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. 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. If you are a senior 4-H participant age 14 and over, why not consider Public Speaking. You can always call to borrow a DVD. If there is enough need we can also 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.
- Only Junior and Seniors compete at the State Visual Presentation level.
- 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!

Please complete the registration and return no later than March 2, 2020. 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. Judges and helpers are always needed.

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
**2020 VISUAL PRESENTATION CATEGORIES**

**VISUAL PRESENTATION CATEGORIES: All Ages**

**Cloverbud**
- **CB1 Cloverbud VP (county level only)**
- **Time limits:**
  - Cloverbud (ages 5-7) – 1 to 4 minutes
  - Junior (ages 8-13) – 3 to 10 minutes
  - Senior (ages 14-18) – 7 to 10 minutes

**Junior and Senior**
- **VP26 Horse Breeds/History**
- **VP27 Horse Breeding and Uses**
- **VP28 HORSE RELATED TEAM; SENIORS ONLY**
- **Time for this category only is 10-15 minutes; PP allowed**
- **VP29 Veterinary Science**
- **VP30 Mechanical Science & Engineering**
- **VP31 Computers/Robotics/Technology**
- **VP32 Aerospace/Rocketry/Astronomy**
- **VP33 General Science/Science Project**
- **VP34 STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)**
- **VP35 Entrepreneurship/Inventions**
- **VP36 Career Exploration**
- **VP37 Social Issues/Ethics**
- **VP38 Leadership/Citizenship/Community Service**
- **VP39 History**
- **VP40 Famous People**
- **VP41 Hobbies/Collections/Games**
- **VP42 Travel/Culture**
- **VP43 Team Sports**
- **VP44 Individual Sports/Recreation/Fitness**
- **VP45 Safety**
- **VP46 Performing Arts/Entertainment**
- **VP47 Visual Arts/Fine Arts/Photography**
- **VP48 Crafts**
- **VP49 Literature & Written/Verbal Communication**
- **VP50 Mythology/Folklore**

**PROJECT CATEGORIES: Seniors Only (14-18)**

**IMPORTANT!!! You must provide all your own equipment including the projector**

**Time limit for Projection is 7 to 10 minutes**

**PC1 Projection – Horse Topics**
- **PC3 Projection – Any Other Subject**

**PC2 Projection – All Other Animal Topics**

**EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CATEGORY: Seniors Only (14-18)**

**Time limit for Extemporaneous is 3 to 6 minutes**

**ES1 Extemporaneous Speaking**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING CATEGORIES: Seniors Only (14-18)**

**Time limit for Public Speaking is 5 to 10 minutes**

**PS1 Horse Related Subject**
- **PS3 Persuasive/Editorial**

**PS2 Factual/Informational**
- **PS4 Motivational/Inspirational**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Each participant may enter one category only.
- 4-H Visual Presentation categories are divided into three age divisions (age determined Jan. 1):
  - Cloverbuds, ages 5-7
  - Juniors, ages 8-13
  - Seniors, ages 14-18
- Crop candidates may enter at the county level; they may not participate at the state level.
- Pre-registration is required for county competition; only those selected at the county competition may compete at the State Visual Presentation Day. Youth selected for state competition will be notified by their 4-H Educator and the 4-H Educator will register them for State Visual Presentation Day.
- Only seniors may compete in Projection Categories, PC1, PC2, and PC3. A presentation that uses PowerPoint, Prezi, or any other method of electronic projection must be entered in one of these categories. Important: Member must provide all equipment he/she needs including the projector.
- Internet is not available in the room.
- Weapons, live animals, lighters/matches/fire are not allowed. When in doubt, ask your Educator.
- Audience participation (including parents) and/or coaching from the audience is prohibited.
- Use of any projection or video clips (on laptop or any other device) in a VP category is prohibited.

Important reminder: tri fold boards are not allowed. They are not appropriate for presentations in a large room where people need to read the posters from a distance; this format is different from a science fair. Use standard size poster board (22" x 28") and make lettering and graphics large enough to read/seen from 10-20 feet. Foam core is the best type to use; you may use both sides of the boards. We recommend 4-8 posters, depending on the length of presentation. The posters are for presentation highlights only and the entire presentation should not be on the posters.

**HELPFUL INFORMATION:**

- A table and easel are provided – bring all other items that you need. You should provide a table cover if you will be using the table.
- Notecards are allowed but participants should not be reading their presentations.

**JUDGING AND JUDGES:**

Junior and senior 4-H members are judged using the Danish system; this means each presentation is judged on its own merit using a specific set of criteria. Each is awarded a blue (excellent), red (very good) or white (good) award. Cloverbuds are not judged competitively and each presenter receives a Cloverbud ribbon. All presenters receive feedback from the judges. This feedback is intended to assist the member improve future presentations.

At State Visual Presentation Day, the presentations awarded a blue Danish are considered for a rosette; blue (1st) and red (2nd) rosettes may be presented in every category. Danish ribbons are presented in the classroom. Rosettes are announced and presented at the end of the awards program held in the auditorium.

Judges are provided with criteria and judging sheets, and are trained and oriented for this activity. We must all understand that there is still some personal judgment involved in the judging process as each person sees things in a unique way.