

**NEW!** for 2015  
National Western Heritage Conference

## Youth Working Demonstration Contest

4-H members are challenged to come to the Conference prepared to demonstrate a historic craft or skill of their own during **Historical Workshop Day – July 30**. Awards presented to top demonstrations. Any 4-H youth registered may participate in this event...do not need to be a competitor in the cowboy shooting, period clothing and western historical quiz.



What is a working demonstration?

The 4-H member selects a skill they can demonstrate, a skill they will do as an informal presentation. The demonstrator stays active, doing the skill throughout the time allowed. When an audience is present, (one person or more) they describe and explain the steps, the process...as they work. The presenter is to engage with the audience, encouraging questions and responding to those questions. The goal is continuous action, so the skill may need to be repeated throughout the time period allowed as there should be no “down time”.

Each demonstrator will have one table on which to work on and/or to display products. A good working demonstration will have finished product on display or examples of the product at various stages of the process, IF the skill is to make or create a product. A poster (no more than 2) that explains the process or an illustration or diagram is appropriate for some working demonstrations. The demonstration should attract the audience’s attention and provide information.



The Western Heritage working demonstration should demonstrate a skill, craft, chore, game, etc. that could be found on the western frontier during the 1860—1900 time period.

- 45 minutes time period
- Two divisions of competition
  - Senior (14-18 yrs.) & Intermediate (8-13 yrs.)
- Dress appropriate for the time period



The evaluation of the demonstration/demonstrator will include:

- Content appropriateness
- Knowledge & skillfulness demonstrated
- Audience engagement
- Personality & appearance of the demonstrator
- Organization and display of equipment and materials

Working Demonstration Scorecard coming soon.