

# 2019 Door County 4-H Communications Contest

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.  
Door County Government Center, Peninsula Rm.

Presenting or speaking before a group or audience is an important life skill to develop. The goal of the Door County 4-H Communications Contest is to give youth an opportunity to learn and practice communications skills in a positive and encouraging environment. Participants will be evaluated on their presentation and will receive feedback from a judge. Again this year - entries will be awarded ribbons and premiums for the Door County Fair!

There are 4 divisions for the Communication Contest:

- Speaking (Individual or Team)
- Demonstrations (Individual or Team)
- Creative Writing
- Non-Verbal Communication



## Speaking

Grade Levels & Time Limits:

- Cloverbuds (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): 1-3 minutes
- Beginner (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade): 2-4 minutes
- Intermediate (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 3-5 minutes
- Senior (9<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up): 4-7 minutes

Categories:

- **Prose/Poetry:** reading of prose or poetry, a memorized piece, or storytelling. You may edit your selection to fit the time limit. Original poetry or stories may be used.
- **Traditional Speech:** Pick a topic of your choice and write an original, factual speech about it. It could be about a 4-H project you like, a historical topic, favorite animal, issue you're concerned about or more. Your speech can inform, persuade or motivate the audience. You may use visuals to help you deliver your speech, but no props (this is not a demonstration).

\*\*If Speaking is done as a team, the time limit can be doubled.

## Demonstration

Grade Levels & Time Limits:

- Cloverbuds (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): 2-4 minutes
- Beginner (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade): 3-6 minutes
- Intermediate (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 4-8 minutes
- Senior (9<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up): 5-10 minutes

Categories:

- **Demonstration:** Members demonstrate, either individually or as a team. A topic is chosen, that will demonstrate to the audience how to do something. Props and visual aids are required - which can be posters, handouts, displays or computer presentations. A successful demonstration will show steps in a process.

\*\*If Demonstration is done by a team, the time limit can be doubled.

### Creative Writing:

Entries in this category will demonstrate the exhibitor's creative writing skills. Entries should be typed and be no more than 300 words. Entries in this division must be submitted to the UW-Extension Office by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Categories:

- Original short story or essay
- Original poetry
- Short essay about "what 4-H will look like in another 50 years"

### Non-Verbal Communication:

Entries in this category must be about a 4-H topic or theme and must be the original work of the exhibitor. The name, club and grade of the member should be included on the back of the work. If you are including the 4-H emblem on your entry, you can download the 4-H emblem at <http://www.4-h.org>. Entries in this division must be submitted to the UW-Extension Office by March 29<sup>th</sup>. Items submitted in this division will be displayed at the Door County Fair in August.

Categories:

- Poster (general, project or promotional)- must be on a 14"x22" piece of posterboard. Any medium can be used (watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, photos, etc)
- Flyer Promoting 4-H - must be on an 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper.
- Photo Journalism - photo of a 4-H event/project that tells a story, single photo 5" x 7" mounted on cardstock
- Video/Computer Presentation
- Promotional Display - a tri-fold display board

**Registration Deadline is March 29<sup>th</sup>**

To register to participate:

- Sign up online using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/K6GGzxj203KgmMPm2>
- Call the UW-Extension Office (920-746-2260)
- Email [dawn.vandervoort@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:dawn.vandervoort@ces.uwex.edu) (provide your entry details in the email message - name, grade, category, etc.)

If you have questions about the Communications Contest, contact the UW-Extension Office at (920)746-2260.



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