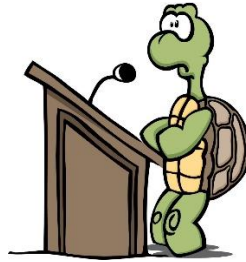




2025 Public Speaking Contest

When: Monday Jan. 27th, 2025
Location: Ringwood Elementary Cafeteria
Beginning at 5 PM- prior to the County Wide 4-H Meeting



Public Speaking Contest Guidelines

1. Participants will remain in the room until all speeches have been given. There are several reasons for this:
 - a. Each participant will have the same size audience.
 - b. Each participant will hear talks on other subjects, thus gaining knowledge and ideas for future talks.
 - c. Confusion in the hall is avoided with limited distractions
2. **An individual may give one speech and one presentation. For example either a individual presentation, a team presentation, or a digital presentation.**
3. The contest will be divided into different age groups:
 - a. First Timer – Grade 3.
 - b. Junior Division – Grades 3 - 7.
 - c. Senior Division – Grades 8 - 12.
 Winners in this division may present their talk or demonstration as a Roundup Delegate.
 - d. Cloverbuds (non-competitive) will recite the 4-H Pledge.

TIME REQUIREMENTS for those going on to West District Speech Contest:

Will not be enforced at a county level but will be for those who move on to Districts.

Grade Division	Speech	Illustrated Presentation	Digital Presentation
3 rd to 5 th Grade	3 to 5 minutes	3 to 10 minutes	5 to 7 minutes
6 th to 8 th Grade	5 to 7 minutes	5 to 12 minutes	5 to 7 minutes
9 th to 12 th Grade	5 to 7 minutes	5 to 12 minutes	5 to 7 minutes

Champion & Reserve Champion will be named in each group which has blue ribbon ratings. No red ribbon recipient will be eligible for a champion & reserve award. Awards will be presented following the contest

4. THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO:

- a. Regular speech – A 4-H talk/regular speech is one means of sharing information and educating an audience about a specific subject. It is an oral presentation in which the member does not rely on posters/illustrations or objects. All illustrations are communicated through descriptions used in the speech. Basically, the 4-H member paints a picture or tells a story through oral communication. There are no props/posters/costumes in a speech.
- b. ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS (FORMERLY ILLUSTRATED TALK & DEMONSTRATIONS) Presentations in this category include both illustrated talks and demonstrations. They are judged together as an “illustrated presentation.” A 4-H illustrated talk is another means of sharing information and educating an audience about a specific subject. In the oral presentation the member uses posters/illustrations or objects to emphasize/illustrate specific points in the speech. A 4-H demonstration is a means of sharing information with an audience by showing how to do something. In the presentation the member shows how to make an item or complete a task. When the demonstration is finished the 4-H members will have a finished product to show.
- c. DIGITAL PRESENTATION DEFINED See definition of an illustrated talk. The primary difference, a Digital Presentation replace posters, and the presenter is demonstrating the skills they have mastered when integrating technology into a speech/presentation. Members will be evaluated on their ability to design and create effective slides (Prezi, PPT, Google Slides, etc.) which complement the oral content of the talk/speech. The digital platform (slides) should not be the “presentation.”
- d. FAMOUS PERSON / CHARACTER CONTEST – This contest is designed to provide a 4-H member with the opportunity of portraying a person or character from sports, pop culture or historical, either from the past or pre- sent, through speech and props. No Cartoon or Fictional Characters are allowed. The 4-H members 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”.
- e. STORYTELLING / READING TO CHILDREN, this is an **individual** event and recognizes members for demonstrating acceptable and creative early childhood techniques while presenting a selected piece of children's literature to an imaginary group of children. Youth will select their own book, determine the appropriate age group, and use creative visuals in their presentation.
- f. Extemporaneous Talks: All 4-Her's in attendance will get the opportunity to participate in the EXTEMPORANEOUS Speech Contest. This contest is held in addition to the regular Speech and Illustrative Presentations. Subject matters will be given to the participants. The participant will be given 5 minutes to think of what to say about the subject. Then the contestant will talk for 3-5 minutes on the topic. This type of speaking teaches the participant to collect thoughts quickly and speak “on the spur of the moment”. Ribbons will be awarded to winners in this event.

