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

Rules

1. Participants must be senior aged 4-H’ers, having completed the 9th grade.

2. a. Each contestant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on, thirty minutes before the contest. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics will be returned to the available topics for other contestants.

b. A preparation room will be provided. A contestant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a contestant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. Each contestant will have 30 minutes preparation time.

c. All reference material will be screened by a contest official on the following basis:
   (1) Contestants may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper 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 reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.

d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H’ers own effort using approved reference material which contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3”x5” note cards will be provided each contestant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the 3”x5” note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.

e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.

f. Each speech shall be not less than four or more than six minutes, with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judge. The contestant will be shown time cards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be used at six (6) minutes.

g. Each contestant will be introduced by a contest time keeper by name and the contestant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.

h. Contestants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audio-visuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
5. 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) Response to questions

6. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the contest.

7. 4-H’ers participating in the 4-H Communication Program are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H youth program.

8. Judging will take place on Monday, July 20th beginning at 9:00 a.m.
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How many years have you done the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest? ______________________

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What do you want to gain from participating in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest?

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