

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST GUIDELINES

Junior Guidelines

1. Contestants are expected to prepare a speech on a given topic relating to 4-H. The subject matter for these topics will relate to general 4-H information.
2. Contestants will select a topic from the supervising adult. They have the option of selecting another topic; however, they must use the second topic as their contest extemporaneous subject.
3. Contestants will have five (5) minutes to prepare their speech once they have selected their contest subject.
4. The question must be stated in the exact words before the speech begins or as part of the speech. The contestant must hand the question to the judge before beginning to speak.
5. Contestants will draw topics at seven (7) minute intervals and have only five (5) minutes for preparation. No one is allowed to consult with the contestant after they have selected a topic.
6. Participants must present their speech within five (5) minutes of selecting the topic.
7. Recommended speech length is two (2) to five (5) minutes for Juniors.
8. The speech may be followed by one question per judge. Each question will be relevant and designed to secure verification, clarification, or amplification.
9. No materials may be utilized by participant to prepare for the presentation, except paper and pencil.
10. Each contestant will be permitted to make notes during the preparation time.
11. Participants must give all notes used during the speech to the judge concluding the speech.
12. Extemporaneous speeches will be judged on the following criteria: organization, delivery, how closely speaker followed the guidelines.
13. Results will be announced and awards presented at the conclusion of the competition. Blue and Red Awards will be given to each participant. The top three presentations will also be recognized. The First Place winner is the class will be selected to represent Tulsa County at the NE District Public Speaking.

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Intermediate and Senior Guidelines

1. Contestants are expected to prepare a speech on a current event topic that has received emphasis in recent magazines, newspapers and other media sources. All topics will relate to youth issues and/or the impacts 4-H can have on these issues. Possible subjects will include, but not be limited to, violence in our schools, gang activity, drugs, alcohol, teen pregnancy, crime prevention, and peer/parental pressure, etc.
2. Topics are selected by the Communication Committee. Topics will be phrased in the form of a question specific enough for the judges to determine whether the speech is relevant to the topic.
3. Contestants will draw three (3) questions based on the above topics and within two (2) minutes must select the one (1) on which they will prepare a speech. Contestants will report the question to the person supervising the drawing.
4. The question selected will be recorded by the person supervising the drawing.
5. The question must be stated in the exact words before the speech begins or as part of the speech. The contestant must hand the question to the judge before beginning to speak.
6. Contestants will draw topics at five (5) minute intervals and have 15 minutes for preparation. No one is allowed to consult with the contestant after they have selected a topic.
7. Fifteen (15) minutes after the selection of the topic the contestant will deliver the speech.
8. The speech will last not less than four (4) minutes nor more than six (6) minutes.
9. The speech may be followed by one question per judge. Each question will be relevant and designed to secure verification, clarification, or amplification.
10. Each contestant will be permitted to use a maximum of three (3) 4" x 6" note cards. Contestants must supply their own note cards. Each contestant will give all notes used during the speech to the judge after concluding the speech.
11. Each speech will be judged on the following criteria: organization, delivery, support from resources, and how closely the speaker followed the rules.
12. Results will be announced and awards presented at the conclusion of the competition. Blue and Red Awards will be given to each participant. The top three presentations will be recognized. The First Place winner will be selected to represent Tulsa County at the NE District Public Speaking Contest.