

## **County Events Information**

**Event Date and Time:** Saturday, February 1, 2025 beginning at 9:00am at the Putnam Ag Center auditorium **Deadline to Register for Event:** January 17, 2025 by 4:30pm.

Registration will be on 4-H Online this year.

(All photos and graphic design entries are due to 4-H office by January 17<sup>th</sup> as well)

**Judging:** Blue, red, and white levels are used to determine the standard met for each contest except for those items completed by Cloverbuds which are not judged. All judges' decisions are final.

### **Demonstration or Illustrated Talk**

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks should be placed in the category that most closely relates to the related project. Categories can be found at <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/Demonstrations-and-Illustrated-Talk-Categories.pdf>

Sample scoresheet can be found at [http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/demonstration-and-illustrated-talk-scoresheet-\(2\).pdf](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/demonstration-and-illustrated-talk-scoresheet-(2).pdf)

#### **Regardless of category entered, the following regulations apply:**

- No living specimens may be used in person or on video; this includes vertebrates & invertebrates (i.e., insects, crustaceans, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals)
- Demonstrations/Illustrated talks must be between 3-12 minutes for juniors and intermediates and 5-12 minutes for seniors (youth 4-H ages 14-18)
- A team demonstration is one in which two team members participate both in speaking and presentation. No more than two members per team.
- Competitors are responsible for all aspects of their preparations and set-up of their competitions. This includes providing all equipment and supplies for their presentations.

### **Public Speaking**

- Speech must be original and specifically related to 4-H in a demonstrable way. The **entire speech does not necessarily have to feature 4-H, but every contestant must, at some point** in his/her speech, **mention 4-H and its relationship to the material being presented.** Contestants who break this rule will be subject to penalization by the judges.
- Speeches by junior and intermediate 4-H'ers should be no less than 3 and no more than 7 minutes in length. Speeches by senior 4-H'ers should be no less than 5 and no more than 7 minutes in length. Horse public speaking speeches should be 8-10 minutes in length.
- Contestants whose speeches ignore the outlined time specifications and reference to 4-H will be subject to penalization as outlined on the score sheet.
- Previous first place winners in public speaking at state level are not eligible to compete.
- Individual participation only, no team speeches will be allowed.
- 4-H members should refer to the 4-H Public Speaking Project Guide and Record Book for helpful suggestions in preparing their speeches.  
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/4H/4H19700.pdf>
- Sample scoresheet can be found at [http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/public\\_speaking\\_scoresheet.pdf](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/public_speaking_scoresheet.pdf)

## *Share The Fun*

The 4-H Share the Fun Program is designed to help 4-H'ers discover their talents, develop them, and have opportunities to share those gifts with others. It is part of the 4-H Recreation Program and is conducted at County, District, and State levels. The objective of the Share-the-Fun Program is to enhance the following areas: appreciation of talent, leadership, confidence, interest in special training, and the ability to discover opportunities for wholesome recreation.

### **Act Classification:**

\* Instrumental: Musical instruments of all descriptions.

\*Vocal: Singing numbers.

\*Dance: All dance, baton, and acrobatic routines.

\*Dramatic & Novelty: Skits, stunts, pantomimes, monologues, puppetry, impersonations, etc.

\*General: Acts which include two or more of the above classifications.

### **Act Size and Length:**

\*Acts may be presented by an individual or a group. Group acts should be limited to a maximum of five participants.

\* Entertainment groups with more than five members are discouraged because of the difficulty in facilitating a group that size. However, this does not rule out participation by such a group if their talent is of exceptional quality and they meet all other requirements. Such an act must be cleared through the State 4-H Office prior to District Events (contact Associate Dean for 4-H Programs). Acts with more than five participants who are not cleared through the State 4-H Office in advance will not be allowed to perform at Florida 4-H Congress.

\*The time for each act can range from 3-5 minutes. Participants will have a one-minute warning and then the act will be called at 5 minutes.

### **County:**

- Each county determines eligibility based on current enrollment and participation standards. Separate junior, intermediate and senior programs be conducted.
- All supplies for acts must be provided by 4-H youth participant unless pre-arranged with 4-H agent

**Judging:** Awards are scored by the judges and will each be awarded a blue, red, or white quality award ribbon. The top two acts based on total score will be eligible to advance to the district competition.

**District:** Each county may submit two acts for senior competition, two acts for intermediate competition and two acts for junior competition. Junior and intermediate winners may be selected using the Share-the-Fun score card; however, there are no provisions for junior or intermediate participation beyond the district level.

## **Photo Contest**

**Entry Classes:** There are five categories

- \***People-** Any photo where the main subject(s) is a person or people. Still shots or active
- \***Flora and Fauna-** Plants, animals; living items found in nature
- \***Scenic-** Cityscapes, rural landscapes, natural settings that do not fit into Flora & Fauna
- \***Still Life-** An arrangement or display of inanimate objects
- \***Black and White-** Any subject presented in black and white.

