

## PUBLIC PRESENTATION TIPS FOR PARENTS

You, as a 4-H parent, are a key person in making your child's 4-H membership a successful and rewarding experience. One of the times in 4-H when your child needs extra help is when Public Presentations draw near. This month, we'd like to list a few suggestions for you:

1. Suggest topics: allow your child to choose a topic, but if he/she is having trouble, offer some suggestions of things you know he/she has interest in.
2. Be interested in helping your 4-H'er learn, and show it.
3. Give generously of your support and encouragement which will help build confidence and excitement in your 4-H'er.
4. Be patient and offer to be an audience. A great deal of practice is needed before a member is prepared and confident for this big day. This may mean eating fruit salad for three weeks or listening a dozen times to an illustrated talk on electrical wiring. You can help by listening carefully and offering constructive criticism and encouragement.
5. Attend Public Presentation Day. Come with your child. Stay and watch others demonstrate. Your smiling face in the audience will have a calming effect on your 4-H'er.
6. Help him/her learn from the experience that it is meaningful. Together, review the evaluation sheet. Praise the things that were done well in the presentation and help him/her to understand how to improve aspects that need improvement.

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