December 2023

Dear Middlesex and New Haven County 4-H Leaders and Members,

The Middlesex and New Haven County Communications Contests will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at <u>6:00 p.m.</u> at the Haddam Extension Center, or Sunday February 11, 2024 at <u>2:00 p.m.</u> at the New Haven County Extension Center. All 4-H members are invited to attend. Contest order will be sent out after I have all the entries.

Contest Participant Age Brackets:

Novice – for 7 and 8 year old competitors – <u>only eligible for level 1 contests</u> **Junior** – 9-12 year olds as of 1/1/24 **Senior** 13-18 as of 1/1/24

Explorers can speak and receive a comment card. They will NOT be scored or judged, just receive feedback for participating. Their talk can be any appropriate length for topic.

Contest Divisions for all levels: Public Speaking Individual Visual Presentation or Demonstration Team Visual Presentation or Demonstration

• Care should be given to participant's <u>choice of demonstration</u> in a virtual contest so that the judges can view all elements and give a score.

Rules: See attached sheets for rubrics

Times for Public Speaking and all Presentations/Demonstrations

- Novice 3-5 minutes, Junior 3-5 Minutes, Senior 5-8 Minutes

Judges:

- There will be a minimum of 2 judges for each speaker
- The judges will be the same for all speakers in an age/division in a contest
- Separate judges will be used at each level of competition.
- Judges will only perform at one level of competition
- Judges MUST use the score sheets from above at every level

Awards

• Recognition will be provided at each level of competition; Danish ribbons will be awarded

Level 1: County Qualifiers (February)

- Will use Danish scoring for all age brackets
- Anyone who earns a blue ribbon at the county level will be invited to advance to the first state level contest (Level 2 virtual) 2024 dates 2/27 and 2/28

Please fill out entry form below by <u>January 31, 2024</u>. You can email the information to <u>emily.alger@uconn.edu</u>, the subject must say **County Public Speaking 2024** – please make sure all the requested information is in your email! If you have questions about the contest please do email me!

Sincerely, *Emily McCabe Alger* Emily McCabe Alger, 4-H Program Coordinator

Margaret Grillo Margaret Grillo, 4-H Educator

Middlesex & New Haven County 4-H Communications Contest Entry

| Date/time you plan to attend: Haddam - February 7 @ 6 p.m | | | North Haven - February 11 @ 2 p.m | |
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| Name | | | | County |
| Email | | | | Club |
| For Team contest l | ist second person [*] | ¥ | | |
| *Name | | | | County |
| Email | | | | Club |
| Age Group – Circl | e 1 | | | |
| Explorer | Novice | Junior | Senior | |
| Contest Selection- | - Circle 1 | | | |
| Public Speaking | Individual Presentation/Demo | | | Team Presentation/Demo (Senior) |
| Title of your Speed | | | | |
| For Presentations/ | Demos only | | | |

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Do you need an LCD projector? Yes No

Do you need a laptop? Yes No

Do you need a Table? Yes No

Any other requests?

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