

NE DISTRICT PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST GUIDELINES - 2008

The following rules and guidelines have been developed for the NE District Public Speaking Contest. All participants are subject to the following general rules and regulations.

OBJECTIVES:

The NE District Public Speaking Contest has been developed for the purpose of promoting a greater interest in public speaking and to allow all 4-H members the opportunity to develop and polish their public speaking skills.

CONTEST:

This will be a one-day contest, with the location varying from year to year. The 2008 contest will be at Coweta High School on Saturday, May 3. All participants must be enrolled in 4-H and be a recognized 4-H member in their county.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the contest will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

ENTRIES:

All entries must be received NO LATER than April 18, 2008. Participants must use the NE District Public Speaking Entry Form/Score Sheet for contest entry. Participants may enter each of the four (4) presentation types: Speech, Illustrated Presentation, Extemporaneous, and Power Point. **Participants may enter only one presentation per presentation type. (Example: They may enter only one speech, one illustrated presentation, one extemporaneous, or one Power Point.)** Please complete an entry form/score sheet for each type of presentation you will be giving.

Please identify the respective age category, presentation type, and subject category for the presentation on each form used. Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year is what should be listed.

AWARDS:

Ribbons will be given to all participants. Plaques will be given to the Grand and Reserve Grand individuals per age division, per presentation type, per presentation category. (For example: The top individual in the Junior Division, Speech, Health & Safety will receive a plaque.)

Categories may be combined or divided at the discretion of the committee due to the number participants.

AGE DIVISION:

Junior:	Ages 9 (or in the 4 th Grade), 10, and 11 years
Intermediate:	Ages 12, 13, 14 years
Senior:	Ages 15 and over

*NOTE: All ages are based on the age January 1 of the current 4-H year (2008).

SPEECH GUIDELINES

1. Props are not to be used in this type of presentation.
2. Pre-registration is required on the NE District Public Speaking Entry Form/Score Sheet by the due date.
3. Any individual scheduled for a speech presentation that is unable to present the presentation should notify their respective OSU County staff. Each county is asked to notify the chairperson prior to the contest for changes in county participation.
4. Members should register at the contest by 9:30 a.m. It is the responsibility of the individual or team to be at the proper place at the proper time to give the presentation or notify the door monitor where you may be located (if giving another presentation in another location).
5. Results will be announced and awards presented at the conclusion of each division. Ribbons will be given to the participants at that time. Blue and red ribbons will be given per participant. The top two individuals per division: age, presentation type, subject matter category, will be awarded Grand and Reserve Grand plaques/trophies.
6. *Time limits are recommended, not required. (Too long or too short could be a factor in placing.)*

Recommended length:	Juniors:	3-5 minutes
	Intermediate:	5-7 minutes
	Seniors:	5-7 minutes
7. **Special Note: Depending upon the numbers of pre-registrations, subject matter categories may be merged or split into smaller sections.**

ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

1. Illustrated Presentations include both demonstrations and illustrated talks. Props must be used to qualify for this event.
2. Participants must pre-register on the NE District Public Speaking Presentation Entry Form/Score Sheet. Please identify the respective subject matter category, age, presentation type for the presentation on the form. **For team presentations fill out only one (1) registration form.**
3. Any individual scheduled for an illustration presentation that is unable to present the presentation should notify their respective OSU County staff. Each county is asked to notify the chairperson prior to the contest for changes in county participation.
4. Members should register at the contest by 9:30 a.m. It is the responsibility of the individual or team to be at the proper place at the proper time to give the presentation or notify the door monitor where you will be (if giving another presentation in another location).
5. Results will be announced and awards presented at the conclusion of each division. Ribbons will be given to the participants at that time. Blue and red ribbons will be given per participant. The top two individuals per division: age, presentation type, subject matter category, will be awarded Grand and Reserve Grand plaques.
6. Teams and individuals will compete for the same awards, unless the committee determines that subject matter categories need to be split. Teams are composed of two individuals and may consist of no more.
7. Teams with individuals of two different age categories will participate in the older age category of the participating individuals. Example: A team consisting of an 11-year-old and 12-year-old will participate in the intermediate category (Intermediate: 12-14 yrs.).
8. Recommended Illustrated Presentation Length:

