

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY 4-H
VISUAL PRESENTATION & COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM**

**Friday March 2, 2012
Barnstable W. Barnstable Elementary School
Route 6A in West Barnstable**



INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORM

- * 5:30- 6:15 Pizza & salad for dinner
- * 6:15- 6:30 4-H presenters proceed to their rooms
- * 6:30 Visual Presentations start promptly

Dear Parents, 4-H Volunteers and 4-H Members:

We are pleased to bring you the latest updated information on the Massachusetts 4-H Visual Presentation/Communication Program. Please read the enclosed packet carefully, as there are new categories and information about these exciting new opportunities. I hope those of you who are new to 4-H will participate in one of these communications categories. For those of you who are experienced at doing VP's, maybe you'll try something different, such as:

Extemporaneous; or, if you are a senior 4-H participant age 14 and over, you'll consider doing *Public Speaking*. You can call to borrow a DVD, or if there is enough need, we can arrange to have a 4-H'er attend one of your club meetings to do training—*So, please just ask!*

Just so you know....

- ◆ This is a valuable program for our 4-H'ers since the # 1 fear in adults is public speaking!
- ◆ 4-H Visual Presentation is a fun and inclusive way for children to share their interest with others by using visual aids and demonstrating something.
- ◆ Cloverbuds, children ages 5-7 years old, are welcome to participate.
- ◆ Juniors ages 8-13 and Seniors ages 14-18 can participate individually or as a team.
- ◆ County rosette winners will have a chance to compete at the State competition.

Please complete the registration and return no later than February 27, 2012. Also, let us know on the form if you will be joining us for dinner or if you would be available to help us out that evening.

I hope to see you there!

Call 508-375-6696 or email jvollmer@barnstablecounty.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Judith M. Vollmer
4-H Extension Educator

P.S. Judges needed as well, let me know if you can help!





CLASS LIST FOR 2012 COUNTY & STATE 4-H VISUAL PRESENTATION PROGRAM



- 4-H Visual Presentations will be separated into three age divisions (age determined on Jan. 1):
Cloverbud (ages 5-7), Junior (ages 8-13), and Senior (ages 14-18)
- Only Juniors and Seniors compete at State Visual Presentation Day
- Pre-registration required for county competition; only those selected at county competition may attend state competition
- PowerPoint classes are for SENIORS ONLY; PowerPoint presentations in PowerPoint classes only
- CHOOSE ONE CLASS ONLY
- In light of MA school policies no weapons (or items that can be construed as weapons) may be used, including, but not limited to, knives, swords, syringes, etc.
- **NO LIVE ANIMALS**

COMMUNICATION PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Visual Presentation Classes:

Time is 3-10 minutes for Jr., 7-10 for Sr.

CLOVERBUD

CB1) Cloverbud VP's (county level only)

JUNIOR AND SENIOR

- VP1) Food & Culinary Topics
- VP2) International Foods
- VP3) Health/Nutrition/Personal Care
- VP4) Clothing & Textiles
- VP5) Child Development
- VP6) Consumer Education
- VP7) Natural Resources/Environment
- VP8) Marine/Aquatic Life
- VP9) Wildlife
- VP10) Recycling/Conservation/Energy
- VP11) Plant Science/Gardening/Entomology
- VP12) Dairy/Beef/Working Steers
- VP13) Sheep/Swine
- VP14) Goats
- VP15) Rabbits/Cavies
- VP16) Poultry/Embryology/Birds
- VP17) Dog Training
- VP18) Dog Care
- VP19) Canine Sciences/Genetics
- VP20) Dog Breeds/History
- VP21) Misc. Animals/Pets
- VP22) Pet Care
- VP23) Horse Care & Management
- VP24) Horse Training
- VP25) Horse Showing
- VP26) Horse Breeds & History
- VP27) Horse Breeding & Uses
- VP28) Miscellaneous Horse Topics
- VP29) Horse Related Team; SENIORS ONLY
(for VP29 only time is 10-15 minutes and PowerPoint is allowed)

