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## 4-H New Member Newsletter

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*Dear Clover: My 4-H leader told me I have to do a presentation for my club. Why? What do I do it on? How do I get started?*

As a 4-H'er you are to work towards improving your communication skills, one way to accomplish this is by giving a presentation to your peers.

Choose a topic that is of interest to you and that you know about. You want to be comfortable and confident when you giving your presentation. Your presentation can be a demonstration or an informative talk. A presentation is basically sharing information. To select your topic think of your projects or hobbies. A few examples: taking pictures, caring for your dog, making cookies, setting the table, grooming your calf, putting the saddle on your horse. Those are just very few ideas, be creative in your own topics. The topics are unlimited.

Your first presentation will usually be under five minutes. There are three parts to a presentation: Introduction, body and conclusion. In the introduction you tell your audience what you are going to talk about. In the body you give details and in the conclusions you repeat your main points & ask for questions. You should also share where you got your information.

Practice, practice, practice. The more you practice the more comfortable you will be. Talk slow, clear and loud enough for everyone to hear. Make posters to highlight your points. Stand up straight & don't talk with your hands. Have fun and relax!

If you have an questions you'd like to see on Dear Clover, e-mail Kpeiffer@iastate.edu and she will e-mail it on to Clover.

**Presentations:** Give a presentation on the county level the week before the fair & have an opportunity to present at the Iowa State Fair.

**Posters:** Communicate visually rather than orally.

### Communication Opportunities & the Fair

**Working Exhibits:** describe, demonstrate or teach peers & community members during the county fair & have the opportunity to advance to the Iowa State Fair.

**Share-the-Fun:** Show your talents off at the County Fair & possibly advance to the Iowa State Fair.

#### How are you doing?

How have your first four months been? By now you should be:

- getting to know your leader(s) and club members
- becoming familiar with how meetings are run
- thinking of your projects & goals for the county fair
- participating in fun activities within your club and possibly the county
- seeing/giving presentations
- having fun.

If you have any questions or concerns be sure to contact the Extension Office, 319-653-4811.

#### 4-H Pledge

I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking, my **heart** to greater loyalty, my **hands** to a larger service, my **health** for a better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

