

2025

Sussex County 4-H Public Presentations



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Cooperative Extension
of Sussex County
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Date	Location	Address
March 7	Frankford Township Schools	2 Pines Road, Branchville
March 14	Frankford Township Schools	2 Pines Road, Branchville
March 21	High Point Regional High School	299 Pidgeon Hill Road, Sussex

All presentation nights begin promptly at 7:00 pm

How it works

4-H public presentations are held over three Friday nights in Sussex County to accommodate the more than 200 4-H members who participate. Presentation nights are held at local schools with presenters being divided among classrooms.

Each classroom will have two presentations judges to evaluate each member's presentation using criteria related to the type of presentation (demonstration, illustration, performing arts or formal speech). 4-H Youth members will receive a ribbon in accordance with the judge's scoring based on the Danish System, (Blue for Excellent, 90-100; Red for Very Good, 80-90; and Yellow for Good, 70-80).

The presentations of Cloverbud age members do not receive ribbons. Their presentations are evaluated but not scored. Cloverbud members receive a green ribbon recognizing their participation.

When all presentations in a classroom have been made, the judge(s) will review their evaluations and scoring. They will share their overall impressions offering constructive criticism. Ribbons are awarded afterwards.

Parents and members are expected to stay for all presentations in their classroom. If someone arrives late, they should wait until a presentation is completed before entering the classroom.

Dress

All 4-H presenters are expected to dress appropriately. This means wearing a dress, slacks and shoes. Jeans and sneakers are not appropriate for presentations. Points may be deducted from a presentation for inappropriate dress.

A presenter may dress appropriate to their presentation. For example, a presentation on participating in a marching band could feature the presenter in their band uniform.

Timing

4-H presentations have time requirements. After you rehearse, you will know how long your presentation will take. Plan accordingly or judges will deduct points for the time your presentation runs over/under the requirements listed.

Cloverbud Member

(Grades 1-3): 3-10 minutes

4-H Youth Member

(Grades 4-13): 5-15 minutes

Those in 8th Grade (or higher) who receive an Excellent score will be invited to participate in the State 4-H Presentations held in June at Rutgers University (New Brunswick). State Level presentations must be 8-15 minutes.

Technology

While software such as PowerPoint is a standard for business presentations, we are unable to provide access to this technology. If a member wishes to use presentation software, they are responsible for providing their own computer, projector and screen.

Most classrooms offer a black/white board shelf or desk for displaying presentation boards. You may choose to bring an easel for display.

Members are not permitted, under any circumstances, to use a school's technology for presentations.

Guidance

A complete guide to presentations is available for download from the Rutgers 4-H website, <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/pdfs/4H-public-presentations.pdf>