



Top 4-H Youth Speaking Compete for Provincial Titles

Top 4-H public speakers and demonstration teams from around the province took the stage to compete in this past weekend's 4-H British Columbia 4-H Provincial Communication Finals held at the Salmon Arm Field House in Salmon Arm, BC.

Twenty-two senior 4-H members from across British Columbia competed at the event. These 4-H members are the cream of the crop, having won at the club, district and regional level to be given the opportunity to compete for the provincial title.

There were two divisions in the 4-H British Columbia Provincial Communication Finals weekend, speeches and demonstrations. This year's participants competed for prizes in both divisions which included an all-expenses paid trip to the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture competition held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON in November for the 1st place public speaker.

In order to get to the Provincial level, competitors competed at various levels with a prepared speech, five to seven minutes in length on any topic of their choice. Once they get to the provincial level, competitors are given 40 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech based on agriculture tours they participated in the day before which this year included tour stops at Tasty Acres, High Mountain Farms and Spa Hills Compost. The impromptu topic was a demonstration shows how to perform a task or skill using precise instructions for each step of the task or skill. Demonstrations are fascinating to watch as youth give thorough presentations physically demonstrating the task or skill.

The winners of the 2017 4-H British Columbia Provincial Communication Finals are

Speeches

1. Maria C. of Cedar, BC
2. Allison G. of Cowichan, BC
3. Sarah S. of Chilliwack, BC

Demonstrations

1. Sophie S. & Grady S. of Bulkley Valley, BC
2. Amanda M. & Emalee H. of Kamloops, BC
3. Jacinta M. & Matthew M. of Quesnel, BC

Congratulations to all the competitors on a job well done.

4-H British Columbia would also like to thank all of our partners for making this program possible for our 4-H members: 4-H British Columbia Foundation, BC Ministry of Agriculture, Farm Credit Canada, Federated Co-operatives Limited, Armstrong Regional Cooperative, The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of British Columbia and PrairieCoast Equipment.

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