

Guide to 4-H Demonstrations

What is a Demonstration?

A demonstration is a method of teaching. You show how while you tell why.

What is the purpose of demonstrations?

- Demonstrations help you gain self-confidence
- Help you develop abilities
- Demonstrations allow you to teach others something you know about
- Help you gain speaking and communication skills in front of others.

How do you prepare for a demonstration?

1. Pick a simple topic you know something about that can be done easily and has plenty of action.
2. Gather correct and complete information
3. Plan your demonstration by making an outline
 - Use an action title
 - Tell *what* you are going to do
 - Tell *why* you are going to do it
 - Show *how* you do it
 - Tell *how* and *why* you did it

How do I present my demonstration?

1. Introduce yourself (your name, your subject, why you chose it and what it may do to benefit the audience)
2. Demonstrate your topic by showing how and telling why
 - a. Use your own words – don't memorize a speech
 - b. Use complete sentences and be sure to describe all the actions fully
 - c. Make sure to do the steps in order
 - d. Inform the audience if you got your information from somewhere (books, internet, etc)
 - e. Have your equipment prepared (you do not have to have props, sometimes it is good to use your imagination)
 - i. For example, if you were giving your demonstration on how to wash a sheep, you would not want to have the sheep or actual water there.
3. Conclusion
 - a. Repeat the main points you want the audience to remember
 - b. Repeat your subject
 - c. Is there a finishing product to display (if any)?
 - d. Pass out any hand outs you may have
4. Finally, ask "*Are there any questions?*"