

July 2023

Dear Extemporaneous Speaking Participant,

Thank you for signing up for the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest for the 2023 Westfair!

The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will take place on Sunday, July 23rd at the UMBA Hall in Underwood, IA.

The exact address is 300 2nd Avenue, Underwood, IA. There are a lot of other things being judged that day, so don't worry if you are doing other things...we will get them all in!

For the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest you will have 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. Participants will be given index cards but may not use any visual aids with their speech. Participants will draw three questions from a bag and choose one for your speech. All topics/questions are 4-H related and often have to do with citizenship, leadership, communications, etc. Sample questions can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-communication-events>

There will be a timer who will hold up numbers, so you know how long you have left to talk. All speeches will be stopped at the 6-minute mark. The minimum time for your Extemporaneous Speech (to be eligible for State Fair) is 4 minutes. Only 9th-12th graders are eligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair for Extemporaneous Speaking.

You may leave after you give your speech. There will be time for you to meet with the judge for feedback after your speech concludes. No awards will be presented on Sunday.

Extemporaneous Speaking awards will be presented on the Extension stage in the Westfair Commercial Building on Thursday, July 27th along with the Table Setting, Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit Awards. We anticipate the awards presentation to begin at 5:30 p.m. Please make plans to be there to receive your award!

If you have any questions, please let us know! You can contact the office at 712-366-7070 or email jenvin@iastate.edu.

Sincerely,

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