

2007 SE District Public Speaking Contest General Guidelines

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

OBJECTIVES:

The SE District Public Speaking Contest is conducted 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.

DATE OF THE CONTEST:

This contest will be held on April 10, 2007 at McAlester First Baptist Church. All participants must be enrolled in 4-H and be a recognized 4-H member in their county. The Oklahoma State 4-H Club Program Policies handout No. 5 will be utilized to determine membership, age categories, and general rules.

ENTRIES:

All entries must be received in the county extension office **NO LATER** than _____, 2007. Participants must use the SE District Public Speaking Entry Form/Score Sheet for contest entry. Participants may enter two (2) presentations: Speech, Illustrated, Power Point, Extemporaneous or Famous Person/Character. **(Participants will be limited to two presentations, including extemporaneous speeches.)** The entry fee is \$5.00 per individual. There will NOT BE an additional cost for more than one entry. 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.

AGE DIVISIONS:

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

*NOTE: All ages are based on the age January 1 of the current 4-H year (2007).

CANCELLATIONS:

Any individual scheduled for a presentation who is unable to present should notify their respective county extension staff. Each county is asked to notify the chairperson prior to the contest for changes in county participation. No refunds.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Contestants will report directly to their presentation rooms. **The contest will start promptly at 3:30 p.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 more than one presentation.

SUGGESTED APPROPRIATE DRESS:

Snappy casual, including a 4-H T-Shirt or attire appropriate to the theme of the presentation.

MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS:

Any presentation that goes over the maximum time limit by 3 minutes will be stopped by the judge(s). Please refer to the guidelines for each presentation for specific time limits. There is a 1 point deduction for every 15 seconds over or under the time frame.

ALL SET UP, PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF PRESENTATION MUST BE THE WORK OF THE PARTICIPANT ONLY.

CATEGORIES: (see page 4 for category definitions)

Categories may be combined /divided at the discretion of the committee due to the participant number. If a class has less than 3 entries they will be combined at the discretion of the committee. There will be no classification changes after March 26, 2007.

BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT:

Easels, podiums, or extension cords will not be provided. Special audio-visual equipment (except for Powerpoint presentations) will not be provided at the contest – individual is responsible for providing these materials.

DON'T BRING:

Firearms, live ammunition, rocket engines, explosive powders or live animals. None of these items are allowed

AWARDS:

Participation ribbons will be given to all contestants. Awards will be presented to the 1st through 5th place individuals per age division, per presentation type, per presentation category. Medallions will be given to the top three, and 4th and 5th place will receive ribbons. Awards will be presented in each speaking room.

All judges' decisions will be final. No protest will be considered. Critique sheets will be mailed to respective educators at a later date.

REGULAR SPEECH

1. Props or visuals ARE NOT to be used in this type of presentation.
2. Speech Length:
Juniors: 2-5 minutes
Intermediate: 5-7 minutes
Seniors: 5-7 minutes

ILLUSTRATED

1. Illustrated presentations include both Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks. Props and or/visuals must be used to qualify for this event. Size of props used must be appropriate for room size. **Props can be no larger than 30 inches in width and 6 feet in height.**

2. Illustrated Presentation Length:
 Juniors: 3-10 minutes
 Intermediate: 5-12 minutes
 Seniors: 5-12 minutes
3. 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.
4. 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.)
5. Food Demonstration 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. It is the responsibility of the individual/teams to clean up the demonstration table following their presentation.

POWERPOINT

PowerPoint presentations will follow the general 4-H public speaking contest guidelines with the following additions:

1. Only individuals will be allowed to enter this category.
2. All illustrated talks using PowerPoint will be entered in category #12.
3. Presentations will include a wide range of topics but must be 4-H related.
4. Participants will be required to use the equipment provided.
5. **The District 4-H Public Speaking committee will provide a laptop computer, digital projector and screen to use during the presentations. This contest is limited to only PowerPoint software running on Windows XP for the illustrated presentation, no other presentation programs will be provided or allowed.**

Participants will be allowed to bring their presentation only on a media CD or 3 ½ inch floppy disk. We recommend that participants bring a backup CD/disk. Zipped disks and zip drives will not be allowed. **CD or floppy disk must be turned into the room monitor before the contest starts. Participants must provide a 6 slide per page printed hand out of the**

presentation to the judge. Please go directly to your room after check in to give CD or floppy disk and presentation handout to the room monitor.

6. Presentations will be judged; 20% on the PowerPoint presentation and 80% on verbal presentation skills. See the entry/score sheet for more detailed scoring information. **Participant must present the program (including slide advancing) without assistance.**
7. PowerPoint Length:
 Juniors: 3-5 minutes
 Intermediate: 5-7 minutes
 Seniors: 5-7 minutes

