

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 6:00 p.m.** at the **Haddam Extension Center**, or **Sunday February 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** 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 – only eligible for level 1 contests

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 choice of demonstration 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 **January 31, 2024**. You can email the information to emily.alger@uconn.edu, 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._____

Name _____

County _____

Email _____

Club _____

*For Team contest list second person**

*Name _____

County _____

Email _____

Club _____

Age Group – Circle 1

Explorer

Novice

Junior

Senior

Contest Selection– Circle 1

Public Speaking

Individual Presentation/Demo

Team Presentation/Demo (Senior)

Title of your Speech/Presentation/Demo

For Presentations/Demos only

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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