### **Rules**

- \*All photos exhibited must have been taken by 4-H members within the past year.
- \*Youth are allowed to enter up to five photos provided each is in a different category
- \*Any youth that has placed 1<sup>st</sup> in an age division at the state level may not enter that category the following year. For example, a Best in Show Junior Flora & Fauna winner can compete again in the other 4 categories but may not compete in Flora & Fauna
- \*Pixel size: Photos should be at least 800 pixels by 1000 pixels and saved as a JPEG. The ideal 8 x 10 quality is 2400 pixels by 3000 pixels which is the same as an 8 x 10 photo at 300 dpi (resolution). Any higher variations are allowed. Photos may be submitted with a different pixel ratio but will be judged using the 8 x10 pixel dimensions, which may cause your photo to appear stretched, compressed, or distorted.
- \*Alterations of photo: Slight computer enhancements are allowed such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.
- \***Proper Labeling of Photos:** Each entry must include a completed photo release form
- \***Model Release Statement:** Recognizable pictures of any adult or youth under the age of 18 must include a “Model release” signature. If a minor is in the photo the signature must come from the parent or guardian of that minor.
- \***County Submissions Scoring & Awards:** All photographs are judged separately and awarded blue, red, or white. A 1<sup>st</sup> place blue photo will be chosen in each category for each age division. The top scoring entry from each age division (Junior, Intermediate, & Senior) will advance to state competition.
- \***Digital Files:** You must attach the original photo file in a JPEG file format on a jump/flash drive. Photos taken with film or transparencies will need to be converted into a JPEG file, placed on a drive, and attached to the back of the submitted photograph. Photos should be at least 800 pixels by 1000 pixels and saved as a JPEG. The ideal 8×10 quality is 2400 pixels by 3000 pixels, which is the same as an 8×10 photo at 300 dpi (resolution). Any higher variations of the 8×10 ratio are fine. The best way to tell is to take the lower pixel number and divide by the higher pixel number. If you get 0.8 then you’ve successfully hit the mark.
- \***Refusal Rights:** The Putnam 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries. Photograph must NOT be offensive, degrading, racist, or contain pornography of any form.
- \***Scoring** The scoring rubric that will be used can be found at [http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/Photo-Contest-Score-sheet-final-draft-\(1\).pdf](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/Photo-Contest-Score-sheet-final-draft-(1).pdf)

## **Graphic Design Contest**

The Graphic Design Program gives 4-H members an opportunity to use their creativity and artistic ability to promote their project areas or 4-H program. 4-H'ers are encouraged to develop their visual communication skills by also identifying locations to display their created materials to communicate with external audiences about the 4-H program.

### **Participation Criteria:**

This contest is open to every age division of 4-H members. Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate, but their materials will not be sent on to the state for competitive review.

**Age Divisions** for 4-H are determined by the age of the youth as of September 1 of the 4-H year (September 1 – August 31)

Juniors: Ages 8 – 10

Intermediate: Ages 11 – 13

Senior: Ages 14 – 18

### **Contest Rules:**

\*This is an individual event. Entries must be completed by exhibitor, and only one entry per youth participant.

\*The entry must be saved as a pdf file, with the exemption of the PowerPoint entries. All files should be saved as follows: Last Name, First Name\_ County\_ Age division\_ Class (ex: Clover, Johnny\_Lake County\_Senior\_Brochure)

\*Graphics become the property of Florida 4-H upon entry and may be used for promotional purposes by Florida 4-H.

\*No hand drawn entries will be accepted.

\*The entries will be judged on: Font style and graphics, flow of design, color, educational components, and clear delivery of message.

\* Use of copyrighted or protected characters or logos is prohibited. Use of the 4-H Emblem: Use of the 4-H Emblem must be in accordance with the graphic standards set by the USDA. Those standards can be found at: <http://florida4h.org/about1/files/nameandemblem.pdf>

\*County 4-H agents can submit all blue-ribbon entries to the state graphic design contest. However, each youth may only have one entry.

**Awards:** Junior, Intermediate and Senior entries will be judged separately. Blue, Red, and White quality awards will be given to entries based on the score sheet criteria. All decisions by the judges are final. One Best of Show Award will be presented to one entry in each class for each age division (Junior, Intermediate and Senior).

**County Submissions:** County 4-H Agents can submit all blue-ribbon winners to the state contest. Entries must be submitted to the State 4-H Office no later than close of business on June 1 of the current program year to be eligible for judging in the State Contest and exhibition at Florida 4-H University. Previous year's entry may not be resubmitted to the state contest. Previous Best in Show winners are not eligible to participate in the same class that they won, in a previous year.

**Announcement of Results:** Results will be posted prior to Florida 4-H University on the Florida 4-H website.

### **Description of Categories:**

Youth are allowed one entry in the Graphic Design competition. Entry should either focus on promotion of 4-H or a 4-H project.

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Description</b>
Brochure	This is a tri-fold brochure that should contain information on both the front and the back. It should be easily read and printed with 8 ½ x 11
Flyer	This is an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper, that will promote your topic of choice
Other	Any other promotional material ex: mini-books, bookmarks, postcards, etc.
PowerPoint Presentation	5 – 10 slides and a script to accompany the presentation. For best presentation, include the script for each slide in the “notes” section of the PowerPoint

**Score Sheet:** A copy of the score sheet can be found at [http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/Graphic\\_Design\\_Score\\_sheet.pdf](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/Graphic_Design_Score_sheet.pdf)

### **Cloverbud 4-H Pledge Contest**

- Open to Cloverbud members ages 5-7
- Memorize and recite the 4-H pledge from memory with hand motions
- Complete rules can be found at: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/4-H-Pledge-contest-rules.pdf>
- Score sheets can be found at: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/4-H-Pledge-score-sheet.pdf>

### **Junior 4-H Creed Speaking Contest**

- Open to Junior 4-H members. In this contest youth memorize and recite the 4-H creed then answer 5-7 questions from a given list.
  - \* Complete rules can be found at: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/Creed-contest-rules.pdf>
  - \* Score sheet can be found at: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/putnam/4-h/pdf/Creed-Contest-Scoresheet.pdf>

**Call the County 4-H office (386) 329-0318 if you have ANY questions!!!**