2024 TRI-COUNTY

4-H Speaking Contest

General Information

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023
5-9pm
Elk Mound High School

WHEN	Wednesday November 15th, 2023
WHERE	Elk Mound High School
TIME	Registration will begin at 5:00 pm and presentations start at 5:30.
WHO	All current 4-H members are eligible to participate, including Cloverbuds. All ages are welcome to participate and may combine any ages for Dynamic Duos and other team presentations.
ENTRIES	Entries are due **by 11:59 PM on November 6th** **Registration is Available ONLY via Google Forms:** **(If you need help, contact your 4-H Educator)**
RULES	Rules for the events can be found in this document. Example judging criteria can be found on the Dunn County 4-H website: https://dunn.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/12/judges-speaking-scorecards-samples.pdf
Volunteers	Adult and youth volunteers from all counties would be appreciated! Tasks include ushering, emceeing, etc. Please contact your respective 4-H Program Educator if interested in volunteering for the day or for more information.

Speaking and Demonstration Contest

Helping people speak in front of groups is one of the most important life skills 4-H offers. 4-H members prepare for future success in any career by improving their abilities to transmit information clearly and convincingly. With this in mind, we would like our 4-H community to work together to stress the importance of speaking & demonstrations. Contests like this one are a great resource for practical skill-building.

Here are some tips:
- Select something that you do well or a project you are proud of
- Make attractive posters/visuals. Use large letters and space them so that they are easy to read from the audience.
- Assemble all materials necessary to complete your demonstration or to show off your project.
- Demonstrate as you talk.
- Be sure to look at the judge and the audience as well as your project or visual.
- Show the finished product.
- Summarize the steps of the demonstration or how you completed your project.

Age categories and time limits:

- Cloverbuds (Grades K-2):up to 2 minutes: (Speech only, no demonstration)
- Novice (3-5th Grade):
    - 3-6 minute: Demonstration
    - 1-3 minutes: Any Speech
- Juniors (5th & 6th Grade):
    - 5-8 minutes: Demonstration
    - 2-3 minutes: Any Speech
- Intermediate (7th & 8th) Grade:
    - 6-10 minutes: Demonstration
    - 3-4 minutes: any Speech
- Seniors (9th Grade & Up):
    - 8-15 minutes: Demonstration
    - 4-6 minutes: any Speech

The categories listed below are types of talks and demonstrations that can be done in the contest. Youth are limited to 2 of the following categories.

Project Speech: this category is a chance to share a 4-H project you have done recently. It is designed to give youth in grades K-6 practice showing and telling about a project. Visual aids or the actual project should be included. You may want to share why you chose the project and what you had to do to complete the project. Reflection is also encouraged. (What did you learn from this project? What went well, what did not go well and how did you learn from that? Can you use what you learned in other areas of your life? What would you do differently next time? Do you want to continue to pursue this project in the future?)

4-H Promotional Speech
This is your chance to promote 4-H. Tell why you are involved and why others should join. Props or visual aids are optional.

Original Speech

Talk must be developed by the member who is presenting it. It cannot have been given previously in another contest or previously critiqued. Only Cloverbud & Novice division speakers may have their speeches written out and read them. Junior through Senior category speakers should use note cards. Speakers may choose to use props and visual aids if they desire.

Formal Demonstrations

Formal demonstrations involve showing and telling the audience how to make or do something. Youth present information through actions with an explanation of steps required to complete a task. Demonstrations should have an introduction, body, conclusion, and a time to answer questions.

Dynamic Duo: Any of the categories listed above can be done as a team of two as a "Dynamic Duo." A team may be two 4-H members of any age, or a 4-H member and an adult. You must indicate to the judge before your speech if one or both members are to be judged.

Recognition .
- Certificates will be awarded for each participant.
- The deadline to register is by **11:59 PM November 6th, 2023.**

INTERPRETIVE READING CATEGORY

Note: Youth may enter as a solo and dynamic duo.

Interpretive Reading

Rules:
1. Readings may be either prose, poetry, original (written by the youth), or a selected reading. The author must be credited.
2. Readings can be read or memorized.
3. All readers should use full-size copies of their selections (**NO** notecards). Please mount your copy on construction paper or other heavy paper (8 ½ x 11" or 9 x 12"). Do NOT read your selection from the book.
4. Each reading must include an introduction.

   - Cloverbuds: Up to 1 minute (Grades K-2)
   - Novice: 1-2 minutes (Grades 3 & 4)
   - Junior: 2-3 minutes (Grades 5 & 6)
   - Intermediate: 3-4 minutes (Grades 7 & 8)
   - Senior: 4-6 minutes (Grades 9-13)

Dynamic Duo: A Dynamic Duo is a team of two 4-H members of any age, or a 4-H member and an adult. You must indicate to the judge before your speech if one or both members are to be judged. This is an interpretive reading consisting of a dialogue for two. Up to 6 minutes in length.

Recognition
Each 4-H participant will receive a participation ribbon and a certificate. A top overall speaker in each age division will be selected and receive special recognition (across all entry divisions).

Resources: Example judging criteria can be found on the Dunn County 4-H website:
https://dunn.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-resources/ Scroll down to Tri-County Festival

Wisconsin Extension will be revising speaking resources; for now Kansas State has several excellent guides to speaking that can be found here:
https://search.k-state.edu/?qt=speaking&curtab=0&subsiteurl=www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu&subsitename=KSRE+Bookstore