



Chelan and Douglas County Guide for Demonstration Judges

Judge's Role

- Evaluate each demonstration.
- Give reasons for judging decisions.
- Encourage the presenter and give either oral or written suggestions for improvement.
- Select winners when appropriate.

Give the member up to five minutes to set up for his/her demonstration. This includes putting his/her poster up and arranging equipment.

Take a minute to introduce yourself and visit with the member to help him/her relax. When the member appears to be ready, *listen carefully to the demonstration*. Make check marks in the appropriate boxes on the judging sheet. The sections of the score sheet are explained below:

4-H Age Divisions

•Cloverbuds: Age 5-7 •Junior: Age 8-10 •Intermediate: Age 11-13 •Senior: Age 14-18

Purpose of Demonstration (25 points)

4-H members may speak on any topic of interest to them and select the "type" (informative, persuasive, motivational or entertaining) of presentation. What is the presentation to accomplish? Is it entertain? Stimulate? Convince? Help people learn? Show what a member knows? Or both? The member should decide on the response wanted by the audience and work toward that goal.

- Informative: Gives the audience information and facts on a subject.
- Persuasive: Persuades the audience that the speaker's opinion is best or sometimes used to change ways of thinking.
- Motivational: Encourages people to join an activity, program or take some kind of action.
- Entertaining: Entertains the audience but can be used to communicate a message.

Suitable Subject

Subject should fit the 4-H member's interests, experiences, knowledge and skills. It should be exciting, not dull; challenging, not routine, useful and interesting.

Knowledge of Subject (25 points)

Gathering information and researching the demonstration subject is one of the valuable purposes of the activity. Senior members are expected to do research for their speech and their talk should include factual information in addition to personal opinion or personal experience. Intermediate and junior members are expected to do some research but not as much is expected. For primary members research will be much less. Effort should be made to use accurate and up to date material in all 4-H demonstrations.

Techniques (35 points)

Introduction

Each speaker is expected to greet his or her listeners, introduce themselves, give the title of their talk and explain why they picked this demo/presentation. The introduction does not need to be the very first words spoken because members are encouraged to start creatively with something like a question, challenge, statistic, stimulating visual, or comparisons.

Sources

Member needs to acknowledge his/her sources of information sometime in the talk.

Organization of topic

Organization is essential to a good presentation and contributes to clarity and use of time. Is the material presented in a logical and understandable sequence? Is the emphasis on the essentials? Did the member create a balance between showing and explaining?

Time of Speech

Use the stopwatch to record the time of speech.

- Cloverbuds: No minimum or maximum time
- Junior: 3-8 minutes •Intermediate: 5-15 minutes •Senior: 8-20 minutes

Questions and answers are not part of timed speech limits.

Organized Work Area/Clear Effective Visual Aids

Area should be organized and clean to be effective and not distracting. Visuals should be large enough to be seen, uncrowded, neat and *necessary*. Equipment should be designed for the job, clean and in good working condition. Do visuals enhance the presentation or distract?

Questions

At the completion of his/her demonstration, the member should ask if there are any questions. Feel free to ask the presenter to clarify their presentations or to ask additional information about their project? The member is to repeat the question asked and answer the question as he/she understands the subject or may choose to say he does not know.

Closing

The summary is the last chance the member has to put his/her point across. Remarks in this section should be confined to points that were covered in the body of the presentation. Are main points re-emphasized? New material should not be introduced in the closing.

Personal Traits (15 points)

Members may use notes on cards as a guide if needed but should not read their presentations. Demonstrations should be delivered in a manner that sounds natural and not recited.

General Appearance- clean, appropriate, well groomed, clothing suited to presentation.

Expressions/Mannerisms-limit distracting movements such as pushing back hair, rocking back and forth, etc.

Posture- stand tall, no leaning on table or twisting.

Eye Contact- makes good audience contact, looks directly at people.

Personality/Friendliness/Disposition- interested in presentation, businesslike manners, polite to judges and audience.

Voice- natural, pitch level, speed of delivery, clear, understandable, good choice of English.

Scores/Discussion

Cloverbud members get a participation ribbon, copy of score sheet and discussion with judge.

Congratulate member for completing a demo/presentation and be sure to encourage members with ways they presented well. Give only one suggestion for improvement in the oral discussion.

Junior, intermediate, senior members receive a ribbon based on their score, copy of score sheet and discussion with judge. Encourage the 4-H member for giving a presentation, find items to discuss that represent success or being on the right track and make a suggestion for improvement.