

2020 CHIPPEWA COUNTY 4-H SAFETY ESSAY/POSTER/VIDEO CONTEST

Sponsored by: Chippewa County 4-H Leaders and Eagle Point Mutual Insurance Company

This contest purpose is to help youth develop skills in **communicating with others** as they create and express their own unique and original essays, posters and video power point presentations.

Member Prizes: 4-H t-shirts will be given as individual prizes.

Club Cash Prizes will be given to 4-H clubs who have at least 75% of their members with eligible entries.

Age Divisions	Grade in School	Essay Prizes	Poster Prizes	Video Power Point Presentations
Cloverbuds	5K - 2	Two	Two	Two
Novice	3 and 4	Two	Two	Two
Junior	5 and 6	Two	Two	Two
Intermediate	7 and 8	Two	Two	Two
Senior	9 thru 13	Two	Two	Two
Club	-	-	-	-

An additional bonus cash prize will be given to clubs that achieve 100% participation!

GENERAL RULES AND JUDGING OF ESSAY, POSTER OR VIDEO POWER POINT ENTRIES

- 1) 4-H MEMBERS MAY ENTER AN ESSAY, POSTER OR VIDEO POWER POINT. Members with more than one entry will be counted as one entry in their club. Club participation will be decided by adding the eligible entries together and dividing by the current number of members enrolled in the club.
- 2) Individual or group power point or video addressing a safety issue or concern. Maximum time is 2 minutes for individual or a group. Maximum time is 5 minutes. No trademarks or copyrighted materials.
- 3) All 4-H clubs entering this contest are to bring their entries to Clover College at the Chippewa Falls Middle School on Saturday, January 25th beginning at 8:30 a.m. The judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons area.
- 4) Volunteers will do judging of the safety contest entries during Clover College. All worthy entries will receive a certificate of participation.

Questions, concerns: Please contact the Chippewa County Extension Office (715-726-7950).

Essays, posters and video power point presentations not following the rules will not be included in the club's 75% participation goals. Members, parents, and leaders - Please inspect the essays carefully before bringing them in for judging! Be sure members follow contest rules! (NOTE: Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco are generally health issues, NOT safety issues.)

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- 1) The general topic is SAFETY. Consider your 4-H project(s). Create your own special title and essay.
- 2) Paper must be standard size (8-1/2 x 11"). The Extension Office has a special page for Cloverbuds to use for their essay ("story"),* available upon request.
- 3) Tell your story completely.

<u>Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Number of Words</u>
Cloverbud	*
Novice	Up to 100
Junior	100-150
Intermediate	200-250
Senior	300-350

**Cloverbud members may draw a simple picture and then, with help from dad, mom or a 4-H leader, add one or two sentences to explain the picture for their essay story.*

- 4) Write the essay on one side of the paper only, and write on every other line (double space if typing).
- 5) Members - Neatly print your name, grade, division, and 4-H Club on the back of each sheet.
- 6) Essays may be printed or written neatly in longhand. Typed entries must be done by the contestant.

Guidelines for Essays:

- Originality (NOT someone else's idea or essay)
- Correct spelling, punctuation, complete sentences
- Interesting beginning, good theme, development, good conclusion
- Rules followed: write on every other line, etc.
- Name, grade, division, 4-H Club neatly on back of essay.

POSTER CONTEST RULES

- 1) The general topic is SAFETY. (They MUST RELATE to your project(s) to be entered At The Fair.)
- 2) Posters using copyrighted materials WILL NOT be accepted.
- 3) A minimum of a one-inch border is required.
- 4) Neatly print your name, grade, division and 4-H club on the back of the poster.

- 5) Entries must be made on poster board or tag board. The recommended poster size is 14in. X 22in, max. Entries must be flat, not rolled.
- 6) Any kind of art media may be used. For example - paint, crayons, ink, "cut-outs", etc., but no 3-D material allowed.

Hints for Posters:

- Keep poster message simple – use big, bold letters
- Poster title and message must be clearly legible from a distance of 10 feet
- Different colored letters within the same word are discouraged.

Guidelines for Posters:

- 14in. X 22in maximum size.
- 1" margin all the way around
- Original work versus computer aided graphics
- Letters – easy to read from a distance
- Eye catching – does it catch or demand your attention?
- Safety issues – does it relate to your project? (it has to if it is for the fair!)
- NO HEALTH ISSUES – smoking, alcohol, drugs, etc. are generally Health Issues!
- Is the title in larger letters than the content?
- Is there enough margin and space around the edges and between line of letters?

VIDEO/POWER POINT RULES

- Individual or group power point or video addressing a safety issue or concern.
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- Maximum time is 5 minutes.
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