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4-H Presentations A Guide for 4-H Members

What is a 4-H presentation?

A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea by showing and/or telling. It can be a demonstration or a talk that uses posters and other visual aids. A 4-H Presentation helps you learn to:

- Research a subject
- Organize ideas in a logical order
- Be a teacher and practice public speaking skills

Why are public speaking skills important?

Public speaking skills are ranked number one among the skill sets of professionals. Other guiding factors for developing public speaking skills include:

- Discovering an important component of leadership development
- Increasing self-esteem, self confidence, and ability to accept feedback

Story telling is a traditional way of passing knowledge from group to group and youth enjoy participating in this activity. Young children begin by telling stories to friends, family, at school, and later as part of formal presentations.

As you participate in projects, you collect information and ideas that can be shared with others. This sharing of information is part of the process of learning. Teaching project skills in a presentation takes advanced skills and a deeper understanding of what you have learned.

Giving presentations helps develop many life skills including the ability to speak in front of a group, organizing ideas, and creating and using graphics to support the spoken word.

Speakers prepare for presentations by giving talks to project groups and community club meetings, practicing skills learned in a project, and observing other people giving presentations.

You can get ideas for presentations from many different sources. The first place to start is with your project leaders. They know what you have learned in your project and what you might enjoy presenting. Your community club leader also can be a source of ideas. Your local librarian can help you develop your subject through research. Sources for presentation ideas are project manuals, books, magazines, and brochures from various organizations.

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What is Learn - By - Doing Really About?

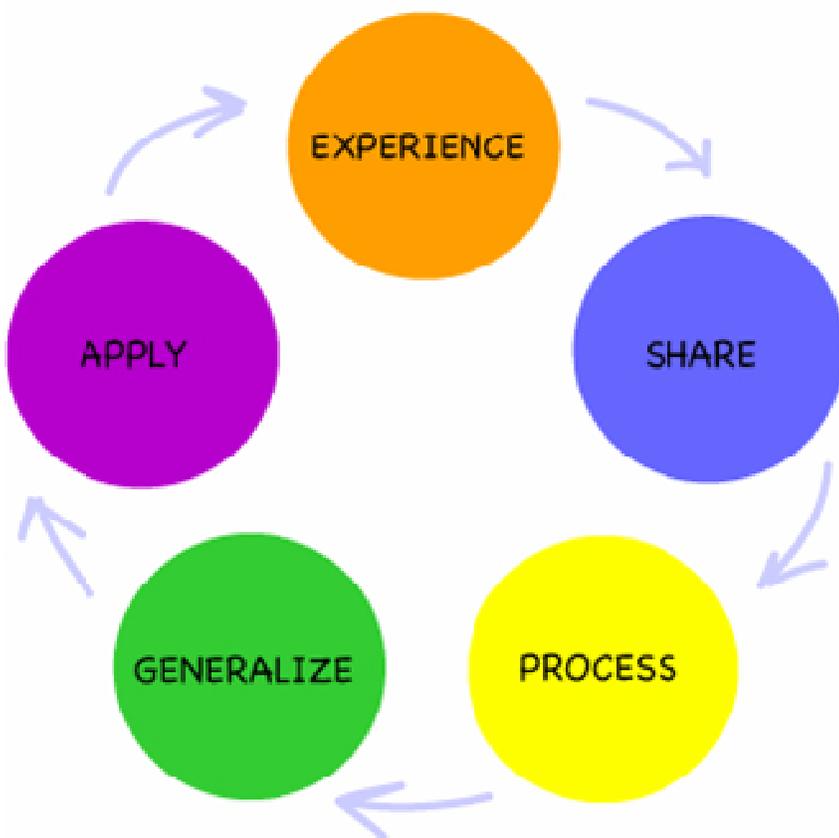
The 4-H Youth Development Program has its own language. You probably have heard the terms “learn-by-doing” or “hands-on” activities when it comes to what happens in 4-H. But what do these sayings really mean and how does it influence what members and others do in their 4-H activities and projects.

4-H is a “**non-formal**” educational program for youth and children as opposed to “formal” education that occurs in a school classroom or “in-formal” or unplanned activities that occur in the neighborhood in a group of children. **Non-formal** refers to a learning experience that while not as structured as a class in school does have a purpose and thoughtful plan. That purpose and plan are what go into the method used to promote a successful learning experience. I use the term, promote, because the teacher or leader cannot decide how much you take away from the experience only the **learner** or **member** can determine how much they get out of their educational experience. The 4-H leader’s role is to provide an environment that best promotes the opportunity to learn.

