2015 Guidelines for Project Showcase
Western Region
May 2, 2015
Portfolios due April 1, 2015
Agent Orientation 8:45 am
Registration 9:00 am
Contest 9:30 am

Competition will be held at Crockett County Middle School located at 497 North Cavalier Drive in Alamo.

The following protocol will be used for the Project Showcase competitive event.

- Project demonstrations for 4th & 5th graders ONLY as of January 1, 2015.
- Interactive exhibits for 6th, 7th & 8th graders as of January 1, 2015.
- Project portfolios for 6th, 7th & 8th graders as of January 1, 2015.

**Project Demonstrations**

- Demonstrations will be given by juniors in grades 4th and 5th ONLY.
- Demonstration should be **3 to 6 minutes** in length. If the demonstration exceeds or does not meet the time limit, the contestant will be permitted to finish the demonstration: however, points will be deducted from the total score. One (1) point should be deducted for each minute above or below the time limit.
- Counties may have more than one 4-H member give a demonstration in the same project.
- Refer to the “Western Region 4-H Project Clusters” for a list of project areas available for demonstrations. **Form A**
- NO LIVE ANIMALS SHOULD BE USED IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS.
- The Region 4-H Demonstration Judging Scorecard will be used.
- Separate rooms should be made available for each Project Cluster. However, clusters may be combined, if participation allows.
- Demonstrations cannot be PowerPoint.
- Judging panel for project demonstrations will consist of three (3) adults (2 Agents and 1 volunteer) per project cluster.
- Awards should be presented using the following procedure:
  - Judges will rank the demonstrations by individual projects.
  - Awards will be given in each project – 1st – Purple and plaque, 2nd – Blue, 3rd – Red, and Green.
  - From the first place winners in each project, a “Best of Show” winner will be selected from each of the seven Project Clusters.
“Best of Show – Show Down”

Individuals with the highest score in EACH Project Cluster will compete in a final round of project demonstrations for the ‘Best of Show Award’. 4-H members should come prepared to present their demonstration twice in the event they win the top award in their cluster.

Interactive Exhibits

- Interactive exhibits should be set-up in their respective project clusters.
- Interactive exhibits and/or project portfolios will be submitted and entered in the junior high level consisting of 6th, 7th & 8th grades. Contestants will not be separated by grade levels.
- Time frame for interactive exhibit: 4-H member will be expected to explain their exhibit in 2-3 minutes. The judges will have 2-3 minutes to ask questions.
- A member may enter one tri-fold exhibit board. (See details on back of Interactive Score card).
- The exhibitors name, grade, county and project for which the entry is being submitted should be written on back of exhibit.
- Counties may have more than one 4-H member give an interactive exhibit in the same project.
- NO LIVE ANIMALS SHOULD BE USED IN THE EXHIBITS.
- During set-up, exhibits should be grouped together by Project and a designated area should be assigned for each of the seven (7) Project Clusters.
- A Judging Panel for Interactive exhibits of two (2) Adults, made-up of (2) Agents and/or (2) Volunteers, should be assigned to evaluate the exhibits by Project Cluster. More than one judging panel is recommended in order to expedite the judging process.
- The recommended judging procedure is to have the judging panel score the exhibits without the contestant present. Once the exhibits have been evaluated, the contestants are called in one-at-a-time to explain their exhibit and answer questions from the judging panel.
- Awards should be presented using the following procedure:
  - Judges will rank the demonstrations by individual projects.
  - Ribbons will be given in each project – 1st – Purple, 2nd – Blue, 3rd – Red, Green.
  - A “Best of Show” winner will be selected as the overall winner from the Purple Award winners in EACH Project Cluster for project exhibits.
  - The Best of Show winner will receive a plaque, provided by the Region Office.
Refer to Form D: Guidelines for Interactive Exhibits (back of score card).

Project Portfolios

- The project portfolios will be submitted to the Western Regional Office by the deadline of April 1, 2015.
- The portfolio scores will be added to the interactive exhibit scores for the selection of the Premier Junior High 4-H member in the seven project areas (See Form A for the project clusters).
- The portfolio scores will be used as the tie breaker for determining the winning Premier Junior High 4-H member.
- Portfolios award winners will receive a plaque, provided by the Region Office.

Premier Junior High Member

- To qualify for the Premier, the contestant must enter both an interactive exhibit and a project portfolio.
- Premier Exhibitor winner may not compete in the same project.

Awards will be given after competitions in each cluster group. Best of Show – Show Down will begin immediately after each Project Cluster competition.

Please NOTE: Western Region Project Showcase does not qualify or eliminate 4-H members for Junior High Academic Conference. These are two separate events.