January 2025

Dear Middlesex County 4-H Leaders and Members,

The Middlesex County Communications Contests will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at

**6:00 p.m.** at the UConn Middlesex County Extension Center in Haddam. All 4-H members are invited to attend. Contest order will be sent out after we have all the entries.

**Contest Participant Age Brackets:** ·

**Novice** – 7 & 8-year-olds as of 1/1/25 - **Competitors only eligible for Level 1 contests**

**Junior** – 9-12-year-olds as of 1/1/25

**Senior** –13-18-year olds as of 1/1/25

**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 their 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 of 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 designated for each 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) **2025 dates – 2/26 and 2/27**

Please fill out the entry form below and return by ***February 5, 2025***. You can email the information to [carol.birdsey@uconn.edu](mailto:carol.birdsey@uconn.edu) and donna.dione@uconn.edu. The subject must say **County Public Speaking 2025**. Please make sure all the requested information is in your email! If you have questions about the contest, please do email us!

Sincerely,

Carol & Donna

**Middlesex County 4-H Communications Contest Entry**

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?

A black background with a black square

Description automatically generated with medium confidence Icon

Description automatically generated

(1-2025) The University of Connecticut complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action, including the provision of reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities.  Extension program participants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations to address limitations resulting from a disability.  For more information, please contact the UConn Extension Civil Rights Liaison at [extensioncivilrights@uconn.edu](mailto:extensioncivilrights@uconn.edu)..