

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 - 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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