EXTEMPORANEOUS

1. Contestants will be expected to prepare for speeches on significant topics that have received emphasis in major magazines and newspapers since September 1st. All topics will relate to the general 4-H Program.
2. Topics will be selected by, or under the supervision of, the contest director. 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 three (3) topics and within two (2) minutes must select one (1) and report the topic to the person supervising the drawing.
4. The topic selected will be recorded by the person supervising the drawing.
5. The topic must be stated in the exact words before the speech begins or as part of the speech. The contestant must hand the topic to the judge before beginning to speak.
6. Contestants will draw topics at seven (7) minute intervals and have 10 minutes for preparation. No one is allowed to consult with the contestant after they have selected a topic.
7. Thirty (30) minutes after the selection of the topic the contestant will deliver the speech.
8. The speech will last not more than five (5) minutes. *Note: the timekeeper will signal the speaker one (1) minute prior to the maximum time limit and 30 seconds before the maximum time limit and will say stop at the end of seven (7) minutes. No contestant will be penalized if the timekeeper does not give the proper signal. Speaking overtime or under time may be penalized at the judge's discretion. **Maximum time limits will be adhered to.***
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 allowed to bring one file box not to exceed 15" x 24" x 10" (width x depth x height). The file box can be filled with clipping 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*, July 12, 1995, 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 file.
12. No preparatory materials may be removed from the preparation room.
13. No electronic retrieval systems will be allowed in the preparation room.
14. Each contestant will be permitted to make notes during his/her preparation time.
15. Each contestant will be allowed to use not more than 50 words of notes during his/her speech. These notes must have been prepared during the thirty (30) minute preparation period.

FAMOUS PERSON/CHARACTER

Contest Philosophy: For many 4-H members it is easier to "hide behind a mask" or props when they adventure into the world of public speaking. Hiding behind something is often more comfortable for young people and this contest allows them the speaking experience through the use of props and portrayal.

Purpose: The 4-H Famous Person/Character contest is designed to provide a 4-H member with the opportunity of portraying a person or character from sports, pop culture (cartoon characters or fictional characters) or historical, either from the past or present, through speech and props. The 4-H member will not only be provided a public speaking opportunity, but will also develop research skills through seeking information regarding their famous person. 4-H members also have an opportunity to be creative in both costume and prop design which is used to "tell their story".

1. It is the responsibility of the individual to be at the proper place at the proper time to present their presentation. If members are competing in other areas please notify the door monitor where you may be located.
2. NO TEAMS ALLOWED.

3. Famous Person/Character presentation length:
Juniors: 2-5 minutes
Intermediate: 5-7 minutes
Seniors: 5-7 minutes
4. Each participant will have a 4' x 4' square of floor space within which to work. They may use this space however they want but this space is all that is allowed. Props and 4-Her must stay within designated space.
5. All props must be no larger than 30" wide or over 6 feet tall. The doors of the church will not accommodate props larger than this measurement.
6. No live firearms. A toy gun should be used.
7. Parents are not allowed to assist the 4-H member in any way. This is their opportunity to show what they know and can do themselves.
8. It is expected that 4-H members ONLY portray famous people of good moral and character. Their dress or costume must be appropriate regardless of who they are portraying; one that reflects the values of the 4-H program.
9. If props leave behind any type of mess, example hay, grass, etc. the 4-H member is responsible for cleaning up their area. It is imperative that we leave the building in excellent 4-H condition.
10. Props are intended to add to the presentation and members are encouraged to be creative in their use. Costuming is also part of this contest. This doesn't require the 4-H member to go to a lot of expense and renting; just coming up with costuming that fits the person being portrayed is all that is expected.
11. Judges will be looking for the following points in the presentation:
 - ◆ Was the member prepared when the judge arrived at their station?
 - ◆ Did the presentation cover several facts about the person?
 - ◆ Did the 4-H member have their presentation memorized?
 - ◆ Did the 4-H member speak plainly, clearly and slowly?
 - ◆ Did 4-H member's dress and props match the person they were acting out?
 - ◆ Could the judge see that the 4-H member had put in thought and practice in preparation for the contest?

Explanation of Categories

- 01 **Animal Science** (Horse, Beef, Dairy, Goats, Swine, Sheep, Poultry, Vet Science, Small Animal (birds, cats, dogs, fish, rabbit) and Meats)
- 02 **General Ag** (Ag related topics that are neither animal science nor plant/natural sciences)
- 03 **Plant/Natural Science** (Agronomy, Horticulture, Entomology, Wildlife, Forestry, Environmental, Natural Resources, Camping, Shooting Sports, Rocketry, Bicycle, Electric, Woodworking, Petroleum Power)
- 04 **Communication and Visual Arts** (Photography, Speaking, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts)
- 05 **Family & Consumer Sciences** (Childcare, Fabric & Fashions, Safety, Personal Development, Consumer Education)
- 06 **Social Sciences** (Citizenship, Leadership, Government, Community Service)
- 07 **Health & Wellness** (Health, Nutrition, Food Safety, Fitness)
- 08 **Foods** (Food preparation with finished product including nutrition facts and food safety.)
- 09 **General** (Any presentation that does not fit in the above categories ONLY)
- 10 **General 4-H** (4-H Promotion, General Information About 4-H)
- 11 **Extemporaneous**
- 12 **PowerPoint**

Special Note about Famous Person/Character:

Contestants should consult with their county educator to determine which category the person they are portraying should be placed. A decision should be based on the content of the speech. Example: Ronald Reagan was first an actor before he became Governor of California and President of the United States. The speech could be about him as an actor (13A) or it could focus on his political career (13B).

- 13A **Famous Person/Character – Pop Culture/Sports Figures/Musicians/Actors** (Ex. Cartoon Characters, Fictional Characters from TV, Movie, Books, Reba McEntire, Nancy Drew, Popeye, Dan Cody, Carrie Underwood, Harry Potter)
- 13B **Famous Person/Character - Historical Figure** (Ex. Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Betsy Ross, Annie Oakley)