



## PLYMOUTH COUNTY 4-H VISUAL PRESENTATIONS



### Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentations

Saturday March 4, 2017  
Silver Lake Regional Middle School  
256 Pembroke St. (Rt. 27)  
Kingston, MA



#### Information and Registration Form

- 9:00-9:15 4-H'ers arrive
- Coffee and refreshments will be available.
- 9:30 4-H Visual Presentations start promptly.
- 12:30 Wrap up and head home!

Dear Parents, 4-H Volunteers and 4-H Members...

We are pleased to bring you the latest updated information of the Massachusetts 4-H Visual Presentation Program. Please read the enclosed information carefully, as there are new categories and details about these exciting new opportunities. We hope those of you who are new to 4-H will participate in one of these 4-H communications categories. For those of you who are experienced at doing 4-H VP's maybe you will try something different, such as Extemporaneous; or if you are a Senior 4-H participant age 14 and over, you'll consider doing Public Speaking.

You can call to borrow a video, or request a 4-H ambassador to come to your 4-H club meeting and give a demonstration on how to do a 4-H presentation. So please just ask and we will do our best to get you prepared for March 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Just so you know...**

- This is a valuable program for our 4-H'ers since the #1 fear in adults is public speaking!
- 4-H Visual Presentation is a fun and inclusive way for children to share their interests with others by using visual aids and demonstrating a skill.
- 4-H Cloverbuds, children ages 5-7 years old, are welcome to participate.
- 4-H County rosette winners will have a chance to compete at the State 4-H Competition on April 1, 2017.
- 4-H members can be chosen to perform at the Big E

We hope to see you there!

Molly Vollmer  
Extension Director



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# PLYMOUTH COUNTY 4-H VISUAL PRESENTATION REGISTRATION

**When:** Saturday, March 4, 2017

\*Registration: 9:00am-9:20am

\*Presentations begin at 9:30

\*Clean up and Wrap up by 12:30pm



**Where:** Silver Lake Regional Middle School

256 Pembroke St. (Rt. 27)

Kingston, MA 02364

## Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Complete the **ENTIRE FORM BELOW**- ONE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

**Return to: Plymouth County 4-H, 44 Obery Street Plymouth, MA 02360**

**or email complete information to [acampora@umext.umass.edu](mailto:acampora@umext.umass.edu)**

For additional information please contact your 4-H Club leader or contact

The 4-H Office at 774-404-7020 or [mvollmer@umext.umass.edu](mailto:mvollmer@umext.umass.edu)

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## 4-H Visual Presentation Day– 2017 Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of Jan 1, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_

Cloverbud \_\_\_\_\_  
(5-7 yrs as of 1/1)

Junior \_\_\_\_\_  
(8-13 yrs old as of 1/1)

Senior \_\_\_\_\_  
(14-18 yrs old as of 1/1)

Team \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Title:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of topic if not clearly defined in Presentation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Giving VP's (including this year): \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR THE PARENTS: ARE YOU JOINING US AT VISUAL PRESENTATION DAY?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you interested & willing to be a judge? \* (Must attend training at 8:30 am on VP Day.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Explanation of Terms Used in Judging-INDIVIDUAL

### 1. PARTICIPANT

- Appearance/overall impression: Appropriate for presentation, dress to enhance presentation topic (theme), in accordance with 4-H Dress Code. Overall demeanor and attitude should be pleasant and relaxed.
- Use of eye contact: Presenter should make eye contact with judges and others during the presentation and avoid looking strictly at posters or props.
- Voice projection: Should be loud enough to be heard in back of room, clear and calm.
- Poise and composure: Appears confident.
- Organized and resourceful: Should set up presentation on their own, or with help from fellow 4-H member. Must be prepared and able to start within a reasonable amount of time. How do they deal with unplanned problems/challenges during presentation?

### 2. CONTENT

- Topic suitable for presenter's age and ability: Subject should be an appropriate 4-H topic and not too challenging or easy for youth.
- Information adequate and research evident: Presenter should have prepared the right amount of information for the type and time of presentation. Should demonstrate he/she made an effort to research topic beyond their general knowledge.
- Relayed information and knowledge in an effective manner: Youth clearly presents information in a manner the audience can understand.
- Successful use of language and grammar: Did youth use correct pronunciation and speak in an understandable and effective manner?
- Presenter expresses enthusiasm for topic: 4-H member should show an interest in the topic chosen and have expanded his/her knowledge on the subject.

### 3. WORKMANSHIP

- Effective use of visual aids: Props and other items should be used to enhance their presentation.
- Posters are neat and legible: Can be clearly read from a distance and are not too wordy or cluttered.
- Size appropriate graphics and illustrative materials: Can be clearly seen from a distance and distinguished from other information.
- Accurate spelling: whether a computer was used or not, correct spelling should be present.

### 4. DELIVERY

- Organization of presentation: Has three distinct sections; introduction, body and summary.
- Creativity and originality: Presenter has come up with a creative way to present the topic including an imaginative introduction.
- Points presented in a logical sequence: Presentation should flow in a comprehensive way.
- Effective use of time: Time limit for juniors is 3-10 minutes, for seniors 7-10 minutes. Youth should spread information out appropriately based on topic and age.
- Ability to answer questions from the judges: Youth should repeat the question and provide a response. It is acceptable for the youth to respond that he/she does not know the answer.
- Appropriate use of notecards: This is based on the age and experience of presenter. Seniors are highly discouraged from using note cards at the state level. If notecards are used, the presenter must maintain proper eye contact with audience and use the cards as notes, not read the presentation from them.

