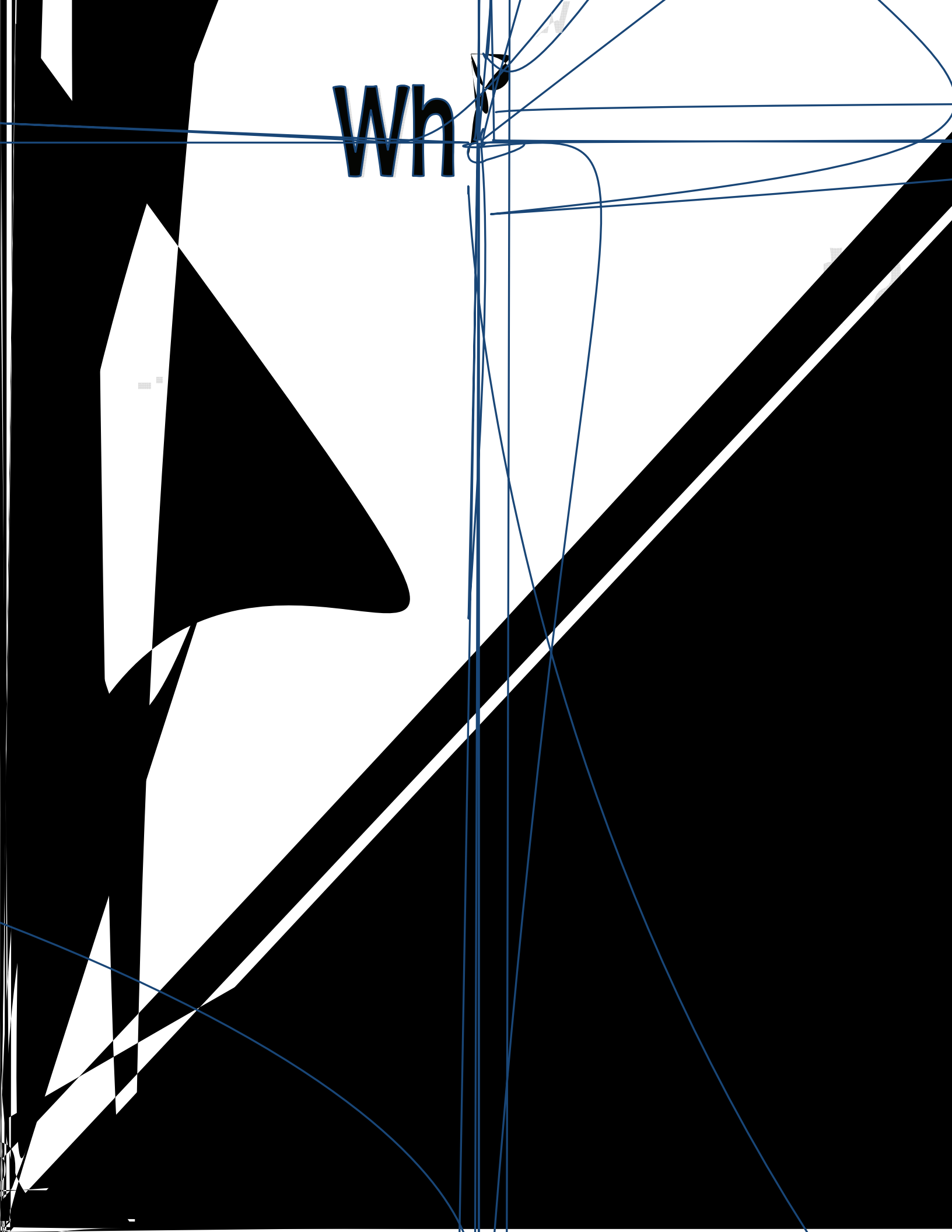


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Cloverleaf Project Achievement is a Georgia 4-H competition where 5th and 6th graders are able to choose a project area of interest to them. Four-H'ers develop their project into a presentation using visuals that is called a demonstration. The demonstration should be 4 to 6 minutes in length and use posters or other visual aids to emphasize key points. The speech does not have to be memorized, but should be well rehearsed in order for the student to be comfortable and display their knowledge of the subject. Use of note cards is encouraged, but the better they know their speech by memory, the better their score will be.

District Project Achievement (DPA) is a district event where students will compete against other counties in their district. Transportation to and from DPA will be provided by Irwin County School System.

There are a wide variety of projects from which to choose. The projects range from Archaeology to Veterinary Science. With 59 categories, just about anything in which a 4-H'er is interested will fit into at least one of the categories. The project list is updated annually so be sure to consult a current list. You may obtain a current list from the 4-H office or from our web site.

Develop public speaking skills

Learn research, organizational, and presentation skills

Develop and enhance qualities of integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation

Promotes self-confidence

Only students who participate in DPA may apply for a camp scholarship

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Introduction– gets the audience attention and introduces your topic- 1 paragraph

Body– details about your subject– 2-4 paragraphs of researched information

Conclusion– summary and closing– 1 paragraph

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Helps your audience understand your subject

Highlights key points

Should be large enough to be seen from the back of a classroom

Use or point to visuals during your speech

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Speak slowly and clearly and loud enough so that everyone can hear and understand you

Practice using your posters/visual aids

Practice in front of audience (family); practice making eye-contact

Don't say "ummm", "uhhh", "like", etc.

Don't fidget, twirl hair, or pull on clothing

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Dress appropriately; clean and neat, a little nicer than play clothes. Don't look sloppy.

Stand up straight, don't lean on table or desk

Do not stand in front of posters/visual aids

Do not turn your back to the audience

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6 minutes maximum

Performing Arts is 4 minutes

No minimum time requirement

set up time is 5 minutes

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Appearance– 10%

Visual Aids– 10%

Delivery– 10%

Orderly progress– 10%

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Most projects presentations are informative speeches using posters or other props to enhance the demonstration. There are a few projects which are exceptions and have different rules and judging criteria. Check with the 4-H office for details on these projects.

Food Projects: Between Meal Snacks & Food Fare– prepares a no-cook, no– bake snack & a one meal menu; does not do a speech or use visual aids

Creative Stitchery– 4-H'er sews a garment or craft

Performing Arts– 4-H'er will do a performance such as sing, dance, or play a musical Instrument

Public Speaking– use of visual aids is not allowed

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4-H'ers register by calling the Irwin County Extension office at 229-468-7409

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4-H'ers can only sign up for one project

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Please call the Extension office (468-7409) to make an appointment to work on your demonstrations and speech during office hours. We will be very happy to help. We will also set aside days for practices at the Extension office as well, but you must practice at home as well.

- x We ask all DPA participants that if you choose to work on your demonstrations at home... please make sure you present your demonstration at the 4-H office at least 2 weeks prior to competition.

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