



# Parent's Guide to Helping Your Cloverbud do a 4-H Presentation

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## What is a 4-H presentation?

A 4-H presentation is a fun way for your child to develop public speaking skills by sharing their knowledge of a topic with others. Young 4-Hers usually do demonstrations, which show how to do something. Presentations involve posters and maybe a few demonstration items.

## What topics can be used?

The sky is the limit for topics! Encourage your child to be creative. Perhaps he or she could talk about his/her favorite hobby. Or maybe they are an expert crafter. Show how to make their favorite snack. Topics should be fairly simple, but one that the child feels comfortable discussing.

## How long should the presentation be?

It is suggested that cloverbud presentations last 2-4 minutes, but we really just want to encourage them to stand before a group and develop basic skills that they will use for the rest of their life.

## What should the posters look like?

There are no specific requirements for posters. However, the following graphics may give you an idea of what to do.

<p><b>How to Make a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich</b></p> <p>By: Johnny Smith Age 6</p> <p>Orange County 4-H Club</p>	<p><b>Materials Needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-2 pieces of bread</li><li>-peanut butter &amp; jelly</li><li>-knife &amp; plate/napkin</li></ul> <p><b>Steps:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use the knife to spread peanut butter on one slice of bread.</li><li>2. Spread jelly on the other slice.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Place the two pieces together to make a sandwich.</li><li>4. Enjoy!</li></ol> <p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are fun, easy to make and good for you! I hope you have fun making your own PB&amp;J!</p>
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**Title poster                      Materials & Steps                      Steps (cont.) & Summary**

## Hints for Success

- ❑ Remember that the purpose of the presentation is youth development. Serve as a *guide* to the project, but allow your child to take the lead, plan what he or she will say, etc.
- ❑ Posters should be light colored with dark letters for ease of reading. Encourage the 4-Her to design the poster, either by writing the words, tracing your lettering, or drawing a picture that complements his or her topic.
- ❑ Practice at home, so your child feels comfortable when giving the presentation for the club.
- ❑ Support, encourage, and praise your young speaker. Have a great time!