<b>VISUAL PRESENTATION CATEGORIES: All Ages</b>	<b>Time limits:</b>
	<b><i>Cloverbud (ages 5-7) – 1 to 4 minutes</i></b>
<b>Cloverbud</b>	<b><i>Junior (ages 8-13) – 3 to 10 minutes</i></b>
CB1 Cloverbud VP (county level only)	<b><i>Senior (ages 14-18) – 7 to 10 minutes</i></b>
<b>Junior and Senior</b>	VP25 Horse Breeds/History
VP1 Food & Culinary Topics	VP26 Horse Breeding and Uses
VP2 International Foods	VP27 Miscellaneous Horse Topics
VP3 Health/Nutrition/Personal Care	VP28 HORSE RELATED TEAM; SENIORS ONLY Time for this category only is 10-15 minutes; PP allowed
VP4 Clothing & Textiles	VP29 Veterinary Science
VP5 Child Development	VP30 Mechanical Science & Engineering
VP6 Consumer Education	VP31 Computers/Technology/Robotics
VP7 Natural Resources/Environment	VP32 Aerospace/Rocketry/Astronomy
VP8 Marine/Aquatic Life	VP33 General Science/Science Project
VP9 Wildlife	VP34 STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)
VP10 Recycling/Conservation/Energy	VP35 Entrepreneurship/Inventions
VP11 Plant Science/Gardening/Entomology	VP36 Career Exploration
VP12 Dairy/Beef/Working Steer	VP37 Social Issues/Ethics
VP13 Sheep/Swine/Goats	VP38 Leadership/Citizenship/Community Service
VP14 Rabbits/Cavies	VP39 History
VP15 Poultry/Embryology/Birds	VP40 Famous People
VP16 Dog Training	VP41 Hobbies/Collections/Games
VP17 Dog Care	VP42 Travel/Culture
VP18 Canine Sciences/Genetics	VP43 Team Sports
VP19 Dog Breeds/History	VP44 Individual Sports/Recreation/Fitness
VP20 Amphibians/Reptiles	VP45 Safety
VP21 Pets/Pet Care	VP46 Performing Arts/Entertainment
VP22 Horse Care & Management	VP47 Visual Arts/Fine Arts/Photography
VP23 Horse Training	VP48 Crafts
VP24 Horse Showing	VP49 Literature & Written/Verbal Communication
<b>PROJECTION CATEGORIES: Seniors Only (14-18)</b> <b>IMPORTANT!!! You must provide all your own equipment including the projector</b>	<b><i>Projection includes PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.</i></b> <b><i>Time limit for Projection is 7 to 10 minutes</i></b>
PC1 Projection – Horse Topics	PC3 Projection – Any Other Subject
PC2 Projection – All Other Animal Topics	
<b>EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CATEGORY:</b> Seniors Only (14-18)	<b><i>Time limit for Extemporaneous is 3 to 6 minutes</i></b>
ES1 Extemporaneous Speaking	
<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING CATEGORIES: Seniors Only (14-18)</b>	<b><i>Time limit for Public Speaking is 5 to 10 minutes</i></b>
PS1 Horse Related Subject	PS3 Persuasive/Editorial
PS2 Factual/Informational	PS4 Motivational/Inspirational

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Each participant may enter one category only.
- 4-H Visual Presentation categories are divided into three age divisions (age determined Jan. 1):  
Cloverbuds, ages 5-7                      Juniors, ages 8-13                      Seniors, ages 14-18
- Cloverbuds may enter at the county level; they may not participate at the state level.
- Pre-registration is required for county competition; only those selected at the county competition may compete at the State Visual Presentation Day. Youth selected for state competition will be notified by their 4-H Educator and the 4-H Educator will register them for State Visual Presentation Day.
- Only seniors may compete in Projection Categories, PC1, PC2 and PC3. A presentation that uses PowerPoint, Prezi or any other method of electronic projection must be entered in one of these categories. *Important: Member must provide all equipment he/she needs including the projector.*
- The following are not allowed:
  - Weapons including, but not limited to, knives, swords, syringes, etc. (small knives allowed for cooking demonstrations)
  - Live animals
  - Lighters, matches or fire
  - Audience participation (including parents) and/or coaching from the audience
  - Use of any projection or video clips (on laptop or any other device) in a VP category

## HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- A table and easel are provided – bring all other items that you need. You should provide a table cover if you will be using the table.
- If you are exhibiting in a projection category (PC) internet access is not available in the classrooms.
- Notecards are allowed but participants should not be reading their presentations.
- Posters need to be neat, legible and easily read from a distance. Use of computers for lettering is encouraged.
- For more information, see the Visual Presentation section of the 4-H website under Communications.

## JUDGING AND JUDGES:

Junior and senior 4-H members are judged using the Danish system; this means each presentation is judged on its own merit using a specific set of criteria. Each is awarded a blue (excellent), red (very good) or white (good) award. Cloverbuds are not judged competitively and each presenter receives a Cloverbud ribbon. All presenters receive feedback from the judges. This feedback is intended to assist the member improve future presentations.

At State Visual Presentation Day the presentations awarded a blue Danish are considered for a rosette; blue (1<sup>st</sup>) and red (2<sup>nd</sup>) rosettes may be presented in every category. Danish ribbons are presented in the classroom. Rosettes are announced and presented during the afternoon awards program held in the auditorium.

Judges are provided with criteria and judging sheets, and are trained and oriented for this activity. We must all understand that there is still some personal judgment involved in the judging process as each person sees things in a unique way.