



4-H EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST

Wednesday June 20, 2007 (schedule depends upon number of entries)

Community Building, Boone County Fairgrounds

Pizza and pop provided for all presenters.

Judy Frideres, Superintendent, 515/795-3469

CLASS NO.

811K Extemporaneous Speaking **Seniors** (9th -12th graders)

This contest is designed to encourage the development of the life skill of communicating with others through enhancing the ability to think, to organize, to speak, and to answer questions readily by participating 4-H'ers before an audience.

Guidelines

1. Participants must be senior aged 4-Hers (just completed 9th - 12th graders.)
2. Each contestant will draw three of the available topic thirty minutes before the contest, **selecting one to speak on**. The selected topic will not be available to other contestants. The topics will relate to 4-H. Some examples: (1) "4-H stresses life skills. How has 4-H helped you develop citizenship skills?" (2) "How has 4-H helped you set goals and why is it important?"
3. A preparation room is used with one contestant admitted initially and one additional contestant admitted every ten minutes as the contest progresses. A contestant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak nor may they receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. Each contestant will have **30 minutes preparation time**.
4. All **reference material** will be screened by a contest official on the following basis: (1) Contestant may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspapers clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation. (2) Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the contestant or by another person for the purpose of use for this contest.) (3) Some relevant 4-H reference material will be available in the preparation room.
5. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H'ers own effort. No other assistance may be provided. Plain **3" X 5" note cards** will be provided each contestant in the preparation room. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
6. Each speech shall **be not less than four or more than six minutes** with five minutes of additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judge. The contestant will be shown time cards in ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be used at 6 minutes.
7. Each contestant will be introduced by a contest timekeeper by name and club and the contestants will be expected to **introduce his/her own speech by title only**. Contestants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, poster or audio-visuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
8. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria: **(1) content related to topic (2) knowledge of the subject (3) organization of material (4) power of expression (5) voice (6) stage presence (7) general effect (8) responses to questions**.
9. A judge's conference will be part of the contest. Entries will be rated blue, red, and white and receive premium money after fair. State fair purple ribbons will be given to **two participants selected for state fair**. The 4-H Extemporaneous Speaking contests at the Iowa State Fair will be August 14 or 15. .

-----Clip and return to Extension Office by June 12-----

4-H Extemporaneous Speaking Entry Form

Name of participant _____ Grade (just completed) _____

Club _____

(More information and a schedule will be sent after June 12.)