UConn 4-H Public Speaking: Things to know for New London County

Dates:
Practice sessions (informal judging feedback)
Feb. 12, 6:30 open to all
Feb. 14, 4:00 open to all
Feb. 19, 6:30 open to all

New London County Qualifying Contests Level 1
Sunday, Feb. 21 3:00 Novice (ages 7-8) Speech and Visual Presentations
Monday, Feb. 22 7:00 Senior (ages 13-19) Speech
Tuesday, Feb. 23 7:00 Senior (ages 13-19) Visual Presentations
Saturday, Feb. 27 9:00 Junior (ages 9-12) Visual Presentations
Saturday, Feb. 27 12:00 Junior (ages 9-12) Speeches

Changes especially significant to New London County:
- Separation of a 3rd category- Novice (7-8 year olds)
- One County Qualifying (Level 1) contest open to all 4-H'ers. The local/club level contests are eliminated.
- The County Qualifying (Level 1) contest will be judged Danish system, every contest using the same rubric, and Danish ribbons awarded (Blue, Red, and White).
- The local/club contests are replaced by informal practice sessions. These are for 4-H'ers to practice before the county competition if they wish, and an opportunity for 4-H'ers who would like to try out their public speaking skills without having to enter into the county-wide competition. In these sessions, 4-H'ers will be able to be an audience for each other, and there will be adults to serve as informal judges, providing feedback and encouragement. (Also on Zoom in 2021.)
- All 4-H'ers who participate in a practice session will receive an NLC Public Speaking participation ribbon.
- Explorers may participate in a practice session, and there will be a UConn 4-H Explorers Public Speaking Experience Program, details coming soon.
- Remember, you are NOT competing against each other. You are competing against the scoring rubric. If you haven't entered the Public Speaking contest before, this year will be your baseline. If you have participated in the past, your goal is to get a higher score.

The NLC 4-H Public Speaking Registration 2021 Form is open now, and you must register by February 5th. I can’t do the contest scheduling without knowing how many 4-H'ers will be participating in each category.

Call/text me at 860-373-0357 or email pamela.gray@uconn.edu if you have any questions or need clarification on anything.😊