Juniors:	3-10 minutes
Intermediate:	5-12 minutes
Seniors:	5-12 minutes

(Time limits are not required. However, presentations too long or too short can be a factor in placing)
9. Foods Illustrated Presentations: All 4-H members giving these types of presentations must bring all needed equipment with them, including items needed to clean up after presentation. No supplies will be available. Water in the room may be optional. Please keep these things in mind when compiling your materials needed for presentation. Electricity will be available; however; participants will need to bring their own extension cords. **It is the responsibility of the individual/teams to clean up the demonstration table following their presentation.**
10. Special audio-visual equipment will not be provided at contest -- individual is responsible for providing these materials.
11. **No firearms, live ammunition, rocket engines, explosive powders will be allowed.**
12. **NO live animals allowed.**
13. **Special Note: Depending upon the number of pre-registrations, subject matter categories may be merged or split into smaller sections.**

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH GUIDELINES

The NE District will utilize these rules for the Intermediate and Senior age categories. The Junior Extemporaneous Speech guidelines will be modified.

Junior Guidelines

1. Participants will be 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. Participants 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. Participants 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. Participants will draw topics at seven (7) minute intervals and have only five (5) minutes for preparation. **No one** is allowed to consult with the participants 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) minutes to five (5) minutes for Juniors.
8. Judge may ask one question following the speech. Questions 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. Paper and pencil will be provided for individual.
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 rules (time limits, number of words on notes, etc.)

Results will be announced and awards presented at the conclusion of each division. Blue and Red ribbons will be given per participants. The top two individuals per division: age, presentation type, subject matter category will be awarded Grand and Reserve Grand plaques.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH GUIDELINES

INTERMEDIATE-SENIOR GUIDELINES

1. Contestants will be expected to prepare for speeches on significant topics that have received emphasis in major magazines and newspapers since September 1, 2007. 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 gang activity, drugs, alcohol, teen pregnancy, citizenship, and leadership.
2. Topics will be selected by, or under the supervision of, the contest chairperson. 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 be allowed to draw five (5) topics and within two (2) minutes must select one (1) and report the topic to the person supervising the drawing.
4. The person supervising the drawing will record the questions selected.
5. The question must be stated in the exact words before the speech begins or as a part of the speech. The contestant must hand the questions to the judge before beginning to speak.
6. Contestants will draw topics at ten (10) minute intervals and have not less than 30 minutes for preparation. **No one** is allowed to consult with the contestant after they have selected a topic.
7. Not less than thirty (30) minutes after the selection of the topic, the contestant will deliver the speech.
8. Recommended length is five (5) minutes to seven (7) minutes.
9. The speech may be followed by one question. The judge might ask one question and it will be relevant and designed to secure verification, clarification, or amplification.
10. Each contestant will be allowed to bring one (1) file box not to exceed 15" x 24" x 10" (width x depth x height). The file box can be filled with clippings or photocopies from published newspapers, magazines, or books. Materials located by electronic databases (i.e. the Internet) may also be included. ***Each article or clipping must include a citation of page number, date published, and the title of the source. (Time Magazine, Sept 12, 2007 page 14, is one example of a proper citation.)***
11. USE OF HAND-WRITTEN OR TYPED RESOURCE MATERIALS IS PROHIBITED. The only exception to this would be an index of materials in the files.
12. No preparatory materials may be removed from the preparation room.
13. No electronic retrieval systems will be allowed in the preparation rooms.
14. Each contestant will be permitted to make notes during his/her preparation time.
15. Each contestant will be allowed to use no more than 50 words of notes during his/her speech. These notes must have been prepared during the thirty (30) minute preparation period.
16. Each contestant will give all notes used during the speech to the judge after concluding the speech.
17. Each speech will be judged on the following criteria: organization, delivery, support from resources, and how closely the speaker followed the rules. There are no preset point limits for these criteria. Each speaker will be given a Blue or Red award. (NOTE: Exception to these guidelines: the NE District Public Speaking Contest will utilize the entry form/score sheet to score the extemporaneous presentations.)
18. Results will be announced and awards presented at the conclusion of each division. Blue and red ribbons will be given per participants. The top two individuals per division: age, presentation type, subject matter category will be awarded Grand & Reserve Grand plaques.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

