

January 2018

Dear 4-H Volunteer/Member/Families,

Teaching communication skills is a unique and important part of the 4-H Program. Each year, 4-H offers a Visual Presentation Program which gives members a chance to:

- Improve their communication skills
- Share information with others
- Learn how to better organize their thoughts and information
- Develop public speaking skills in order to teach, entertain or persuade others to take action on a particular topic

All clubs are encouraged to have members give presentations at the club level. For those who would like to gain more experience, we offer a Regional 4-H Visual Presentation event. This event offers youth the opportunity to give a formal presentation including posters and other visuals which will help the audience learn about the subject they have chosen.

4-H'ers may give a formal demonstration, illustrated talk, extemporaneous speech (seniors only), public speech (seniors only) and power point (seniors only) on a subject of interest to them (see class list for possible topic categories on the website at <http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/communications-program/public-speaking-visual-presentations>). *You also have the opportunity to do an "Action Exhibit". If selected, you will be encouraged to offer your Action Exhibit at the Big E in the fall.* If selected for the Big E, there will be a required orientation in the summer. Juniors (ages 8-13, as of January 1, 2018) should be approximately 3 to 10 minutes and Seniors (ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2017) should be 7 to 10 minutes. Each presentation will be judged and all participants will receive Danish ribbons. Those judged to be outstanding in their category will be invited to go on to the State event on April 14th in Bedford, MA.

Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire Counties will have their regional contest:

**Saturday – March 10th – Hopkins Academy , Route 9, Hadley – 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**Training Available** – 4-H volunteers, Teen 4-H members and staff are available to visit with your 4-H club at a winter meeting to a present workshop on "How to Present a Visual Presentation".

"How to Present a Visual Presentation" is a one-hour interactive program. Topics include options for VP topics, time requirements, tips for a successful VP, what the judges look for, as well as the development of posters and effective VP props. This workshop should be scheduled between now and March 10th.

To schedule the above workshops, please Tom at [waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu](mailto:waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu) or 413-545-0611.

**Judges needed** – We need at least 8 judges for March 10th and 4 judges for the State Contest on April 14 in Bedford. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please fill out the enclosed Judges Registration form (below) or contact the 4-H Office (413-545-0611 or [waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu](mailto:waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu)). Judges can be volunteers, teens, parents or other interested adults. We will be offering a workshop for judges.

**Hosts and Hostesses Needed** – We need hosts or hostesses for each room to introduce presentations and assist 4-H'ers in setting up. If you or one of your parents or older teens can help, please fill out the enclosed Host/Hostesses Registration form (below) or contact the 4-H Office (413-545-0611 or [waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu](mailto:waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu)).

**Note: Horse Presentations** – The communications team for Louisville, Kentucky National Horse Round-Up consists of a public speech, individual presentation and team presentation (horse related topics given by seniors only) and are selected from presentations sent on to the State Contest on April 14. For more specific information on the national contest, you can go to their website – [www.4hroundup.com](http://www.4hroundup.com).

**Massachusetts 4-H Horse Youth of the Year Program**-More information to follow.

**Registration** – Forms are due **February 25<sup>th</sup>**. We must have forms on that date to plan for an adequate number of judges.

**CHANGE IN EFFECT FOR THIS YEAR:**

We have noticed members using the tri-fold board for posters. This format is suitable for science fairs but not for visuals. They are not acceptable and youth should be instructed not to use them. Remember, this is a presentation and the posters must be readable from a distance. Posters are also intended for key points only and should not contain the entire presentation.

Hope to see 4-H'ers and you on the 10th! Contact the 4-H Office, 413-545-0611 or [waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu](mailto:waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu), if you have any questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,  
Tom Waskiewicz, 4-H Educator

**JUDGE, HOST AND HOSTESS REGISTRATION**

Please list the volunteers, parents, teens or other interested adults who could help with our state and/or county visual presentations. Return this information **by February 25<sup>th</sup>** to:

Tom Waskiewicz, 4-H Program  
101 University Drive, Suite A4  
Amherst, MA 01002 or email to:  
[waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu](mailto:waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_ Judge                      \_\_\_\_ March 10<sup>th</sup> - Hampden/Franklin/Hampshire – Hadley

\_\_\_\_ April 14<sup>th</sup> - Bedford - State Visual Presentations

Have you judged visual presentations at the county or state level before? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_ Host/Hostess              \_\_\_\_ March 10<sup>th</sup> - Hampden/Franklin/Hampshire Counties

**Registration Form**  
**Pioneer Valley Regional 4-H Visual Presentations-2018**

Please complete the following for all 4-H club members (make copies, as needed) interested in giving a 4-H Visual Presentation at the Regional event, scheduled for Saturday, March 10th, 9:00-A.M.-2:00 P.M. at Hopkins Academy, Rt. 9, 131 Russell Street, Hadley. For the Class #, please refer to the Mass 4-H website "2018 Visual Presentations Categories" or see below.