So what is the best way to promote that positive learning environment? In 4-H we promote a method called “**Experiential Learning**”. An activity that promotes Experiential Learning:

- Is direct and hands-on
- Uses open-ended questions that invite further discussions and interactions
- Allows participants to discuss the experiences they had doing the activity
- Builds in active discussion and reflection of the activity between the members.
- Provides opportunity to make connections between the activity and real-world examples.
- Applies the outcomes of the activity to other situations.

There are several models of **Experiential Learning**. The one we promote and mainly use in 4-H is the 5-step cycle.



The first step is, **Do It!** Start with a concrete experience. This can be an individual activity or a group activity, but it involves doing something with little or no help from the leader. Members could look at a set of tools and think about what they are used for. This can include role-play, giving a demonstration, problem solving or playing a game.

The second step is, **Share what happened.** The group or individual member shares their observations and reactions. Questions to be answered include: “What did you do?”, “What did you see?”, “What was the most difficult or easiest part of the experience?”. Members should be encouraged to talk freely.

The third step is, **Processing or Reflecting on what's important?** Members discuss, reflect on and look at the experience. Members should talk about how problems, ideas and issues are brought out by the experience and how they were addressed. This is a time to discuss how questions are created by the activity. You are analyzing the experience.

The fourth step is, **Generalizing so what?** This is where members identify common lessons in the experience that can be applied to the real world, not just the specific topic in the activity. They should identify key concepts or real life principles that capture the meaning.

The final step in the cycle is **Applying or what now?** Together the members and leader can talk about how the new information can be applied to everyday life now and in the future. They can apply what was learned to a similar or different situation. Practice what is learned.



Providing a hands-on learning experience alone does not create **experiential learning**. The *experience* comes first. The learning comes from the thoughts and ideas created in the *sharing, reflecting, generalizing* and *applying* of the experience.

Contact me at the 4-H Office for tips and worksheets to assist you in incorporating Experiential Learning into your 4-H project or activity.

Thank you,

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COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY: MARCH 29, 2008

Every 4-H member is encouraged to give a presentation each year. Show what you've learned and give a presentation! San Diego County 4-H has Area Presentation Day in which members participate first before they go on to participate at the County Presentation Day. This year San Diego County Presentation Day is March 29th. Check with your community club leader for registration materials for your Area and County Presentation Day.

Giving Live Animals as Gifts

Giving gifts of live animals to others can be a very problematic experience. Some things you have to consider; is, if the person who is receiving the animal is capable of caring for it properly or is the animal the best fit for that person.

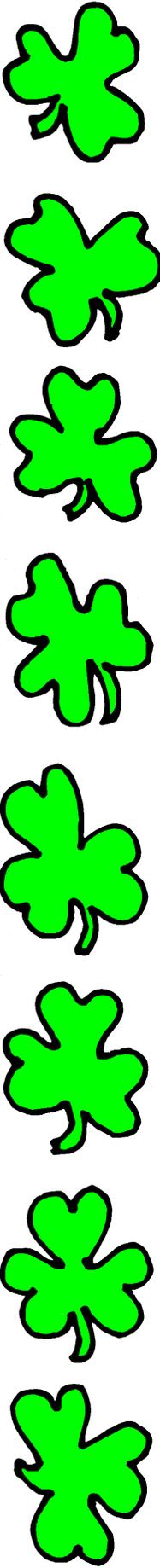
When you give an animal to someone, you are just as ethically responsible for that animals' welfare as the person who is receiving it, however, once you give an animal away or sell it, you loose the authority for its care.

Many 4-H members sell their surplus project animals to individuals. As the seller, the 4-H member is ethically responsible for ensuring that the animal is going to a safe and healthy home. That means you should investigate where the animal is going, make sure the prospective owner has the knowledge and the resources to care for the animal, the desire to learn how to care for the animal and what the person plans to do with the animal. As the seller you may need to offer follow-up instruction to the new owner. Contact the 4-H Office for tips on how to ethically and responsibly sell an animal to a potential buyer.

URGENT REMINDER

Online Survey for 4-H Youth Will Help Improve Bio-Security Measures

Please Participate in this Important Research



This is a reminder about an important bio-security initiative that the State 4-H Office and several county programs have been working on for the past couple of years. In collaboration with Veterinary Medicine Extension on the UC-Davis campus, we have been involved in a variety of innovative projects addressing the issue of bio-security as it relates to 4-H Animal Science projects in California. Our goal through these efforts is to strengthen our Animal Science Program through the adoption and implementation of timely and relevant materials and strategies.

