks – Junior

- A demonstration is a show and tell type of presentation. An illustrated talk tells how rather than shows how.
- For 4-Hers 7-13 years old.
- Time: recommend 4-7 minutes, 10 minutes max.
- Can be individual or team presentations. Limit of 3 for a team.
- All necessary equipment provided by 4-Her.
- Topic may or may not be related to 4-H project currently enrolled in.
- Questions asked by the judge.

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Demonstration – Illustrated Talk - Senior

- A demonstration is a show and tell type of presentation. An illustrated talk tells how rather than shows how.
- For 4-Hers 14 years and older.
- Time: recommend 5-10 minutes, 15 minutes maximum.
- Can be individual or team presentations. Limit of 2 for a team.
- All necessary equipment provided by 4-Her.
- Topic may or may not be related to 4-H project currently enrolled.
- Questions asked by the judge.

Note: PowerPoint visuals are permitted for demonstrations and illustrated talks. One laptop computer and one LCD projector will be provided per age division.

Public Speaking – Senior

- For 4-Hers 14 years and older.
- Time: recommend 7-12 minutes, 7 minutes minimum, 15 minutes maximum.
- Visuals are optional.
- Topics are unlimited.

Impromptu Speech – Senior

- For 4-Hers 14 and older.
- Time: recommend 3-5 minutes
- Extension Staff will draw the topic and contact the 4-Her. They will then have 15 minutes to prepare a 3-5 minute speech.
- Topics will be related to 4-H.
- One notecard is permitted, and will be provided when the 4-Her draws a topic.
- 4-Hers may only participate in this category as an individual. Team presentations are not permitted.
- Each 4-H impromptu participant should report to the classroom 15 minutes before scheduled to present, to select his or her topic.
- Speeches will be judged on introduction, language, logical and clear ideas, and delivery.

MUSIC

Vocal Ensemble

- Group may be composed of 2-15 4-Hers, not including accompanist.
- 2 numbers are required.
- **A copy of both pieces with measures numbered must be emailed to 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov or dropped off at the Extension Office by February 10.**
- Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.
- Selections should be memorized.

Vocal Solo

- Participant will sing 1 selection.
- **A copy with measures numbered must be emailed to 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov or dropped off at the Extension Office by February 10.**
- Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.
- Selections should be memorized.



MUSIC

Instrumental Ensemble

- Group may be composed of 2-15 4-Hers, not including the Accompanist, from one or more clubs.
- Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.
- 2 numbers are required.
- **A copy with measures numbered must be emailed to 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov or dropped off at the Extension Office by February 10.**

Instrumental Solo

- Participant will play a composed solo number.
- **A copy with measures numbered must be emailed to 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov or dropped off at the Extension Office by February 10.**
- Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.
- Selections do NOT need to be memorized.

DANCE

Country Dance

- May be a country swing or country line dance.

Folk or Square Dance

- Folk may include circle, polka, schottische, waltz, etc.
- If live caller is used, caller must be a member of the group.
- Junior and Senior categories are available.
- 5 minutes maximum.

Choreographed Dance

- This may be a drill team, letter, or flags routine. (This is the type of dance seen at half-time during games.)

DANCE

Other Dance

- Tap, ballet, jazz, break/street, interpretive, pop, or acrobatic dance. (Not an acrobatic routine.)
- 5 minutes maximum.

PERFORMING ARTS

Skits

- Designed as original plays or skits.
- No number limitations.
- Maximum time of 15 minutes.
- **Script must be emailed to 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov or dropped off at the Extension Office by February 10.**

Reading

- Musical, interpretive, humorous, etc.
- Maximum time of 5 minutes.
- Individual.
- **Script must be emailed to 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov or dropped off at the Extension Office by February 10.**

Drama

- Miscellaneous grouping: novelty, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist acts, etc.
- Individual.
- Maximum time of 5 minutes.

Cloverbud Topic Talk (age 5-6)

- Potential topics will be sent out leading up to the event.
- Cloverbuds/ parents will choose a topic that interests them.
- Cloverbuds will have up to 5 mins to give their presentation on topic.
- Facilitator will provide feedback as necessary.

4-H Trivia Challenge (anyone)

- 4-Hers will engage in an age-appropriate trivia challenge with their peers
- Questions will be related to parliamentary procedure and general 4-H knowledge.
- Each age group (Junior 7-9, Intermediate 10-13 and Senior 14 and up) will have their own trivia time
- Because we are using Zoom and Kahoot, we suggest having a computer device as well as an other device to answer questions
- You must register for the Trivia Challenge



**SHOWCASE REGISTRATION
IS DUE BY
February 1, 2020.**

(Visit www.riley.ksu.edu and click on "4-H Showcase" in the center under the "Events" column to register.)

Once families have registered for events, they will receive an email to sign up for judging times. **You must pick your judging time by February 17.**

There will be no judging events (photography or horticulture). We look forward to their return in 2022.

