January 2023

Dear Middlesex and New Haven County 4-H Leaders and Members,

The Middlesex and New Haven County Communications Contest will be on Wednesday, February 15, at **6:00 p.m.** at the Haddam Extension Center. All 4-H members are invited to attend. Contest order will be sent out after I have all the entries.

**Contest Participant Age Brackets:**

**Novice** – For 7 and 8 year old competitors – only eligible for level 1 contests

**Junior** – 9-12 year olds as of 1/1/23

**Senior** 13-18 as of 1/1/23

**Explorers** can speak and receive a comment card. They will NOT be scored or judged, just receive feedback for participating. Their talk can be any appropriate length for topic.

**Contest Divisions for all levels:**

**Public Speaking**

**Individual Visual Presentation or Demonstration**

**Team Visual Presentation or Demonstration**

* + Care should be given to participant’s choice of demonstration in a virtual contest so that the judges can view all elements and give a score.

**Rules:** See attached sheets for rubrics

**Times for Public Speaking and all Presentations/Demonstrations**

**– Novice 3-5 minutes, Junior 3-5 Minutes, Senior 5-8 Minutes**

**Judges:**

* There will be a minimum of 2 judges for each speaker
* The judges will be the same for all speakers in an age/division in a contest
* Separate judges will be used at each level of competition.
* Judges would only perform at one level of competition
* Judges MUST use the score sheets from above at every level

**Awards**

* Recognition will be provided at each level of competition; Danish ribbons will be awarded

**Level 1: County Qualifiers** *(February)*

* + Would use Danish scoring for all age brackets
  + Anyone who earns a blue ribbon at the county level would be invited to advance to the first state level contest (Level 2 virtual)

Please fill out entry form below by ***February 8, 2023***. You can email the information to [emily.alger@uconn.edu](mailto:emily.alger@uconn.edu) - the subject must say **County Public Speaking 2023**. Please make sure all the requested information is in your email! If you have questions about the contest, please do email me!

Sincerely,

Emily McCabe Alger

Emily McCabe Alger, 4-H Program Coordinator

**Middlesex and New Haven County 4-H Communications Contest**

**Entry**

Name County

Email Club

*For Team contest list second person\**

\*Name County

Email Club

**Age Group** – Circle 1

Explorer Novice Junior Senior

**Contest** **Selection**– Circle 1

Public Speaking Individual Presentation/Demo Team Presentation/Demo

**Title of your Speech/Presentation/Demo**

*For Presentations/Demos only*

Do you need an LCD projector? Yes No

Do you need a laptop? Yes No

Do you need a Table? Yes No

Any other requests?

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