One aspect of bio-security that is extremely important is predicting the spread of disease through computer modeling. To do this accurately, researchers must develop a program that can calculate where, when, and how a disease might spread using data on typical patterns of animal movement. Although such models exist for industry, there is much to learn about the potential of disease spread in the event of an unforeseen outbreak among animals from backyard flocks or herds.

Because California 4-H has a robust Animal Science Program that we want to protect from disease, we have worked with Veterinary Medicine Extension to design a survey for youth who raise market animals. Data from this survey will help provide researchers with the information necessary to help develop a new disease spread model that can serve as a bio-security tool. This survey is completely voluntary, but we are asking 4-H youth in California who raise market animals to go to the California 4-H homepage (<http://www.ca4h.org/>) where they'll find a link entitled Take the 4-H Animal Bio-Security Survey!, or they can go directly to <http://ca4h.org/wrp/survey/>. Once they're there, have the youth read the information provided and consider completing the survey to help with this important research. The results from this survey will strengthen 4-H Animal Science in California through enhanced bio-security measures that will help ensure the health and safety of 4-H youth and their project animals for years to come.

Become a **2008-2009 4-H State Ambassador!** Youth (ages 16-19) and adult advisors are now being sought to provide statewide leadership. Ambassadors act as 4-H representatives, conduct team projects, and plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference. Applications are due **March 31**, 2008 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/index.asp>

The State 4-H Office is recruiting county 4-H staff, volunteers and members to serve on our **State-wide 4-H Advisory Committees**. Available committees include the Program, Policy, Incentives and Recognition, Citizenship/Service Learning, International Exchange, Camping, Animal Science Education, and Equine Education Advisory Committees. Applications are due postmarked **May 31**, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/council/advisory.asp>

Scholarship Opportunities

In 2008, **The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program** will award a total of thirty-two scholarships - five at \$1,500.00 each, six at \$1,000.00 each, one at \$750.00, fourteen at \$500.00 each, and five at \$250 each. The outstanding candidate receives an additional \$5,000 from the Ironstone Concours Foundation. Application packets must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN MARCH 21, 2008**. Additional information is available at <http://bigfun.org/fair/pdfs/competitions/scholarship>

Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships are now being accepted! Graduating high school seniors and 4-H alumni attending a college or university may apply for a scholarship. Applications are due postmarked by **April 30, 2008**. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/index.asp>.

The **Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program** recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6-18) who help make their communities a better place. Store-level winners will receive a \$50 Kohl's Gift Card and the 190 regional winners will be awarded \$1,000 scholarship toward their post-secondary education. Ten national winners will receive \$5,000 scholarship and a donation of \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on their behalf. Nominate a deserving youth at: www.kohlskidswhocare.com

2008 San Diego County Fair **Junior Livestock Scholarship**, application deadline, March 10, 2008. Interviews will be April 30, 2008. Contact your Community Club Leader or Terri at the 4-H County office, (858-694-2853) for an application. Applicant must be an exhibitor of a market animal at the 2008 San Diego County Del Mar Fair.

BARBEQUE & FUNDRAISER AUCTION

The Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair is hosting a Barbeque and Fundraiser, Sunday, March 16, 2008 11:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. Tickets are \$7.00 each. El Capitan High School Lakeside Rodeo Grounds Hwy 67 & Maplevue
For more information, call El Capitan H.S. Agriculture Dept at 619-938-9288



The **California 4-H Camping** Task Force conference, *Ready to Deliver*, will be held April 18-20, 2008 at the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School, Fish Camp. This year's conference emphasizes camp staff development and how to create quality training for teen staff. It also provides networking opportunities for professionals, volunteers and youth who make camp programs happen. Program highlights include: how to manage behavior and create engaging programming, designing camp web pages, fresh program ideas, and certifications for archery, community first aid, and food safety. A copy of the newly developed 4-H Camp Staff Training Manual will be distributed. The \$120/person fee covers all meals, lodging and material expenses. Counties are encouraged to assemble a team of adult volunteers, youth and 4-H staff to attend. Applications are due **April 4**.

Shooting Sports Volunteer Leader Course

Archery Discipline
890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, CA 95482

Saturday May 3, 2008 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4, 2008 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of Archery. They will be certified as volunteer leaders and eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties. There is a \$20 fee for the course and you must register by April 25th. To get more information or register for the class contact Linda Edgington at lgedgington@ucdavis.edu or call 707-463-4495.

Get the Newsletter ONLINE!

