

Regional Public Presentation Competition

Hartford and Tolland County

Saturday February 11, 2023- 9:00 am-1:45 pm (there will be multiple rooms- if needed for larger turn outs)
(Snow date Saturday February 18, 2023, 9:00am- 1:45 pm)

Tolland County Extension Center; 24 Hyde Avenue

Route 30, Vernon Ct. (Exit 67 from Route 84)

Registration is due by February 6, 2023

*Light refreshments are served: **Lunch is not provided***

All 4-Hers in good standing must engage in some form of public presentation every year. All Hartford and Tolland County 4-Hers, registered in Zsuite for the current year, are invited to participate in this competition to help develop your skills. 4-Hers (excluding Explorers) may present a demonstration, visual presentation (illustrated talk), or a speech. See page 2-3 for Guidelines, see page 4 for Registration.

Explorer

- **Explorer (5-6 years as of January 1, 2023)** and registered as an Explorer in Zsuite. Participation only available at local/county level. No Explorer bracket at state level contests. "Show and Tell" only – not scored or compete against others.

Novice:

- **Novice (ages 7 – 8 as of Jan. 1, 2023)** will need to give a presentation that is 3-5 minutes in length.

Junior:

- **Juniors (ages 9 – 12 as of Jan. 1, 2023)** will need to give a presentation that is 3-5 minutes in length to be eligible for the new state event. Juniors (ages 9-12) will be able to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest in both the Speech category and the Visual Presentation category. Two county winners will be selected to represent their counties at the State Junior Public Speaking Event on in the Speech and in the Visual Presentation category.

Senior

- **Seniors (ages 13 – 18 as of January 1, 2023)** will need to give a presentation that is at least 5 minutes but not more than 8 minutes in length. Two seniors from each county will be selected to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest on TBA. One will be in the Speech category, and one will be in the Visual Presentation category. A visual presentation may be a demonstration, an illustrated talk or a power point presentation. Teams are not eligible for the State Contest.

4-Hers may choose any subject that is of interest to them. Think about your subject and begin to work on your presentation. It can be about your project, or a serious, humorous, or educational topic. Brief note cards are okay. 4-Hers should refrain from reading their presentations from a written script. 4-Hers may choose to use a lectern or may give their presentation without a lectern. A demonstration table and an easel will be available for demonstrations, team demonstrations and illustrated talks if you wish to use them. **4-Hers wishing to use a computer presentation for their illustrated talks must bring their presentation on a flash drive as well as an additional back up copy.** Your visual presentation should be used to enhance your speech. Internet connection is **not** available.

Ribbons will be presented to all contestants and winners will receive a plaque and be announced from each county to present at the State Public Speaking Contest on TBA.

All 4-Hers that make presentations at this regional event will be eligible to present their demonstrations, illustrated talks or speeches at The Big E in the New England Center during Connecticut 4-H Day.

The evaluation sheets for demonstrations, illustrated talks, junior speeches and senior speeches are available on [forms page](#) or by calling the Tolland County Extension Office.

Important: You must register for the contest in order to participate. 4-Hers that are registered will be called by the evening before or by 7AM on the day of the contest in case the event must be rescheduled due to a **major** snow or ice storm.

UConn 4-H Public Speaking Contest Guidelines & General Rules

Contest Objectives:

- To acquire skills, confidence, and poise in speaking to groups by the use of interesting and familiar topic areas.
- To expand topic-based knowledge.
- To learn skills necessary to properly research and compile information on a specific topic.
- To learn organizational skills and ways to effectively express ideas in a logical and concise manner to a diverse audience whether in person or through electronic means.
- To evaluate skills and recognize accomplishment in a positive competitive atmosphere.
- To encourage the sharing of ideas using assorted presentation tools.

Contest Age Brackets:

- **Senior** – any youth 13-18 years of age as of January 1
- **Junior** – any youth 9-12 years of age as of January 1
- **Novice** – any youth 7-8 years of age as of January 1
 - Participation only available at local/county level
 - No Novice bracket at state level contests
- **Explorer** – any youth 5-6 years of age as of January 1
 - Participation only available at local/county level
 - No Explorer bracket at state level contests
 - “Show and Tell” only – not scored or compete against others.

Contest Presentation Categories:

- **Speech**
 - **Note Cards Only** – involves educating on a topic of interest without the use of visual aids, props or additional materials.
- **Visual Presentation**
 - **Demonstration** – involves doing something (*making, creating, finishing, etc.*) while educating the audience through explanation of the steps being performed.
 - **Illustrated Talk** – involves speaking to the audience with the aid of an illustration such as a diagram, chart, model, photo, etc.
 - **Electronic Media** – A demonstration or illustrated talk incorporating the use of electronic content such as PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.
- **Team Presentation**
 - Must compete through use of a **Visual Presentation** (*see above*) and not **Speech**.
 - All members of the groups must be meaningfully involved in the presentation.
 - If move onto level II (*virtual presentation*) all team members must all be in the same physical location to deliver presentation to virtual audience
 - Consult with county educator for group size limits.
 - All group members must be in the same age bracket to qualify beyond local/county level.
 - Any mixed aged team at local/county level must compete in bracket of highest aged member of team.
 - No novice/junior or junior/senior teams at level II or above

Contest Time Requirements:

- **Senior** (*13-18 years*) – presentation should be 5-8 minutes in length.
- **Junior** (*9-12 years*) – presentation should be 3-5 minutes in length.
- **Novice** (*7-8 years*) – presentation should be 3-5 minutes in length.

