

# 4-H Communications Night

*Formerly known as 4-H Public Speaking Night*

**Pre-Registration is REQUIRED by June 10th**

*Call the Extension Office at 740-489-5300 to pre-register.*

**June 17, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Oscar Share Hall - Guernsey County Fairgrounds – 5:45 Doors Open**



Open to Guernsey County 4-H members ages 8 years old and enrolled in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age, regardless of grade, and older as of January 1, current year.

**Plaques & Cash Awards:** These will be awarded to overall age division winners.

**Winners:** They will be eligible to participate in State Fair Communications Day.

## **PRESENTATION DIVISION**

### **Illustrated Talk or Demonstration– Without use of Computer Technology:**

Write and present an Illustrated Talk or Demonstration using props & other visual aides to teach others about a subject or how to do something. The presenter(s) may use charts, posters, or pictures to accompany their illustrated talk or demonstration. NO PowerPoint or computer-generated messages are permitted. Presenters are evaluated on their ability to convey information and teach on a particular topic.

- **Junior Individual:** Ages 8-10 as of January 1.\*
- **Junior Team:** 2 current 4-H members ages 8-10 as of January 1.\*

### **Illustrated Talk or Demonstration– With or Without use of Computer Technology:**

Write and present an Illustrated Talk or Demonstration using technology, posters, and/or other props to teach others about a particular topic, practice, procedure, scientific principle, or phenomenon. Use of computer-generated visuals is NOT required. Requires live speech delivered along with any PowerPoint, Google slides, Canva, short video, poster or other message. (*NO Pre-Recorded Narration.*) Presentations are evaluated on the members' communication skills and their ability to effectively use technology, posters or other props to enhance their Illustrated Talk or Demonstration.

- **Intermediate Individual:** Ages 11-13 as of January 1.\*
- **Intermediate Team:** 2 current 4-H members ages 11-13 as of January 1.\*
- **Senior Individual:** Ages 14 and up as of January 1.\*
- **Senior Team:** 2 current 4-H members ages 14 and up as of January 1.\*

\*All presentations are 5-8 minutes in length. Points will be deducted for Speeches, Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations Under or Over the times listed.

*Note: Firearms, bows, arrows, weapons, air pistols or air rifles, paintball guns, gun cases, or any reasonable facsimile are not permitted and may not be used in a demonstration or illustrated talk.*

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**MARKETING DIVISION**

- *Entries must be submitted to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Members will not participate in judging with their entry. Members can attend Communications Night for announcement of winners.*
- *For cards: Print the member's name, age, and county in the lower right-hand corner of the back of the card.*
  - *For video: Submit entry to [taylor.4616@osu.edu](mailto:taylor.4616@osu.edu) with member's name, age, and video title or deliver video to the Extension Office on a flash drive.*

**Thank You Card without use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools:**

Create an original Thank You card with artwork on the cover and optional inside message. A 4-H clover must be included in the design. The card should be 8 ½ X 11 White cardstock and fold in half. Artwork MUST be original work of the member. NO computer technology or scrapbooking tools allowed.

- **Junior Individual:** Ages 8-10 as of January 1.\*

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Create an original Thank You card with artwork on the cover and optional inside message. A 4-H clover must be included in the design. The card should be 8 ½ X 11 White cardstock and folded in half. Artwork MUST be original work of the member.

- **Junior Individual:** Ages 8-10 as of January 1.\*

**4-H Winter Holiday Card- Without the use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools:**

Create an original Winter Holiday card on the cover and an optional inside message. A 4-H clover is not required but is strongly encouraged. The card should be 8 ½ X 11 White cardstock and folded in half. Artwork MUST be original work of member. NO computer technology or scrapbooking tools allowed.

- **Intermediate Individual:** Ages 11-13 as of January 1.\*

**4-H Winter Holiday Card- With the use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools:**

Create an original Winter Holiday card on the cover and an optional inside message. A 4-H clover is not required but is strongly encouraged. The card should be 8 ½ X 11 White cardstock and folded in half. Artwork MUST be original work of member.

- **Intermediate Individual:** Ages 11-13 as of January 1.\*

**4-H Informercial Promoting 4-H:**

Create a short video that promotes 4-H. The video must be fully automated, stand-alone presentation with sound and narration as appropriate. Use youth who are of 4-H age. Please get a signed photo release form of anyone in the video <https://go.osu.edu/photorelease4h> . The video should be 2-4 minutes long, points will be deducted for videos under or over the time limit. The video must be played using QuickTime player or Windows Media Player. The video MUST be the original work of the member making the entry.

- **Senior Individual:** Ages 14 and up as of January 1.\*

*\* By submitting entry, you agree to allow counties and/or the State 4-H office to use your artwork or video.*

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