1. The PowerPoint presentation contest is for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills necessary to develop and present a Power Point presentation in a professional manner.

4-H members who participate in this contest should develop and demonstrate public speaking skills using a PowerPoint presentation as an illustration to add emphasis to their presentation. The PowerPoint program is not meant to be the members' presentation; it is designed to add dimension and illustration to the members' public speaking presentation. 4-H members are expected to design and create their own PowerPoint presentation.

2. Presentations using PowerPoint as a medium for illustration can only be presented in the Power Point Division.
3. Participants must pre-register on the NE District Public Speaking Presentation Entry Form/Score Sheet. Please identify age, presentation type, and title on the form.
4. Any individual scheduled for a PowerPoint presentation that is unable to present the presentation should notify their respective OSU County staff. Each county is asked to notify the chairperson prior to the contest of changes in county participation.
5. Members should register at the contest by 9:30 AM. It is the responsibility of the individual to be at the proper place at the proper time to give the presentation or notify the door monitor where you will be (if giving another presentation in another location).
6. Results will be announced and awards presented at the conclusion of each division. Ribbons will be given to the participants at that time. Blue and red ribbons will be given per participant. The top two individuals per division: age, presentation type, subject matter category, will be awarded Grand and Reserve Grand plaques.
7. Recommended PowerPoint Presentation Length:

Juniors:	3-10 minutes
Intermediate:	5-12 minutes
Senior:	5-12 minutes

(Time limits are not required. However, presentations too long or too short can be a factor in placing.)
8. Depending upon the number of pre-registrations, subject matter categories may be merged or split into smaller sections.
9. A laptop computer and LCD projector will be provided. However, participants may bring their own equipment. **A disk or CD containing their presentation must be included with their pre-registration.** Participants must also bring a second copy of their PowerPoint presentation with them to the contest.

10. PRESENTATION CATEGORIES: CATEGORY # - SUBJECT MATTER

NOTE: *The project topics listed under each project category are suggested projects only; other projects that may fall under these categories may be presented. Check with your County Extension Staff.*

Category #

01 Ag Business

-General and Banking, Cooperative

02 Animal Sciences

-Beef, Dairy Production, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Poultry, Small Animals, Vet Science, Meats

03 Communication Arts

-General (includes photography), 4-H Foundation

04 Expressive Arts

-Crafts, Performing Arts and Visual Arts

05 Family Living

-General (includes Child Care, Consumer Education, Home Environment, Personal Development), Clothing, Foods-Nutrition & Preservation, Dairy Foods, Promotion/Dairy Products, Breads

06 Health & Safety

-Health, Safety, Vision Care

07 Leisure Education

-Camping, Recreation, Shooting Sports

08 Mechanical Sciences

-Mechanical Sciences (Automotive, Bicycle, Computer, Motorcycle, Rocketry, Small Engines, Woodworking, Farm Machinery), Electricity

09 Natural Sciences

-Entomology & Bees, Wildlife, Forestry, Natural Resources

10 Plant Sciences

-Agronomy (Crops, Range, Soil) Horticulture (Vegetables, Fruits, Home Grounds, House Plants)

11 Social and Political Sciences

-Career Education, Citizenship, Community Development, International Study, Leadership