Interactive Demonstration – Any 4-H member may participate in the Interactive Demonstration. This is designed for the novice person and the topic can be related to any 4-H project. The 4-H member will provide a short demonstration of no more than 3 minutes that will actively engage members of the audience in a how-to-do skill development. Examples include, but are not limited to, how to use a measuring cup, how to use a ruler, how to knead dough, how to clean grooming clippers, how to crop a photo, etc. Props are permitted. Live animals and PowerPoint displays are not permitted. Although participants will not be judged, an adult will watch the 4-H member’s interactive demonstration and will provide feedback to the member. The 4-H member will continually repeat their how-to interactive demonstration for the designated time period, typically 45-60 minutes.

Demonstration – Any 4-H member in grades 6-12 may participate in the demonstration contest. This contest allows the 4-H member to show the audience step-by-step procedures how to do something related to one of the following categories:

- Livestock
- Color, texture, or design
- Foods
- Companion animals
- Mechanical science and safety
- Natural resources
- Plants
- General
- Team

Members may use a PowerPoint presentation, signs, and other props when giving their demonstration to the audience from a stage or stage-like setting. Live animals are not permitted. There is no interaction with the audience. Junior members (grades 6-8) have 5-7 minutes to present their demonstration while senior members (grades 9-12) will present their demonstration in 5-10 minutes.

Public Speaking – Any 4-H member in grades 6-12 may participate in the public speaking contest. This contest allows the 4-H member to give their prepared speech to an audience from a stage or stage-like setting. There is no interaction with the audience. Props, signs, and PowerPoint presentations are not permitted and the speech must be on a topic determined by the State 4-H Office. Check with the county Extension Office for this year’s topic. Junior members (grades 6-8) have 3-5 minutes to give their speech while senior members (grades 9-12) will give their speech in 5-7 minutes.

The 2013 theme is “The Impact of 4-H on My Community”.

Illustrated Talk – An illustrated talk is offered at the Indiana State Fair in poultry and rabbits. An illustrated talk is for any 4-H member and allows the member to present a 5-7 minute speech to the audience on a topic related to that project while using props and/or a PowerPoint presentation. There is no interaction with the audience. Check with the County Extension Office or the Indiana State Fair 4-H Premium book for a list of projects offering an illustrated talk event. Live animals that would be eligible to show in that project may be used in the illustrated talk.