

NATIONAL 4-H 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 on **Thursday, August 3 at 2:30 p.m.** Awards presented to top demonstrations. Any 4-H youth registered may participate in this event...do not need to be a competitor in the western 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.

- No longer than 45 minutes time period (usually demonstrations are about 15 minutes)
- Two divisions of competition: Junior/Intermediate (8-13 yrs), Senior (14 & Up)
- 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

Please see below for the [Working Demonstration Scorecard](#)

Working Demonstration Scorecard 4-H Western Heritage

Title or Topic _____

Name _____ 4-H Age (as of Oct 1) _____

	Points	Comments	Score
General Appearance Work area - neat, uncluttered Clothing - period appropriate & appropriate for demonstration If posters/aids used – effective Personal appearance	15		
Delivery Greets audience in friendly, welcoming, courteous manner Organized, flowed smoothly Logical steps/presentation Thorough – all necessary steps Talked/explained while working Worked skillfully Addressed audience & made eye contact when possible Knowledge expressed naturally – no rote memorization; notes not required	35		
Content Time period appropriate Information is accurate Processes demonstrated and equipment/supplies used were period appropriate Context provided – the why and when; not just how	35		
Questions Answered correctly & eagerly Knowledge of topic demonstrated by responses Maintained composure	15		
Total	100		

Judge's initials _____

Ribbon _____

Rank _____