

What is Project Achievement?

A Parent's Guide to Cloverleaf Project Achievement



Athens-Clarke County 4-H County Project Achievement

Occurs in February

ACC Extension Facility 9:30 AM – noon

District Project Achievement:

Occurs in March

South Jackson County Middle School

Information available on our website:

<http://tinyurl.com/project-achievement>

What is Project Achievement?

Cloverleaf Project Achievement is a Georgia 4-H competition where 5th and 6th graders are able to choose a project area of interest to them. 4-H'ers develop their project into a presentation using visuals that is called a demonstration. The demonstration should be 4 to 6 minutes in length and use posters or other visual aids to emphasize key points. The speech does not have to be memorized, but should be well rehearsed in order for the student to be comfortable and display their knowledge of the subject. Use of note cards is encouraged.

County Project Achievement (CPA) is a local event where students compete with other 4-H'ers within the county. 5th and 6th grade students from all schools in Clarke County, including home schooled students, are eligible to participate. Judges will listen to the speeches and blue, red, and white ribbons are awarded based upon the scores. All blue ribbon winners qualify to advance to the district project achievement.

District Project Achievement (DPA) is a district event where students who have competed in CPA (above) will compete against other county winners from all over north Georgia. Transportation to and from DPA can be provided on Clarke County School District buses.

What are the project areas?

There are a wide variety of projects from which to choose. The projects range from Archaeology to Veterinary Science. With 62 categories, just about anything in which a 4-H'er is interested will fit into at least one of the categories. The project list is updated annually so be sure to consult a current list. You may obtain a current list from the 4-H office or from our web site.

What are the benefits of Project Achievement for your child?

- Develop public speaking skills
- Learn research, organizational, and presentation skills
- Develop and enhance qualities of integrity, sportsmanship, & cooperation
- Promotes self-confidence
- Only students who participate at DPA may apply for a scholarship to reduce the cost of 4-H summer camp

Demonstration Information

Parts of a Demonstration

- Introduction—gets the audience attention and introduces your topic, 1 paragraph
- Body—details about your subject, 2-4 paragraphs of researched information
- Conclusion—summary and closing, 1 paragraph

Visual Aids

- Helps your audience understand your subject
- Highlights key points
- Should be large enough to be seen from the back of a classroom
- Use or point to visuals during your speech

Practice

- Speak slow and clearly and loud enough so that everyone can hear and understand you
- Practice using your posters/visual aids
- Practice in front of audience (family); practice making eye-contact
- Don't say "ummm", "uhh", "like", etc
- Don't fidget, twirl hair, or pull at clothing

Appearance

- Dress appropriately: clean and neat, a little nicer than play clothes. Don't look sloppy. Put a smile on your face!
- Stand up straight, don't lean on table or desk
- Do not stand in front of posters/visual aids
- Do not turn your back to the audience

Time limits

- 6 minute maximum
- Performing arts maximum is 4 minutes
- No minimum time requirement

Demonstration Scoring

- Appearance—10%
- Visual Aids—10%
- Delivery—10%
- Orderly Progress—10%
- Accuracy of Information—15%
- Coverage of Subject—25%
- Knowledge of Subject—15%
- Time Limit—5%

Additional Important Information

Special Projects

Most project presentations are informative speeches using posters or other props to enhance the demonstration. There are a few projects which are exceptions and have different rules and judging criteria. Check with the 4-H office for details on these projects:

- Between Meal Snacks—4-H'er prepares a no-cook snack and a partial daily menu; does not do a speech or use visual aids.
- Creative Stitchery—4-H'er sews a garment or craft
- Food Fare—4-H'er prepares a no-cook snack and a menu; does not do a speech or use visuals
- Performing arts—4-H'er will do a performance such as sing, dance or play a musical instrument
- Public speaking—use of visual aids is not allowed

How to sign up for Project Achievement

4-H'ers register for Project Achievement in their classroom, during the 4-H meeting at school, by calling the 4-H office, or emailing Ms. Conway.

Can I still go to District Project Achievement if I don't win a blue ribbon?

Students who do not win a blue ribbon at the county competition may still compete at District Project Achievement if they change to an empty project. Call the 4-H office to see what is available.

How do I take my posters?

Keep your posters flat; never roll them. Make a poster holder to protect your posters and make them easier to carry. Instructions for a poster holder may be found on the web at:

<http://tinyurl.com/clarke-project-achievement>

QUESTIONS?

Please call the Athens-Clarke 4-H office at:

706.613.3640

or

Email Ms. Conway: ebarber@uga.edu