## 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 <br> Use a catchy <br> title to get the <br> attention of <br> the audience. <br> Tell briefly <br> what you are <br> showing. |
| :--- | :--- |$\quad$| Body |
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| Tell and show |
| your project |
| step by step. |
| Talk while you |
| are showing |
| each step. |$\quad$| Summary <br> Briefly restate <br> the MAIN <br> points of your <br> demonstration. |
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| Thank your |
| audience for |
| listening. |

## Davidson County 4-H

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Your demonstration should relate to one of the following areas:

| Beef | Dairy | Citizenship | Clothing/Textiles |
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| Communications/ <br> Public Speaking | Companion <br> Animal | Computers/ <br> Technology | Consumer <br> Education/ <br> Economics |
| Electric | Entomology | Food Science | Forestry, Wildlife |
| Engineering/ <br> Safety Science | Nutrition, Health, <br> \& Fitness | Photography | Line and Design |
| Gorse | Performing Arts/ <br> Recreation | Horticulture/ <br> Garden |  |
| Swine | Poultry | Lant Science | STEM |
| Seterinary <br> Science | Sheep | Peadership | Personal <br> 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 $4-\mathrm{H}$ 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.
