

## Progression and Age-group Expectations in Saratoga County 4-H

Approximate Age/Grade	Presentation Type	Comments and Expectations
Cloverbuds Grades K-2, Ages 5-8 (in some cases an 8 yr old may be a Cloverbud)	Show-and-Tell	The show and tell is the first step of public presentation and it uses the show and tell format (ex. the 4-H pledge or pledge of allegiance). Cloverbuds use the introduction, body, conclusion format, simplified for their age group. Emphasis is on self-expression and helping the member feel comfortable speaking to a small group of peers and adults.
Grades 4-6, Ages 8-11	Demonstration	Emphasis is now shifted to the Demonstration format. Members select a topic they enjoy, preferably from a 4-H project they are doing. The member is expected to both show <b>how</b> and explain <b>why</b> . The finer points of organization- an introduction, then the body, and a conclusion- are evaluated. The member should know enough background information to answer reasonable questions.
Grades 7-9, Ages 12-14	Demonstration Illustrated Talk	Training emphasizes format, presentation technique and showmanship equally. Presentations are expected to be informative, well organized and presented in an interesting manner. Members who have done well with Demonstrations are encouraged to try an Illustrated Talk that <i>tells about</i> a topic.
Grades 10-12, Ages 15-19	Demonstration Illustrated Talk Formal Speech Recitation Interview	Experienced teens should be able to deliver a polished and professional Demonstration. They are encouraged to try one of the other presentation types if they have not already done so. Training emphasis is on delivery and showmanship since format and organization should be second nature by now. The formal Speech is an appropriate challenge because the speaker has nothing but his/her own voice and body to retain audience attention and communicate the message. Interviews provide an opportunity to talk with an experienced adult and practice techniques used in the interview process. You must have done at least 3 demonstrations prior to doing an interview.