- VP30) Veterinary Science
- VP31) Mechanical Science & Engineering
- VP32) Computers/Technology
- VP33) Aerospace/Rocketry/Astronomy
- VP34) General Science
- VP35) Career Exploration
- VP36) Social Issues/Ethics
- VP37) Leadership/Citizenship/Community
Service
- VP38) History
- VP39) Famous People
- VP40) Hobbies/Collections/Games
- VP41) Travel/Culture
- VP42) Team Sports
- VP43) Individual Sports/Recreation/Fitness
- VP44) Safety
- VP45) Performing Arts/Entertainment
- VP46) Visual Arts/Fine Arts/Photography
- VP47) Crafts
- VP48) Literature & Written/Verbal
Communication

Note: PowerPoint classes are open to seniors only and you must provide your own laptop

- VP49) PowerPoint: horse
- VP50) PowerPoint: other animal science
- VP51) PowerPoint: any other subject

Extemporaneous Speaking: Seniors
only: Time is 3-6 minutes

ES1) Extemporaneous speaking

Public Speaking Classes: Seniors only:

Time is 5-10 minutes

- PS1) Horse Related Subject
- PS2) Factual/Informational
- PS3) Persuasive/Editorial
- PS4) Motivational/Inspirational

EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN JUDGING



1. PARTICIPANTS:

- **Appearance**—Neat, well groomed and appropriately dressed (current fashion acceptable).
- **Voice**—Clear, natural and strong enough to be heard in all parts of the room.
- **Manner**—Calm, cheerful, confident, and enthusiastic.

2. PRESENTATION:

- **Introduction of Topic**—Creates interest in topic, short, complete; attempts to sell an idea; participant **may or may not** give a self introduction.
- **Equipment**—Well selected and arranged for efficient use.
- **Grammar and Vocabulary**—Words well chosen; clear meanings; correct grammar.
- **Content and Organization**—Major points clearly planned and in logical order. Easy for the audience to follow. Each point supported with information. Basic information limited to subject. Sentences short and easy to understand.
- **Time**—Junior presentation should be at least 3 minutes and senior presentation at least 7 minutes, but both are to be no longer than 10 minutes in length. An informal time signal will be given at 9 minutes and 30 seconds. A signal will be given at 10 minutes, and at which point a judging time penalty will begin. At 10 minutes and 30 seconds, the presentation will be penalized one ribbon placing at this time. Under time presentations will be scored under “time” on the evaluation sheet with appropriate comments. Danish Placing should not be dropped if subject was adequately covered and was appropriate for the age and experience of the presenter.
- **Workmanship**—Skillful and neat—Able to cope with the unexpected.
- **Visibility**—Steps are easily seen by audience in all parts of the room.
- **Illustrative Material**—Posters, charts, etc., effectively used and neatly prepared; legible in all parts of the room.
- **Summary**—A summary of some type is essential and required. It should be complete but short. A concise review of major points covered. A summary poster may or may not be used. No new material may be presented in the summary.
- **Result**—If products are featured, quality of completed article may be considered.

3. SUBJECT MATTER:

- **Selection**—Subject is well suited to visual presentation and the participant’s ability.
- **Information**—Accurate up-to-date and complete.
- **Questions**—Only judges will be allowed to ask questions. Questions should be repeated or re-phrased before answering. Replies should be accurate and complete or admit lack of knowledge and refer to resources.

4. TEAM PRESENTATION: A Team consists of two members only.

- **Suitability**—Subject appropriate for team presentation.
- **Balance**—Each participant had equally important part.
- **Smoothness**—Presentation smooth and well organized.



4-H VISUAL PRESENTATION - 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 27, 2012

Complete the ENTIRE FORM – ONE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

Additional forms can be printed from our website: capecodextension.org/4-H Youth Development

**Return to: Barnstable County 4-H, PO Box 367, Barnstable, MA 02630 by fax: (508) 362-4518 or
email complete information to: cstpierre@barnstablecounty.org**

Name:		Age as of January 1, 2012:	
Street:	Town:	Zip:	
Phone Number:	Email:		
Club/School:	Leader:		
Cloverbud:	Junior:	Senior:	Team:
TITLE:		CLASS NUMBER:	
Years Giving VP's (including this year):		Years as 4-H Member:	

_____ How Many Participants, Family and Friends will attend the Pre-VP Dinner?
_____ Are you Interested & Willing to be a Judge? ***Must attend a Training at 5:00 p.m. on VP Night***
_____ Are you Interested & Willing to be a Helper (Room Host/Hostess, Set-up/Clean-up Crew)?

Name(s) _____

4-H Club/Program _____

Phone _____ Email _____