

UPDATE: 4-H Communications Days at the Ohio State Fair—March 2007
(Formerly known as Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks Contests)

- **New Classes for 2007 include:**
 - Demonstrations with No Technology used in the Demo.
 - Demonstrations with Technology included in the Demo
 - Illustrated Talks with No Technology used in the Talk
 - Illustrated Talks with Technology used in the Talk
 - Multi-Media Presentations.

- **Last years State Fair Winners**
 - May not participate in the same class
 - Since “With Technology” is a new class, last year’s winners may select to do a presentation with technology added. Example: a Senior winner last year may do an individual demonstration with Technology this year.

- **Age Divisions are different then other 4-H activities:** (same as in 2006)
 - Juniors 9-11 or in 3rd grade
 - Intermediate 12-13
 - Seniors 14 and up

- **New for 2007, requirements differ by age division:**
 - Juniors may only do a demonstration or illustrated talk with handmade posters and props. No Technology is to be included.

 - Intermediate age may choose to do a Demo or an Illustrated talk with or without Technology used within the talk.
 - Seniors must use Technology within their presentation.
 - Team Demonstrations and Talks are limited to Juniors and Intermediate and no Technology is utilized.
 - There are NO Senior Teams.

- **Technology?**
 - Power Point slides or other computer generated captions are commonly used in presentations and referred to in the State Fair guidelines. But, **any form of media maybe used to help deliver a message.** Technology may include: video clips, slide projections, overheads, etc. Our intent is to help young people make choices in the selection of technology and to utilize it for effective communications.

- **What Equipment will be available at the State Fair and what do I need for a County Contest?**
 - At the State Fair, we will provide: lap top, LCD, speakers, movie screen, extension cords, easel, table, microphone. Similar equipment will be needed for your county contests.
 - Lap tops will contain Power Point 2003 version. Youth preparing Power Points on the new 2007 will need to bring their own computer.
 - Youth are encouraged to bring along their own lap tops or other audio-visual equipment.
 - You may want to consider a Communications Practice Day within your county to allow youth to practice their presentation with an LCD projector and a microphone.
 - The state fair guidelines provide information on how we will deal with technology glitches and who can assist the member in problem solving.

- **Resources:**
 - Check out “Photo Story 3”, a free download from the Microsoft website This is a neat utility that includes slide show presentations, captions, and music files. Go to Microsoft.com/download, or Google it.
 - [CreativeCommons.org](http://creativecommons.org) is a great resource that allows users to share their music, pictures, writing and research with others. All providers are governed under Creative Commons Copy Right Licenses. This allows others to utilize the materials free. Be sure to discuss with your members the importance of honoring copy rights and giving credit to the original author, composer, photographer, artist.
 - “Want to Work Together” is a neat video that explains Creative Commons and gives an overview of copyright and the website. You may want to share it with your members. It will soon be posted in the Advisor Handbook or it can be accessed through creative commons at: <http://creativecommons.org/support/videos>

 - A 4-H Communications DVD has been created to visually orient members and advisors to the new contests. It provides samples of what a Multi-Media Presentation entails. It should be posted soon to the Advisor Handbook. A limited number of copies are available from the Center at Wooster. Contact Harris.12@osu.edu to check on the availability and to request your free copy.

 - Be sure to review the state fair guidelines for the 4-H Communications Days. They can be found at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/statefair/guidebook.html>

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