

# County Events Day Categories

Please refer to the Florida 4-H Events & Activities Handbook  
September 1, 2008- August 31-2010

**DO NOT FORGET....DEMONSTRATION AND ILLUSTRATED TALKS  
SHOULD BE IN A PROJECT YOU ARE WORKING IN!!!**

JR and INT 4-H'ers talks should be between 3-12 minutes

SR 4-H'ers talks should be between 5-12 minutes

## Animal Sciences

### Animal Industry

Includes all presentations related to beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, layer, broilers, turkeys, rabbits, meat goats, dairy goats, quail, duck, geese and ratite. Topics can include production systems relating to genetic selection, feeding management, health management, reproductive management and marketing; processing systems relating to converting or utilizing live animals to create food products such as milk, eggs, meat and other products; and wholesale, retail and food service merchandising of animal products.

### Small Animals and Pets

Includes all presentations related to dogs, cats, rabbits (not related to meat production), rodent pets, and other pets, including pet facilitated therapy in nursing homes, etc.

### Horse

Includes all demonstrations pertaining to horses.

## Civic and Leadership Development

Includes all presentations related to citizenship, community service programs, and leadership.

## Communication and Expressive Arts

### Communication and Media Arts

Includes the "topic" of public speaking, American Sign Language and other forms of communication, all phases of photography, graphic arts, computer graphics, video and other current technologies used in communication media.

### Leisure & Performing Arts

Includes all aspects of leisure activities and recreation, including cycling, music, clowning, arts and crafts, cake decorating, floral arranging, wood working and metal crafts.

## Environmental Education

### Earth Sciences

Includes the areas of energy, earth science, astronomy, waste management, and water quality/conservation.

### Natural Resources

Includes the areas of forestry, marine and aquatic science, wildlife ecology, and entomology (including Butterfly Wings). Also includes the areas of shooting sports, archery and riflery, and sportfishing.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### Child and Human Development

Includes all presentations related to human growth, development, lifespan, personality and character development, and other interpersonal relations. These topics might include infant development, child development, baby sitting, nuclear families, self-esteem, step-families, family communication, parent-adolescent communication, single-parent families, teen parents, coping with crises, marriage in today's world, adult children, and aging.

### Consumer Education and Money Management

Includes all presentations related to comparison shopping, sales approaches, advertising, consumer rights and responsibilities, labeling, credit, money management, banking, investment savings, and time management.

## Clothing and Textiles

Includes all presentations related to clothing design, selection, buying, care, construction, textiles, accessories, personal appearance, and grooming.

## Workforce Preparation and Career Development

Includes all presentations related to career exploration, preparing for a career, and entrepreneurship.

## Healthy Lifestyles

### Food Preparation

Includes all presentations involving preparation of food for human consumption. Demonstrations should show the steps involved in preparation of the food including food handling and measurement techniques. In an effort to support current Dietary Guidelines, a focus on preparation of food items moderately low in fat, sodium, and sugar is recommended. Although safe food handling practices should be used in all demonstrations, presentations that emphasize food safety topics and issues should be entered in the Food Science and Safety Category.

### Food Science, Safety, and Nutrition

Includes all presentations related to food science, safety, and nutrition that do not involve food preparation. Suggested topics include nutrient needs, nutrition in the life cycle (E.G., for infants, teens, or the elderly), dietary guidelines, food guide pyramid, nutrition and fitness/sports, hunger and malnutrition, food labeling, cultural food patterns, vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, fish, dairy foods, and other foods and nutrition topics. Also includes new technologies, food processing and food preservations, chemical food safety, food chemistry and food composition, safe food handling and microbiological food safety.

### Health and Safety

Includes all presentations related to general health education (i.e. coping with stress, first aid, substance abuse, self-help skills, physical fitness, dental care, healthy lifestyles, sex education, immunizations, and prevention of disease). Also includes all presentations dealing with accidental safety hazards including demonstrations in disaster preparedness or home environmental health (i.e. mold, radon or other hazards).

## Plant Sciences

### Plant Connections

Includes all demonstrations related to production and marketing of fruits, vegetables, flowers, turf, ornamental, field crops, such as hay or silage. Artistic arrangement demonstrations may be given in the Leisure Arts category.

## Science & Technology

### Mechanical, Electronic Science, Petroleum Power and Small Engines

Includes all presentations related to general engineering, bicycle maintenance and mechanical operations, automotive, electronics, aerospace/aviation, and computers. Also, all presentations related to use and conservation of petroleum-based fuels and the selection, care, and operation of small engines.

## Public Speaking

Presentation of a 4-H related speech. Must recognize, organize, and present information on a given topic. Youth must at some point mention 4-H and its relationship to the material being presented. JR and INT 4-Hers should have a speech between 3-7 minutes and SR 4-Hers should be between 5-7 minutes in length.

## Horse Public Speaking

Program designed to give 4-Hers experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech related to the horse industry. The speech must be original and specifically related to the horse industry in a demonstrable way. JR and INT 4-Hers should have speeches between 3-7 minutes in length, SR 4-Hers should have a speech between 8-10 minutes.

## Share-the-Fun

This program helps 4-H'ers discover and develop their talents with others and provides an opportunity to share these talents with others. This is part of the Recreation Program. The top two winners in each age division qualify to attend District. Types of acts are: Instrumental, Vocal, Dance, Dramatic and Novelty, and General. An act may have up to five youth of the same age division. All acts should range between 3 and 5 minutes, there will be a time penalty for acts outside of this range.

## Fashion Revue

Divisions in both Construction and Selection. Construction is when you make your garment and Selection is when you purchase your garment.

Junior and Intermediate categories:

- Active Play – One or two separates made from coordinated fabrics for a total look for your favorite leisure activities. No swim wear is permitted.
- School Wear – One, two or three garments, coordinated for a total look acceptable for school.
- Best Wear – For girls, street length one or two piece dress, or dress with jacket or vest suitable for daytime wear. For boys, slacks with shirts or vests suitable for daytime wear.
- My Choice – Costumes, western wear, lounge wear or other garments that do not fit another category.

Senior Categories:

- Active Sports Wear – One, two or three piece outfits from coordinated fabrics for a total look for your favorite leisure activities.
- School / Informal Wear – Non-tailored, casual outfits of one or more garments, coordinated for a total look acceptable for non-formal events like school, youth activities, etc.
- Dress for Work – Dresses, suits, or tailored sportswear suitable for a business setting.
- Special Occasion – Dressy ensembles appropriate for special occasions.
- My Choice – Costumes, western ware, lounge wear or other garments that do not fit another category.