

What is Project Achievement?

A Parent's Guide to Cloverleaf Project Achievement



Irwin County 4-H

District Project Achievement:

Occurs in November (date will be
announced) in Moultrie

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. Four-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, but the better they know their speech by memory, the better their score will be.

District Project Achievement (DPA) is a district event where students will compete against other counties in their district. Transportation to and from DPA will be provided by Irwin County School System.

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 59 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, and cooperation
- Promotes self-confidence
- Only students who participate in DPA may apply for a camp scholarship

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 slowly 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", "uhhh", "like", etc.
- Don't fidget, twirl hair, or pull on clothing

Appearance

- Dress appropriately; clean and neat, a little nicer than play clothes. Don't look sloppy.
- 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 minutes maximum
- Performing Arts is 4 minutes
- No minimum time requirement
- set up time is 5 minutes

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 projects 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.

- Food Projects: Between Meal Snacks & Food Fare– prepares a no-cook, no– bake snack & a one meal menu; does not do a speech or use visual aids
- Creative Stitchery– 4-H'er sews a garment or craft
- 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 by calling the Irwin County Extension office at 229-468-7409

Can I sign up for more than one project?

4-H'ers can only sign up for one project

Can I work at the Extension office on my project and also practice there as well?

Please call the Extension office (468-7409) to make an appointment to work on your demonstrations and speech during office hours. We will be very happy to help. We will also set aside days for practices at the Extension office as well, but you must practice at home as well.

- We ask all DPA participants that if you choose to work on your demonstrations at home... please make sure you present your demonstration at the 4-H office at least 2 weeks prior to competition.

Questions?

Please call the Irwin County Extension office at 229-468-7409