



Green County 4-H Communications Contest

Sunday, February 22, 2026
Green County Justice Center (2841 6th St, Monroe)
Check-in Begins at **12:45 PM**



DIVISIONS WILL PROMPTLY START AT **1:00 PM**

Registration deadline for this event is Tuesday, February 17.

Presenting or speaking before a group or audience is an important life skill to develop. The goal of the Green County 4-H Communications Contest is to give 4-H youth an opportunity to develop and polish these skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. 4-H participants will be evaluated and provided constructive feedback on their presentation, each receiving a certificate of participation and a participation ribbon (gr. K-2) or ribbon placing (gr. 3-13).

This year's Communication Contest will have two divisions. Youth are eligible to submit one entry in each division.

• **SPEAKING DIVISION**

• **DEMONSTRATION DIVISION**

SPEAKING DIVISION:

Participants in the SPEAKING DIVISION will be categorized by Grade Level, each with a grade appropriate time limit.

Grade Levels: **Cloverbud** (Grades K-2): 1-3 minutes

Beginner (Grades 3-5): 2-4 minutes

Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 3-5 minutes

Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 4-7 minutes

SPEAKING DIVISION participants (K-13) will have the choice of presenting prose, poetry or a traditional speech.

- **Prose/Poetry** – Options include: prose reading, poetry reading, a memorized piece, or storytelling, or an interpretive speech (a speech originally written and presented by someone else). You may edit your selection to meet the time requirement. Original poetry or stories can be used. Reciting the 4-H Pledge can be a great speech option for Cloverbuds. Presentations will be critiqued on use of introduction, voice, expression and appropriateness of material. If reading the selection, text should be mounted on construction paper instead of reading from a book. You should prepare and memorize an introduction that includes credit to the author(s) and any transitions that are needed if you have more than one piece. Props or costumes are not permitted.
- **Traditional Speech** – Pick a topic of your choice and write an original, factual speech about it. This could be about a 4-H project you love or a current issue you are concerned about. Your speech could inform, persuade, or motivate your audience. You may use note cards during your presentation. You may also use visuals (posters, diagrams, power point) to help you deliver your speech, but NOT props or costumes. (Note, this is a speech, not a demonstration.)

DEMONSTRATION DIVISION:

Participants in the DEMONSTRATION DIVISION will be categorized by Grade Level, with a grade appropriate time limit.

Grade Levels: **Cloverbud** (Grades K-2): 2-4 minutes

Beginner (Grades 3-5): 3-6 minutes

Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 5-10 minutes

Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 5-10 minutes

In this division, 4-H youth members demonstrate how to do something. A topic is chosen, often from a 4-H project. Props and visual aids are required; may include a homemade posters and/or computer presentation. A successful demonstration will show the audience and judges several steps in a process, such as preparing a cooked dish, grooming an animal, etc. Demonstrations are followed by a question and answer period with the judge and audience.

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There are 2 ways to register for the 4-H Communications Contest:

- Online using the following link: <https://go.wisc.edu/hnh7a4>
- Contact the Extension Office (608-328-9440 or swileman@wisc.edu) and provide the following: Child's name, 4-H Club, Grade Division (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 or 9-13) and Contest Selection(s) (Prose/Poetry, Traditional Speech or Demonstration).

