

## Podium Presenter Guidelines

Welcome to the Seattle Aquarium Community Science Symposium, in partnership with Salish Sea Expeditions.

Here are some helpful tips and tricks to assist you as you are developing your presentations

### Ignite Style Podium Presentations

- Practice, Practice, Practice!!!
- Each podium presentation will have 5 minutes to present. This usually breaks down to 20 slides for 15 seconds each. Of course, you can do fewer slides with more time, but we strongly discourage doing more slides.
- Make sure to practice using a timer. Be aware that somebody will be giving you times during your presentation to help you pace yourself and stick to 5 minutes.
- Remember to speak slowly, pronounce your words and speak into the microphone.
- Please use Powerpoint and keep it simple.
- Be familiar with your content. It will help make you more comfortable when presenting.
- Warm up. To help your audience hear your message, warm up using tongue twisters

*She sells seashells by the seashore,  
The shells she sells are seashells, I'm sure.  
So if she sells seashells on the seashore,  
Then I'm sure she sells seashore shells*

Click [here](#) for more

All final presentations are to be submitted to your teacher no later than May 22. Your teacher will then upload the presentation into the Dropbox shared folder [here](#). Please note, we will have limited space for podium presentations. We will have the option for students to present at the podium, or in the exhibit space alongside the poster presentations.

If you are interested in mentor support for your presentation, please feel free to email [m.smith@seattleaquarium.org](mailto:m.smith@seattleaquarium.org). If you are interested, we can coordinate an Aquarium staff person to spend up to 4 hours assisting you in the development of your podium presentation.