

2024

Alachua County
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



COUNTY EVENTS

H A N D B O O K

Register in
4-H Online by
3/22/24

Contest held on
Friday
April

5

Alachua County
Ag Auditorium

5pm - 8pm



COUNTY EVENTS 101

DEMONSTRATIONS & ILLUSTRATED TALKS

A demonstration of how to do something

OR

A presentation with visual aids (such as PowerPoint)

8 different categories

Teams can compete (2 members in the same 4-H age division)

Length varies per 4-H age division

- Cloverbud: 1 minute
- Junior: 3-12 minutes
- Intermediate: 3-12 minutes
- Senior: 5-12 minutes
- Team: 5-12 minutes

PUBLIC SPEAKING

A speech to inform or influence listeners without the use of visual aids

Length of speech varies by 4-H age division

- Cloverbud: 1 minute
- Junior: 3-7 minutes
- Intermediate: 3-7 minutes
- Senior: 5-7 minutes

SHARE-THE-FUN

Talent competition

Individuals or Teams (2-5 members in the same 4-H age division)

5 different categories (instrumental, vocal, dance, drama/novelty, general)

GENERAL RULES

- Dress code: Business casual or clothing related to your presentation
- No living specimens may be used for a demonstration either in person or on video at the County, District, or State Level. This includes all vertebrates and invertebrates (i.e. insects, crustaceans, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals).
- Participants must provide all equipment and supplies for their presentations. A laptop and projector will be provided for demonstrations & illustrated talks, but internet access is not guaranteed. An electric piano and a microphone are provided for Share-the-Fun.
- Competitors are responsible for all aspects of their preparations and set-up of their presentations.
- White, red, and blue ribbons will be awarded based on scores earned. Grand and Reserve awards may be given to top placing blue ribbon presentations by age division.
- Blue ribbon winners in all divisions at County Events may advance to District Events. Senior blue ribbon winners in Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks at District Events may advance to State Events. The top two senior blue ribbon winners in Public Speaking at District Events may advance to State Events. The top senior blue ribbon winner in Share-the-Fun at District Events may advance to State Events.
- Presentations will be the same from district level to state level. A 4-H'er should improve on their presentation, but it must remain basically the same. If a 4-H'er is participating at the state level with a similar illustrated talk or demonstration to the previous year, the demonstration or illustrated talk must be changed to include more depth and growth.

CATEGORIES

DEMONSTRATIONS & ILLUSTRATED TALKS

Animals

Animal Industry, Small Animal and Pets, Horse

Environmental Science/Nature and the Outdoors

Environment, Marine and Aquatic Sciences, Outdoor Adventures, Shooting Sports, Soil, Water and Land Use, Wildlife, Natural Resources, Earth Science

Plants and Gardening

Plants & Gardening, Entomology

Science and Technology

Aerospace, Computer, Bicycles, Electricity, Energy, Geospatial, Robotics, Small Engines, Weather & Climate

Citizenship & Leadership

Citizenship, Community Service, Global Education, Leadership Development, Career and Workforce Preparation

Communication & Expressive Arts

Leisure & Performing Arts, Music, Woodworking, Metalwork, Communication, Media Arts

Family & Consumer Sciences

Childcare and Child Development, Clothing and Sewing, Money Management

Healthy Living

Food Preparation, Food Nutrition, Food Safety, and Food Science, Personal Well-being, Safety and General Health

CATEGORIES

SHARE-THE-FUN

Instrumental

Musical instruments of all descriptions

Vocal

Singing numbers

Dance

All dance, baton, and acrobatic routines

Drama/Novelty

Skits, stunts, pantomimes, monologues, puppetry, ventriloquism, impersonations, etc.

General

Acts which include two or more of the above classifications

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public Speaking exists as its own category, and there are no sub-categories. All speeches will be judged with others within the 4-H age division.

NOTE: HORSES

Youth enrolled in the horse project who would like to compete in State 4-H Horse Events should visit

**<https://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/youth/horse/presentations-qb/>
for additional rules and details.**

SCORE SHEETS

UF IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



Florida 4-H Score Sheet
Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks

Name: _____ Age Division: JR _____ INT _____ SR _____
 County: _____ Category: _____
 Title: _____

Time Limits – Juniors & Intermediates 3-12 minutes | Seniors 5-12 minutes
 Deduct 5 points if demonstration does not fall into allotted time

