

Cloverleaf District Project Achievement

HOW TO CHOOSE A TOPIC FOR YOUR DEMONSTRATION

The first step towards a successful project is choosing a topic you are interested in learning more about. Pick something you want to share with others and can narrow down to a specific topic. For example, DOG CARE and TRAINING is too broad of a topic. Narrow it down to something like HOW TO HOUSE TRAIN YOUR PUPPY or TEACHING YOUR DOG TO BE A GOOD WATCH DOG. Be creative. You can pick almost any subject you like and we will help find a project category in which to put it. Ask your parents to help you look through the list in your *FRIENDS* magazine, the list on back, or visit the Georgia 4-H website, <http://www.georgia4h.org/>. Once there you click on 4-H activities, CLOVERLEAF DPA, and there you will find a more detailed description of project category.

HOW TO WRITE A SPEECH

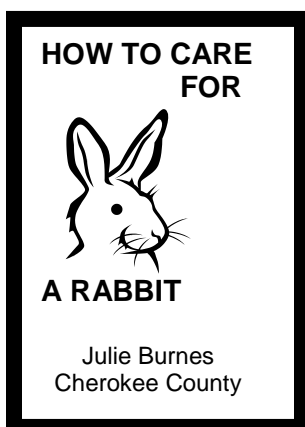
Where do you look for information about your topic? The library at school, local county libraries, your teacher or your computer, are great places to start. Ask your parents, look for relatives, friends or people in the community that have knowledge about your subject. For example, if you have chosen HOW FLOWER BULBS GROW, call a local nursery or garden center for help. You could even email our Master Gardener help desk at cherokeemastergardeners@yahoo.com. If you are studying FOOD FOR FITNESS, talk to a FACS specialist with the Extension Service, FACS teacher at local high school or a Physical Education teacher at your school. Information could be obtained at your family physicians office. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Our office staff is always willing to help. Throughout the years we have compiled lots of information which we have kept to help with researching various subjects.

Write an introduction that includes your name, your topic, and why you choose this topic. The body of the speech should cover the three main points. Your conclusion should sum up everything you have said and thank the judges for listening. Your speech should be from 3-5 minutes.



HOW TO MAKE POSTERS

The key to a good poster is that it is simple, easy to read from a distance. It needs to explain your point without you having to explain the poster. Your posters should follow along with your speech without being distracting. How many should you have? Try to have a least three to five poster. A cover poster with your title, name and county are a great way to begin. Charts, graphs, and tables look good if they fit the topic.



Don't be afraid to be creative, but remember that if it is too "busy" a judge might have a hard time understanding it. Keep it simple by using LARGE letters (no smaller than 1" each) and only a few colors on each poster. Coordinate a color scheme. Put a border around the poster if you can. Don't worry if you are not a good artist. Look for pictures to trace or cut things out of magazines. Print things from the computer and color, etc. Use lettering stencils or type words on the computer using a font size that is easy to read. We are willing to help here at the Extension office if you call and schedule a date and time, (770)721-7803.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER... Once you've written your speech and made your posters, it's time to put it all together. Write or type your speech on note cards. Try to memorize at least the first page and the last paragraph. Practice your speech out loud several times a day until you feel comfortable saying every word. Practice in front of your parents, brothers and sisters, pets, or anyone who will listen. You can never say it too many times. Practice turning from one poster to the next as you go through your speech. Put a star ☆ or a dot • on your note cards where you need to switch posters. This will help you when you are in front of the judges. Don't be nervous! Follow the above steps, you will do **GREAT!**