

2023 Guidelines for Project Showcase

April 22, 2023
Portfolios due April 3, 2023
Registration 9:00 am
Contest 9:30 am

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

- Project demonstrations for 4th & 5th graders ONLY as of January 1, 2023.
- Interactive exhibits for 6th, 7th & 8th graders as of January 1, 2023.
- Project portfolios for 6th, 7th & 8th graders as of January 1, 2023.

Project Demonstrations

- Demonstrations will be given by juniors in grades 4th and 5th ONLY.
- Demonstration should be **2 to 5 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. Room chairs should have a designated timer.
- Counties may have more than one 4-H member give a demonstration in the same project.
- Refer to the “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.
- **PowerPoint or similar software programs can be used to replace posters, but cannot serve as a recorded demonstration. 4-H members are required to bring their own laptop with HDMI port.**
- Judging panel for project demonstrations will consist of (2) agents and/or volunteers per project cluster
- Awards should be presented using the following procedure:
 - Judges will rank the demonstrations by individual projects.
 - Medallions will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners in each project.
 - Following the selection of the individual project winners, the judges will review their scores to select the overall Project Cluster winner.
 - First place winners in the seven (7) project clusters receive an appropriate award.

Interactive Exhibits

- Interactive exhibits should consist of a tri-fold exhibit/science board and any other props/materials need to represent project work. Contestant will have one half of a eight (8) foot table as their exhibit space. Area from the table top to the floor can be used.
- Interactive exhibit 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.
- Interactive exhibit total time **2-7 minutes**: 4-H member will be expected to explain their exhibit in **2-3 minutes**. The judges will have 2-3 minutes to ask questions.
- 4-H member may enter only **ONE** exhibit. Members will be responsible for all technical equipment needs.
- 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 INTERACTIVE 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, will 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 contestants give one-at-a-time explanations of their exhibit and answer questions from the judging panel. Following explanations, the judging panel scores the exhibits without the contestant present.
- Awards should be presented using the following procedure:
 - Judges will rank the Interactive Exhibits by individual projects.
 - Medallions will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners in each project.
 - Following the selection of the individual project winners, the judges will review their scores to select the overall Project Cluster winner.
 - First place winners in the seven (7) project clusters will receive an appropriate award.

Refer to **Form B** Interactive Exhibits score card

Project Portfolios

- The project portfolios will be submitted on-line by the deadline of April 3, 2023.
- Participant should include the link to access E-portfolio online registration.
- 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 an appropriate award.

Premier Junior High Member

- Premier Exhibitor will be selected from each project cluster, if they qualify.
- To qualify for the Premier Exhibitor - the 4-H Member must enter both an interactive exhibit and a project portfolio.
- Premier Exhibitor winner from previous year (2022) must compete in a different project the next year (2023). They cannot compete in same project two consecutive years.

Awards will be given at the end of the 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.*