5. Speeches, Illustrative Presentations and Digital Presentations may be in any area of interest to the individual. PRESENTATIONS will be classified as:

- a. Regular Speeches.
- b. Illustrative Presentations.
- c. Digital Presentations should be on a memory stick or CD Participants should bring two copies of their presentation as a handout with six slides per page. These handouts will be for the contest judge's benefit (especially, in case of equipment compatibility problems). The presentation must have been created by the contestant. Participants will be expected to load and run their own disk. No teams, individual presentations only. A computer and projector will be provided for this contest.

FAMOUS PERSON/CHARACTER

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 or historical, either from the past or present, through speech and props. No Cartoon or Fictional Characters are allowed. 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. NO TEAMS ALLOWED.
2. Categories are:
 - a. Pop Culture/Sports Figures/Musicians/actors or b. Historical Figures
3. Famous Person/Character presentation lengths:
 - i. Jr (Grades 3-7): 2-5 minutes
 - ii. Sr (Grades 8-12) 5-7 minutes
4. All props must be no larger than 30" wide or over 6 feet tall.
5. No live firearms (a toy gun can be used as a replacement).
6. It is expected that 4-H members ONLY portray famous people of good morals 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.
7. Props are intended to be added 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.
8. Judges will be looking for the following points in the presentation:
9. Was the member prepared when the judge arrived at their station?
 - a. Did the presentation cover several facts about the person?
 - b. Did the 4-H members have their presentation memorized?
 - c. Did the 4-H member speak plainly, clearly and slowly?
 - d. Did 4-H member's dress and props match the person they were acting out?
 - e. Could the judge see that the 4-H member had put in thought and practice in preparation for the contest?

STORYTELLING / READING TO CHILDREN

GUIDELINES

1. Selection of the book is up to the 4-H Member and must be brought to the contest.
2. The oral presentation may be up to 15 minutes in length. A five-minute and one-minute warning will be given. Participants will be stopped at 15 minutes. Judges will consider your use of time for the age group you have selected to present to.
3. Following the presentation, evaluators will ask questions of the participant. Maximum time limit for question is 3 minutes. Youth are judged on their reactions to question.
4. Participants will provide all other props, materials, and equipment used. No slides, tapes, or other mechanical devices are to be used during the presentation.
5. For reference and tips on reading with children, you may refer to West Virginia
6. University 4-H "Make Reading Come Alive" fact sheets at <https://tinyurl.com/3fetfzmv>.
7. Participants will be judged on:
 - a) Visual Presentation, your choice and design of visuals as well as the how the visuals support and complement the story selected.
 - b) Manipulation of book and visual materials
 - c) Body Language
 - d) Voice, Grammar and Diction
 - e) Appearance
 - f) How well participant applied Child Development Concepts
 - g) Response to judges' questions.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Why do you feel the technique (choice and use of props) used was appropriate for the age of child selected?
2. Using this technique, how would you control the children in your care? (Note: Assume you are the person in charge of the reading activity).
3. What would you do if a child wants to leave the story circle?
4. What would you do if a child insists on standing up for the story time?
5. What would you do if a child keeps interrupting the story with unrelated comments?



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Public Speaking Contest**
Contest Date: Monday January 27th, 2025
LOCATION: Ringwood Elementary Cafeteria
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Entry Form

Due Date: January 17, 2025

Name:

Club:

Grade in School (as of date of event)

I will be participating in: *(An individual may only mark one in each category.)*

a. SPEECH CATEGORY:

a. Speech Contest: Title:

b. PRESENTATION CATEGORY:

a. Illustrated Presentation (Individual)

i. Title:

b. Illustrated Presentation (Team) (Team Partner:

i. Title:

c. Digital (Power Point) Presentation (Individual) must be on a USB drive.

i. Title:

c. FAMOUS PERSON / CHARACTER CONTEST

a. Character/ Person:

d. STORYTELLING / READING TO CHILDREN

a. Title of book:

e. EXTEMPORANEOUS CATEGORY

a. All youth present will have the opportunity to participate in this portion of the contest.

My Age Group:

- Cloverbud (Non-Competitive) (Cloverbuds will recite the 4-H Pledge)
- First Timer (Grade 3)
- Junior (Grades 3 - 7)
- Seniors (Grades 8-12)