<http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/communications-program/public-speaking-visual-presentations>

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Questions? Please call 413-545-0611

Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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Street \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of Jan. 1 \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Years Giving VPs \_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4-H Youth Development

## 2018 Visual Presentation Categories

<b>VISUAL PRESENTATION CATEGORIES: All Ages</b>	<b>Time limits:</b>
	<b><i>Cloverbud (ages 5-7) – 1 to 4 minutes</i></b>
<b>Cloverbud</b>	<b><i>Junior (ages 8-13) – 3 to 10 minutes</i></b>
CB1 Cloverbud VP (county level only)	<b><i>Senior (ages 14-18) – 7 to 10 minutes</i></b>
<b>Junior and Senior</b>	VP25 Horse Breeds/History
VP1 Food & Culinary Topics	VP26 Horse Breeding and Uses
VP2 International Foods	VP27 Miscellaneous Horse Topics
VP3 Health/Nutrition/Personal Care	VP28 HORSE RELATED TEAM; SENIORS ONLY Time for this category only is 10-15 minutes; PP allowed
VP4 Clothing & Textiles	VP29 Veterinary Science
VP5 Child Development	VP30 Mechanical Science & Engineering
VP6 Consumer Education	VP31 Computers/Technology/Robotics
VP7 Natural Resources/Environment	VP32 Aerospace/Rocketry/Astronomy
VP8 Marine/Aquatic Life	VP33 General Science/Science Project
VP9 Wildlife	VP34 STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)
VP10 Recycling/Conservation/Energy	VP35 Entrepreneurship/Inventions
VP11 Plant Science/Gardening/Entomology	VP36 Career Exploration
VP12 Dairy/Beef/Working Steer	VP37 Social Issues/Ethics
VP13 Sheep/Swine/Goats	VP38 Leadership/Citizenship/Community Service
VP14 Rabbits/Cavies	VP39 History
VP15 Poultry/Embryology/Birds	VP40 Famous People
VP16 Dog Training	VP41 Hobbies/Collections/Games
VP17 Dog Care	VP42 Travel/Culture
VP18 Canine Sciences/Genetics	VP43 Team Sports
VP19 Dog Breeds/History	VP44 Individual Sports/Recreation/Fitness
VP20 Amphibians/Reptiles	VP45 Safety
VP21 Pets/Pet Care	VP46 Performing Arts/Entertainment
VP22 Horse Care & Management	VP47 Visual Arts/Fine Arts/Photography
VP23 Horse Training	VP48 Crafts
VP24 Horse Showing	VP49 Literature & Written/Verbal Communication
	VP50 Mythology/Folklore
<b>PROJECTION CATEGORIES: Seniors Only (14-18)</b> <b>IMPORTANT!!! You must provide all your own equipment including the projector</b>	<b><i>Projection includes PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.</i></b> <b><i>Time limit for Projection is 7 to 10 minutes</i></b>
PC1 Projection – Horse Topics	PC3 Projection – Any Other Subject
PC2 Projection – All Other Animal Topics	
<b>EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CATEGORY:</b> <b>Seniors Only (14-18)</b>	<b><i>Time limit for Extemporaneous is 3 to 6 minutes</i></b>
ES1 Extemporaneous Speaking	
<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING CATEGORIES: Seniors Only (14-18)</b>	<b><i>Time limit for Public Speaking is 5 to 10 minutes</i></b>
PS1 Horse Related Subject	PS3 Persuasive/Editorial
PS2 Factual/Informational	PS4 Motivational/Inspirational



Massachusetts 4-H Program

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Each participant may enter one category only.
- 4-H Visual Presentation categories are divided into three age divisions (age determined Jan. 1):  
Cloverbuds, ages 5-7                      Juniors, ages 8-13                      Seniors, ages 14-18
- Cloverbuds may enter at the county level; they may not participate at the state level.
- Pre-registration is required for county competition; only those selected at the county competition may compete at the State Visual Presentation Day. Youth selected for state competition will be notified by their 4-H Educator and the 4-H Educator will register them for State Visual Presentation Day.
- Only seniors may compete in Projection Categories, PC1, PC2 and PC3. A presentation that uses PowerPoint, Prezi or any other method of electronic projection must be entered in one of these categories. *Important: Member must provide all equipment he/she needs including the projector.* Internet is not available in the room.
- Weapons, live animals, lighters/matches/fire are not allowed:
- Audience participation (including parents) and/or coaching from the audience is prohibited
- Use of any projection or video clips (on laptop or any other device) in a VP category is prohibited

#### NEW FOR 2018:

**Tri fold boards are not allowed. They are not appropriate for presentations in a large room where people need to read the posters from a distance; this format is different from a science fair. Use standard size poster board (22' x 28") and make lettering large enough to read from 10-20 feet. Foam core is the best type to use; you may use both sides of the boards. We recommend 4-8 posters, depending on the length of presentation. The posters are for presentation highlights only and the entire presentation should not be on the posters.**

#### HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- A table and easel are provided – bring all other items that you need. You should provide a table cover if you will be using the table.
- Notecards are allowed but participants should not be reading their presentations.

#### JUDGING AND JUDGES:

**Junior and senior 4-H members are judged using the Danish system; this means each presentation is judged on its own merit using a specific set of criteria. Each is awarded a blue (excellent), red (very good) or white (good) award. Cloverbuds are not judged competitively and each presenter receives a Cloverbud ribbon. All**

**presenters receive feedback from the judges. This feedback is intended to assist the member improve future presentations.**

**At State Visual Presentation Day the presentations awarded a blue Danish are considered for a rosette; blue (1<sup>st</sup>) and red (2<sup>nd</sup>) rosettes may be presented in every category. Danish ribbons are presented in the classroom.**

**Rosettes are announced and presented during the afternoon awards program held in the auditorium.**

**Judges are provided with criteria and judging sheets, and are trained and oriented for this activity. We must all understand that there is still some personal judgment involved in the judging process as each person sees things in a unique way.**