

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

★ 2026 ★

The Public Presentation Program is frequently referred to as “the most beneficial and rewarding experience of all 4-H experiences”. Public presentations give 4-H members an excellent opportunity to research a subject, organize ideas in logical order, develop visual aids, and learn to speak effectively before groups. With each public presentation, there is an increase in self-confidence, poise, self-esteem, stage presence and knowledge. Public presentations can teach a 4-H'er lifetime skills that will be useful in his or her future social, educational and career pursuits.

It is important for 4-H'ers to begin doing Public Presentations at an early age and continue throughout their 4-H career. Public speaking skills develop over time, with experience and repetition.

Public Presentation dates are listed below. There is a maximum registration for each event date. To secure the date of your preference, we recommend getting your registration in before the deadline!



Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:00 - 8:00PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



Saturday, February 21, 2026

9:00 - 11:30AM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



Thursday, February 26, 2026

5:00 - 8:00PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center

Please complete the registration form enclosed in this newsletter and return it to the 4-H office by Monday, February 9th.

INCENTIVES

AGE AS OF JAN. 1, 2026

Beginner

Ages 5 - 10

**Free choice prize
for completion!**

Junior

Ages 11 - 13

Free choice prize for completion!
OR a free ticket to the Genesee
Country Museum, or a Charcoal
Corral Gift Card

Senior

Ages 14+

Free choice of prize for completion! OR a
free ticket to the Genesee Country Museum,
or a Charcoal Corral Gift Card OR a
4-H sweatshirt (blue ribbon winners only)

FOR HORSE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

The 4-H Horse Communications contest is an event for qualifying youth to compete and show off communications and public speaking skills. The event is centered around the horse world, encompassing a wide variety of topics. Horse Communications is judged in conjunction with our presentation program. Please note on your event registration if you want to sign up for a HORSE PUBLIC PRESENTATION or HORSE COMMUNICATIONS. Options include individual presentations, team presentations, public speaking (no visuals), videotaped presentations and impromptu speaking. For topics and rules for the communications project, please refer to the NYS website: <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/contest-resources/nys-4-h-horse-communications>

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Any member who is interested in being considered for District Public Presentations will need to indicate that on the registration form. Judges in other rooms may also encourage a 4-H member who gives an excellent presentation to be considered for district eligibility. At the conclusion of presentations, youth with the top scores as well as county judge endorsement will be invited to participate at the district event.

**Note: Western District Public Presentations will be held in Erie County March 28th!*