



10 Steps to an Awesome 4-H Presentation!



1. **Choose a topic**—a sport, a hobby, a favorite athlete, something you already enjoy or something you'd like to learn more about. Choose anything except sweets & junk food.
2. **Narrow your topic** to something you can cover in 4 to 6 minutes. For instance, choose “how to take care of a puppy” instead of “all about dogs,” or “Jeff Gordon” instead of “NASCAR.”
3. **Research your topic.** Be sure to use reliable, research-based information whether you are looking at books, magazines, websites, or other sources. You can also interview an expert, such as an electrician for an electricity project.
4. **Organize your information** into main ideas. You may have three or more, depending on your topic. (“Materials” and “Steps” to “How to” build a birdhouse; “Background,” “Music” and “Awards” for a music group, etc.)
5. **Write your speech,** starting with the **3 main ideas**. If you can talk for one minute and a half on three ideas, you're set! **Do not consider reading an article straight from the internet. This is plagiarism, which means cheating or stealing someone else's work. You must write your own speech!**
6. **Write the introduction:** something interesting about your topic, your name & school, and a summary of what you're going to talk about. Catch our attention!
7. **Write the conclusion:** a summary of what you just told us, and maybe another fun fact about your topic to leave everyone with a smile.
8. **Required Posters.** You can use a trifold or one poster for all of your information or if you really want to impress the judges, a title poster and at least one poster with your main points. Be sure illustrations or diagrams are large, writing is typed and that everything can be seen from the back of the classroom. **Do not put entire sentences on your posters!**
9. **Optional Props** and anything else you need for your project, such as note cards for your speech (do not read off of a full sheet of paper). Some demonstrations will not have props, but others (like dog care, sports, or crafts) are much easier to understand with visual aids. However keep in mind **NO LIVE** animals and if you are not sure what you can use for props ask your teacher or call us at the office.
10. **Practice, practice, practice!** Practice in front of a mirror, video camera, parents, friends... remember that practice makes perfect!



BONUS TIP: Need help on your demonstration? Call the 4-H office for an appointment and we'll help you research, organize, make posters, or practice!

4-H Demonstration Posters

Digging the
Nine-Banded Armadillo



by Bo Ryles

Title Poster

Childhood



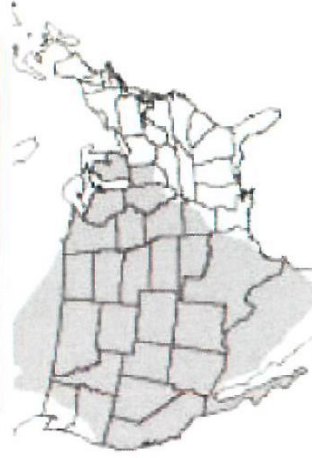
College



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Badger Range



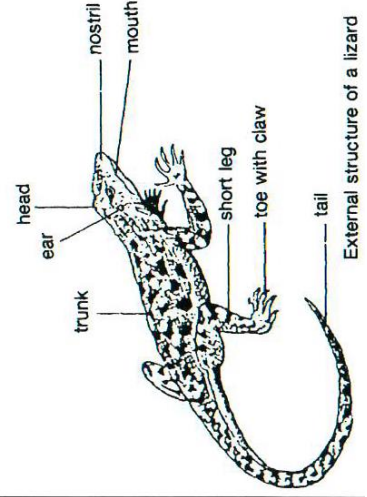
GOOD POSTERS:

- Illustrate the ideas you are teaching
- Are neat and orderly
- Use very few words
- Are easy to read from the back of the room
- Make use of color, through color photos, markers, or crayons
- Are on white or light colored (not neon) poster board
- Keep nice and flat because you don't fold or roll them
- Use only your own work (nothing printed from the Internet)
- Use large photos or drawings

POOR POSTERS:

- Are crammed full of information, little or none of which can be seen by the class
- Have articles or even your entire speech printed on them
- Are messy and tough to read
- Use no color
- Contain writing done with a pencil or ink pen, meaning it can't be seen from a distance
- Are on dark or fluorescent poster board
- Have been rolled up and need two people to hold them straight
- Contain tiny photos or words

Informational Posters



Sunbats

For the past few years, the Sunbats have been a popular attraction at the school. They are a type of lizard that live in the desert. They are very colorful and have a pattern of spots and stripes. They are also very fast and can run up a wall. They are a very interesting animal to watch and learn about.