

Get Ready to Present!

- Pick a topic that you like.
- Review the rubric so you know what is being judged
- Cooking demonstrations have a different set of rules!!! See additional hints
- Have your notes, props, posters all in order.
- DO NOT READ. Work from an outline or brief notes
- PowerPoint Presentations should resemble regular presentations; the slides should be posters, not your speech. Face the judges.
- Introduce yourself
- Remember to state where you got your information and ask for questions
- Time limits are: 3-5 minutes for grades 1-4 or first timers, 5-8 minutes for grades 5-7 or younger with experience, 8-15 minutes for grades 8-13
- Practice, Practice, practice. (Especially with electronic equipment and/or animals.) You will be more relaxed and confident.
- Dress nicely or appropriately. No brand name labels across your shirt.

Make a Big and Bold statement with your body language:

- Voice projection
- Eye contact
- Attitude
- Posture

Make a Big and Bold statement with your words:

- Believe in your topic, speak with passion!
- Have an introduction or opening to the presentation- why are you telling this? Why do people need to know this? You can combine this with an introduction of yourself. Capture the audience's attention with a bold opening!
- Know your subject really well!
- Have a summary- What are the important points you made? What should people do with this information? Make a strong conclusion!
- State where you got your information and ask for questions. Repeat the questions.
- Be prepared to defend your statements!

Make a Big and Bold statement with your posters and props:

- The audience must be able to read the words or see the pictures on a poster from across the room. Have more posters with less information on each. The slides of a Power Point Presentation should be posters or pictures, not your speech. LIMIT the TEXT!
- You do NOT need a title poster or a summary poster, but Power Point Presentations will be more complete if you have them.
- If your props are too small like a bead or Lego, make a giant fake one.
- Check that you have all your supplies and that they are in order.
- Do not bring animals or other distractions that you don't actively USE in your presentation.