Contest Levels

- **Level I – Local/County Contests (In-person)**
 - Held through live events at the county level.
 - Coordinated by the county educator(s). Can consist of one county or include a group of counties offering a contest in partnership as a regional event.
 - All materials necessary for completion of contest should be coordinated by the local/county contest facilitator.
 - Should take place from late January to the end of February.
 - Any speaker/presenter/team 9 yrs. or older who achieves a blue ribbon at the county level is invited to participate in the level II virtual state qualifier to take place in March.
 - Individuals have the option to move forward or choose not to compete further.
 - List of all qualifying county level blue ribbon recipients should be submitted to the state public speaking contest team no later than March 1.
 - Blank spreadsheet will be provided to county contest facilitators.
- **Level II – State Qualifier Contest (Virtual)**
 - To take place in a **Virtual** contest via digital meeting portal (*Zoom, WebEx, etc.*)
 - Level II contests will take place in early March during the week in the evening.
 - Night 1 – Visual Presentation
 - Night 2 – Speech
 - Qualified presenters will be invited to participate by direct email invitation by members of the state public speaking contest team.
 - All virtual contests will be facilitated by members of the state public speaking contest team or their designees.
 - A waiting room will be in effect for all virtual contests.
 - Participants will be invited to arrive in the waiting room 5-10 minutes prior to their assigned presentation time.
 - Presenters will be admitted to the room as it is their turn to present.
 - In the room will be the presenter, judges, room host/contest facilitator and one parent/coach who will be allowed to view the presentation.
- **Level III – State Finals Contest (In-person)**
 - Scheduled to take place live on the last Saturday in March in the W.B. Young Building on the UConn Storrs campus.
 - The **top four** scorers from each division of the Level II contest will qualify to compete at the Level III contest.
 - Individual divisions will run simultaneously in assigned rooms throughout the building.
 - Opening and closing ceremonies will consist of all participants and invited guests.
- State finals winners will be invited to participate in the Northeast Presentation Festival which takes place each fall. This contest incorporates states from Maine to West Virginia.

Other Information of Importance

- The same scoring rubric will be utilized at all levels of competition. Scoring rubrics will be provided by the state public speaking contest team to all local/county contest facilitators.
- A Google spreadsheet will be provided to all local/county contest facilitators to accurately record all those moving onto greater levels of competition.
- Judges are normally the only individuals allowed to ask follow-up questions during a public speaking contest at any level.
- The judges' decisions are final for all public speaking contests.
- All contest related questions should be directed to the local/county contest facilitator.

Important Dates

- **March 15**– Visual Presentation Level II Contest
- **March 16** – Speech Level II Contest
- **March 17** – Team Level II Contest
- **March 25** – Level III State Finals at UConn Storrs campus

Register for the contest by February 6, 2023. Registration and instructions are on the next page.

PUBLIC SPEAKING REGISTRATION

Speech - It's best to use note cards only – involves telling about something of interest to you without the use of visual aids. The speech can be funny, serious, informative, or argumentative. No teams are allowed in this category.

Visual Presentations

Demonstration – The demonstrator is doing something. Making, creating, or showing the audience how to do something while telling about it.

Illustrated Talk – Involves telling about something while using an illustration such as a diagram, chart, model, or picture

Power Point - A demonstration or illustrated talk that uses computer technology. For Power Point presentations you **MUST** have your presentation on a USB flash drive. A projector and screen will be provided. Internet is **NOT** available in all spaces.

Team Presentation

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Registration Form for Regional Public Speaking Contest due by February 6, 2023

1. Mail or drop off to the Tolland County Extension Center 4-H; 24 Hyde Avenue; Vernon, CT 06066 or 2. Call 860-875-3331 with all of the information or 3. You may also e-mail, with subject line: "2023 Regional Public Speaking", the information to tolland@uconn.edu by **February 6, 2023**.

Name _____ Age on 1-1-23 _____

Street _____

Town _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Title of presentation _____

Check age category:

_____ **Explorer– ages 5-6 (county level only)** _____ **Novice– ages 7-8 (county level only)**

_____ **Junior – ages 9-12 or** _____ **Senior – ages 13-18**

Check presentation category:

Speech _____

or

Visual Presentation – check one

Demonstration _____ Illustrated talk _____ Power Point _____

_____ I will need to use a computer and projector for a visual presentation.

_____ I will **not** need to use a computer and projector for a visual presentation.

Team Demonstration _____ Name of other Presenters _____

*****All visual presentations needing a computer and projector MUST be brought on a USB flash drive or on your computer. Internet connection is not available *****