Points Earned	Possible Points	Criteria	Remarks
Section I. THE 4-H MEMBER (20 Points)			
	10	Appearance & Poise: Neat, well groomed, good posture, appropriately dressed for task being performed. Calm, pleasant, confident; keeps composure when something appears to go wrong or does go wrong. Self-assured, yet pleasant manner. 4-H clover optional.	
	10	Voice & Grammar: Distinct, forceful, yet natural. Clear voice with distinct enunciation & reasonably strong. Enthusiastic. Correct, well-chosen words. Not memorized. Use correct grammar with clear meaning.	
Section II. ORGANIZATION & PRESENTATION (30 Points)			
	5	Introduction: Effective, interesting. Brief explanation of the presentation, with introduction of the 4-H'er. Introduces main points of presentation. Gets the attention of the audience.	
	5	Arrangement & Use of Equipment: Right equipment for the job. Uses it correctly. Audience can see what he/she is doing.	
	5	Visual Aids: Equipment, models, charts, and supplies effective and well arranged. Chose the teaching aid to best tell the story. Charts and models neat, concise, large enough, & appropriate. Visual aids utilized in presentation.	
	5	Logical Sequence: Well organized, clear, logical steps. Evidence shows the 4-H'er has planned presentation.	
	5	Ability to Work Easily & Efficiently: Steps, illustrative material, and explanation coordinated. Talks about what he/she is showing and explains the procedure. Information given fills time during the process or is related to what is being shown.	
	5	Summary: Key points summarized. Reliable sources used and cited.	
	(5) Teams Only	Ability to Work as a Team (Team Demos Only): Spoken parts are divided evenly. Team members work together smoothly.	
Section III. SUBJECT MATTER (50 Points)			
	10	Selection of Subject – Reason for & practical value of demonstration Subject related to their 4-H experiences (projects, activities, etc.) Information presented put to good use.	
	5	One Basic Theme: Presentation confined to one theme. Covered in the allotted time.	
	10	Accurate, Up-To-Date & Complete: Information is correct & current All the steps in the process shown.	
	5	Degree of Difficulty: Material sufficiently challenges the 4-H'er – age and/or skill level.	
	10	Knowledge of Subject & Related Skills: Understands principles and practices presented. Questions adequately answered.	
	10	Results: Finished product good or purpose accomplished.	
	100	Total Score (Individual) – Max 100	
	105	Total Score (Team) – Max 105	

Individuals (out of 100) – Blue 90-100% | Red 80-89% | White 79% and below
 Teams (out of 105) – Blue 95-105% | Red 84-94% | White 83% and below

Judge Initials: _____

SCORE SHEETS



Florida 4-H Score Sheet Public Speaking

Name: _____
 County: _____
 Title: _____

Age Division: JR _____ INT _____ SR _____
 Category: _____

Time Limits – (General) Juniors & Intermediates 3-7 minutes | Seniors 5-7 minutes
 (Horse) Juniors & Intermediates 3-7 minutes | Seniors 8-10 minutes
 Deduct 5 points if speech does not fall into allotted time

Points Earned	Possible Points	Criteria	Remarks
Section I. COMPOSITION (55 Points)			
	10	Choice of Material: Topic appropriate for age/skill of youth.	
	5	Related to 4-H: Entire speech does not need to feature 4-H, but each contestant must, at some point, mention 4-H & its relationship to the material being presented.	
	10	Comprehension & Accuracy: Knowledge & understanding of topic; reliable sources cited.	
	15	Organization of Material: Introduction gets attention; main points organized; transitions used correctly; main points restated in conclusion.	
	15	Use of Language: Good grammar; Topic understandable as described.	
Section II. PRESENTATION (45 points)			
	20	Projection to Audience & Voice Control: Delivery relaxed, smooth & flowing; spoke clearly. Effective regulation of volume & rate of words.	
	15	Eye Contact & Poise: Eye contact with their audience. Effective use of notes, if used; displays confidence & composure.	
	10	Appearance: Neat, well groomed, good posture, nice blouse/skirt or slacks for girls; collared shirt/slacks for boys. Tie and/or 4-H clover optional.	
	100	Total Score	

****NOTE: No questions are permitted by judges or the audience at the conclusion of speeches****

Judge Initials: _____

SCORE SHEETS



Florida 4-H Score Sheet
Share-the-Fun

Name: _____ Age Division: JR _____ INT _____ SR: _____
 County: _____ Time: _____
 Title: _____

Time Limits – Acts should be 3-5 minutes
 Deduct 5 points if demonstration does not fall into allotted time

Points Earned	Possible Points	Criteria	Remarks
	30	Talent Ability, expertise, skill, proficiency, timing	
	35	Showmanship Poise, confidence, projection, adaptability, rapport, well-rehearsed, stage presence	
	35	Stage Appearance Clever, creative wardrobe and prop placement, as appropriate, continuity, special effects (no special consideration should be given to expensive effects, including sound systems.)	
	100	Total Score	

Additional Comments:

Judge Initials: _____