Davidson County 4-H

Demonstration Contest

The demonstration contest is when you show and tell, and answer the question, "How?"

Planning:

- Choose an interesting subject.
- List steps involved in the demonstration, and outline it.
- Make a list of all materials and equipment needed.

Preparation:

- Secure the necessary materials. (posters, pictures, tools, and equipment)
- Prepare the demonstration according to plans.
- Practice.

Presentation:

- Check to make sure you have everything you need.
- Speak slowly and clearly. SMILE!!
- Keep your word area neat and clean.
- Ask for questions and answer them as well as you can. If you don't know the answer, admit it!
- If you have a finished product, show it.

Good demonstrations should have 3 main parts.

Introduction

- Use a catchy title to get the attention of the audience.
- Tell briefly what you are showing.

Body

- Tell and show your project step by step.
- Talk while you are showing each step.

Summary

- Briefly restate the MAIN points of your demonstration.
- Thank your audience for listening.

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Your demonstration should relate to one of the following areas:

Beef	Dairy	Citizenship	Clothing/Textiles
Communications/ Public Speaking	Companion Animal	Computers/ Technology	Consumer Education/ Economics
Electric	Entomology	Food Science	Forestry, Wildlife
Engineering/ Safety Science	Nutrition, Health, & Fitness	Photography	Line and Design
Goat	Horse	Performing Arts/ Recreation	Horticulture/ Garden
Swine	Poultry	Plant Science	STEM
Veterinary Science	Sheep	Leadership	Personal Development





How to _____

Introduction

Materials

Steps

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

*Use as many steps as you

Conclusion

Remember:

Demonstration must be completed in 5 minutes or less.





TENNESSEE 4-H DEMONSTRATION JUDGING SCORECARD

Project:	J.	Contestant Number
Judge:		
A. Demonstrator		
1. Appearance - neat, well-groomed, good posture	5	
Voice - pleasing clear, distinct, correct grammar	5	
3. Shows poise and enthusiasm	5	
Possible Points	15	
B. Presentation		
 Introduction - attention-getting/gives purpose of demonstration 	10	
2. Main points stated clearly	10	
Summary - interesting, short, but complete	10	
4. Demonstration given convincingly	5	
Equipment - well-selected and organized/Visuals - neat, clear, well-illustrated	10	
6. Work area left neat	5	
Possible Points	50	
C. Subject Matter		
 Well-organized and selected 	10	
Source of information accurate and up-to-date	15	
3. Practical questions - answered accurately	10	
Possible Points	35	
Total Points	100	

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.

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Explanation

A. Demonstrator

- 1. **Appearance:** Is he/she neat, clean, well-groomed; has good posture; no distracting jewelry; hair out of eyes; no chewing gum; or is he/she just the opposite of the answer to each of these questions? Scores may range fro 0 to 5 in this category.
- 2. **Voice:** Is it pleasing, clear and distinct with correct grammar? Scores may vary between 0 to 5 on this category.
- 3. **Poise and enthusiasm:** Does he/she project his/her voice so it is easily heard; look at the audience and judges; smile and appear at ease? Scores may range from 0 to 5 points for this category.

B. Presentation

- 1. **Introduction:** Is it attention-getting, giving the purpose of the demonstration; brief and important; telling what is to be done; or is it just the opposite or merely repetition of the demonstrator's name and club when he/she has already been introduced? The range of scores for this section is 0 to 10.
- 2. **Main points clearly stated:** Are all steps clearly seen or understood by the audience; easily distinguished points? Points may vary from 0 to 10 on this.
- 3. **Summary:** Is it interesting and short, but complete; key points re-emphasized; no new material introduced; purpose met? If gestures are used, are they natural? Scores for the summary may range from 0 to 10 points.
- 4. **Demonstration given convincingly:** Does it seem the 4-H'er has knowledge of the subject and does not read his/her information? Points in this area may vary between 0 and 5 points.
- 5. **Equipment:** Is it well-selected and organized; work area clearly seen; suitable and effective equipment for the job; equipment handled with ease; arranged for efficient use; used as needed; without name brands or labels?
 - **Visuals:** Are they neat, clear, well-illustrated; used to amplify, not duplicate methods shown; charts not too crowded; simple designs; only needed charts used; charts handled smoothly?
 - Scores for this equipment and visuals category may range from 0 to 10. Note: Some demonstrations show and therefore use equipment to demonstrate; others tell or illustrate and use graphics. Both are equally acceptable. If the demonstration conveys the information, a demonstrator should not be penalized for using either graphics, equipment or both.
- 6. **Work area:** Is it left neat or as it was before the demonstration? From 0 to 5 points may be earned in this category.

C. Subject Matter

- 1. **Selection and organization:** Is it presented in logical sequence with only one theme or idea presented; subject narrow enough to be covered adequately? Is topic related to the 4-H project? Scores may vary between 0 and 10 points.
- 2. **Source of information:** Is it accurate and up-to-date; selected from reliable information from USDA or UT Extension recommended practices followed; personal experience can be cited; source of information can be cited; suited to age, interest and experience of the demonstrator? Scores in this category may range from 0 to 15 points.
- 3. **Practical questions:** Are they answered accurately; 4-H'er admits not knowing answer instead of guessing; subject adequately covered enough for no questions to be needed? Point scores may vary from 0 to 10 here.





