



New London County 4-H
Public Speaking Program
New London County Extension Center
County Competition
February 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Changes especially significant to New London County:

- **NEW for 2023!!**
 - **Teams are now allowed to move onto the Level II state contest if they qualify at the county level.**
(see full rules below)
- Novice (7-8 year olds). Novice will compete at local and County (Level 1) only.
- The local contests are open to all NLC 4-H'ers. All 4-H'ers with a score of 90-100 will receive a purple ribbon and advance to Level I County Qualifying contest.
- The County Qualifying (Level I) contest will be judged Danish system, every contest using the same rubric, and Danish ribbons awarded (Blue, Red, and White).
- All Senior and Junior Blue Ribbon winners from Level I can move on to the Level II State contest. This contest will be virtual. You can choose to not continue if you wish.
- The top 4 scorers in each category from Level II will continue to Level III State Finals. This contest will be in person.
- Remember, you are NOT competing against each other. You are competing against the scoring rubric. If you haven't entered the Public Speaking contest before, this year will be your baseline. If you have participated in the past, your goal is to get a higher score.

The [NLC 4-H Public Speaking Registration 2022 Form](#) is open now to register for a local contest. Call/text me at 860-885-2824 or email marc.cournoyer@uconn.edu if you have any questions or need clarification on anything. 😊

PUBLIC SPEAKING AGE DIVISIONS

Explorers- any youth who are in an Explorers Club

Novice- any youth 7-8 years old as of January 1

Juniors- any youth 9 – 12 years old as of January 1

Seniors- any youth 13 – 19 years old as of January 1

CATEGORIES

- Explorers- “Show and Tell”, not scored (participation at local contests only)
- Novice Public Speaking- note cards only, nothing else (3-5 minutes)
- Novice Presentations- demonstration, illustrated talk using any prop, music, or costumes, power point or computer presentation (3-5 minutes)
- Jr. Public Speaking- note cards only, nothing else (3-5 minutes)
- Sr. Public Speaking- note cards only, nothing else (5-8 minutes)
- Jr. Presentations- demonstration, illustrated talk using any prop, music, or costumes, power point or computer presentation (3-5 minutes)
- Sr. Presentations- demonstration, illustrated talk using any prop, music, or costumes, power point or computer presentation (5-8 minutes)

LOCAL CONTESTS (contests are added as we receive information)

NLC Extension Center, 562 New London Turnpike, Norwich

Hosts: Arts & Agriculture, Feb. 5, 2:00 pm (open to club members only)

Contact to register: Emily Allard: artsandag4h@gmail.com

North Stonington Baptist Church, 5 Rocky Hollow Rd., North Stonington

Hosts: Meadowlake 4-H club, Feb. 11, 10:30am

Contact to register: Fran Wood: cookinfran@comcast.net

NLC Extension Center, 562 New London Turnpike, Norwich

Host: New London County 4-H office, Feb. 18, 10:00am

Contact to register: Marc Cournoyer: marc.cournoyer@uconn.edu

PUBLIC SPEAKING DIVISIONS

Speeches- *note cards only* – involves telling about something of interest to you without the use of any other aids. The speech can be informative or argumentative. No props are used during the speech.

Presentations

- **Demonstration** – involves doing something (making, creating, finishing, etc) while telling about what you are doing. This is usually the easiest type of presentation. First time participants are encouraged to do a demonstration.
- **Illustrated Talk** – involves telling about something while using an illustration such as a diagram, chart, model, or picture. This can also include using costumes, music, or any type of prop.
- **Power Point** - A demonstration or illustrated talk that uses computer technology. For Power Point presentations a screen, laptop, and LCD projector are provided. All presentations must be emailed to Marc (marc.cournoyer@uconn.edu), by the close of business the **Wednesday before the contest**, so the presentations can be loaded onto the laptop. Power point presentations must be PC compatible. Remember to have an alternate plan for your presentation in case the technology fails (you can bring your own laptop or USB drive).

Team Demonstrations are available for any age group. A team is TWO people. Both participants must have an equal role in the presentation.

- **New for 2023!** – Teams can qualify to move onto state level contests if they achieve a blue ribbon at the county contest.
- Team members must be in the same age bracket to qualify. No mixed age teams will move onto state contests. Must be 9 years or older to qualify for state level contests.

Explorers- Explorers will participate much like a “Show & Tell.” They are not judged or timed, although a speech/demonstration of 1-3 minutes is appropriate. Explorers participate at the local (or club) level, not at the county or state contests. They receive the green participant ribbons. It is helpful for them to receive positive, encouraging verbal feedback from the judges or their leader and an Explorers Commentary Card can be used.

REGISTRATION

Everyone must pre-register for the local event you are attending. [Registration Form](#).

EVALUATION

All youth will be judged on a point score sheet—4-H’ers with scores of 90-100 will move on to the next level of competition. All youth will receive their evaluations with comments at the end of each contest.

All senior, junior, and novice Purple ribbon winners from each division from the local/club level may compete at the County Level I. Each Blue ribbon winner from Senior and Junior divisions will go on to the State Level II contest to represent New London County. Team presentations, Novice, and Explorers are not eligible for state competition.

STATE 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The State 4-H Public Presentation Level II Contest will take place in mid-March. All County level Blue Ribbon winners will compete virtually in their categories. The top 4 youth in each category will move on to the state finals, held at the UConn campus in Storrs on **Saturday, March 25 in person**. You will get information on the next level contests from Marc Cournoyer marc.cournoyer@uconn.edu and/or Bill Davenport bill.davenport@uconn.edu .

Information, forms, and hand-outs are available [on-line](#) as well. Look under County Programs.