San Diego County 4-H would like to encourage all of our members and leaders to sign up to receive your Memos Newsletter electronically . With funding budget cuts on the horizon we at the County Office are anticipating losing our funding for printing and mailing. The newsletter will still be produced since we consider it a valuable tool to communicate to our 4-H families here in San Diego County.

To sign up electronically to receive the newsletters go to:

<http://cesandiego.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter545.htm>

Near the top of the page there will be a box to enter your email address. Enter the email address where you would like to receive the newsletter and click, submit. It's that easy.

Folks who do sign up will receive the newsletter as soon as one is posted on the site plus receive special announcements and forms for all sorts of 4-H events.

By signing up to receive the 4-H Memos newsletter you will be able to stay current with all the exciting events that happen monthly all over the county. If you have any articles for the newsletter or have announcements that should be included in the newsletter, please get it to the county office before the 10th of month so that we can get it in the following month's newsletter. For example if you want something in April's newsletter then we would need it in the office by the 10th of March.

The Citizenship Service-Learning Advisory Council has issued a **Citizenship Challenge** to all 4-H clubs in California. Take up the challenge and carryout a service-learning project as part of your club's year plan. Then let us know what you've done, so we can share your work on the web site. More information is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/4-Hcitizenshipchallengeweb.doc>

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→ DATES TO REMEMBER CO. OFC GATE CODE: 6952#

Date	Event	Location & Time	Contact	Phone #
Mar 1	Leaders Appreciation Brunch	Bonsall Community Center	Holly Rogers	760-728-4235
Mar 3	Executive County Council	County Office-7:00p.m.	Drew Middleton	858-756-2004
Mar 3	SDCF Dinner Meeting	SDCF Grounds	Debbie McAdams	858-792-4283
Mar 6-9	WRLF	Boise Idaho	Paulette Sauln	619-464-4394
Mar 8	Area 5-6-7 Judging Day	Eastern County Fair	Margaret Drown	760-765-3381
Mar 8	Gymkhana/Horse Mastership	Camp Pendleton 9:00-5:00	Carmen Rodriguez	760-966-0307
Mar 10	All Star Meeting	County Office-6:00p.m.	Kevin Fletcher	619-669-1057
Mar 10	Teen Council Meeting	County Office-7:00p.m.	Cathy Mitchell	
Mar 10	All Star Interviews	County Office	Kevin Fletcher	619-669-1057
Mar 15	Art & Design Day	Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club	Debi Parker	760-744-7763
			Cindy Breed	858-484-5955
Mar 17	Candy \$\$ and paperwork due		Robey Cobb	760-749-0294
Mar 22	Area 1 Presentation Day	Bonsall Community Center	Jean Combs	760-728-7877
Mar 22	Area 5-6-7 Presentation Day	County Office	Charla Cranor	619-445-4249
Mar 29	County Presentation Day	TBA	Cheryl Albee	760-765-2673

April 5	Dog Learning Day & Show	TBA	Bonnie Trigg	760-630-1523
April 7	Executive County Council	County Office- 7:00 p.m.	Drew Middleton	858-756-2004
Apr 11-13	South Sections Leaders Trng	Riverside	Paulette Sauln	619-464-4394
April 12	South Sections Leaders Co	Mt. Sac	Paulette Sauln	619-464-4394
April 14	All Star Meeting	County Office- 6:00 p.m.	Kevin Fletcher	619-669-1057
April 14	Teen Council Meeting	County Office- 7:00 p.m.	Cathy Mitchell	
Apr 17-19	"You See Davis Days"	UC Davis	Vanessa Renwick	559-977-0108
Apr 19-20	Horse Advisory Horse Show	Camp Pendleton	Carmen Rodriguez	760-966-0307
April 26	Teen Council Fun Event	TBA	Cathy Mitchell	
April 26	Bonsall Dog Show	Alamosa Park-Oceanside	Bonnie Trigg	760-630-1523

May 3	Show Adv Show Flat Classes	Tumbleweed Arena	Carmen Rodriguez	760-966-0307
May 5	County Council "Ethics"	County Office- 7:00 p.m.	Drew Middleton	858-756-2004
May 11-17	Eastern County Fair	Lakeside Fair Grounds		
May 12	Teen Council Meeting	County Office- 7:00 p.m.	Cathy Mitchell	
May 12	All Star Meeting	County Office- 6:00 p.m.	Kevin Fletcher	619-669-1057
May 12	Sectional Presentation Day	Mt. SAC	Gail Raser	760-743-2950
May 26	State Presentation Day	UC Davis		
May 31	Escondido Dog Show	TBA	Pam Dawson	760-480-9521

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<http://jamul4h.org/CountyCal/month.php>



