

4-H Public Speaking



OSU EXTENSION
OTTAWA COUNTY
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

4-H Public Speaking is a contest designed for 4-H members to work on communication, presentation, and public speaking skills - the exchange of thoughts, information, or messages between individuals; sending and receiving information using speech, writing, and gestures.

Divisions: The age and grade will be as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.

- Cloverbud: ages 5-8, or Kindergarten-2nd
- Junior: 3rd (and 8 yrs. old)-5th grade
- Intermediate: grades 6th-8th
- Senior: grades 9th-12th

Deadline: Sign up by 4:30 PM Friday February 18th.

Sign up: An entry form is on the extension.okstate.edu/Ottawa website, but you do not have to use the entry form to enter. Call the Extension office or Turn in form to your 4-H Leader or email completed form to Jamie.foster@okstate.edu. We will need the publicity release section of form completed by entry deadline.

Contest Guidelines:

- **Cloverbuds** (grades K-2nd) May enter 1 Show and Tell presentation and will receive a participation ribbon only.
- **3rd Graders:** May enter Junior Division or as a Cloverbud, but not both. If entering as Cloverbud (will receive a participation ribbon only), they cannot also enter Junior Categories.
- **Members entering in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions** may pick 2 speech categories.
- Time limits are listed on next page for each category.

Categories (see descriptions on next page): *Members may have one entry per category for a total of two entries.*

- Regular Talk
- Illustrated Presentation Food
- Illustrated Presentation Non-Food
- Power Point
- Extemporaneous
- Impromptu
- 4-H Ritual

Judging: All speeches will be judged on the Speaker (appearance, voice, eye contact, posture); Presentation (Introduction, organization of material, delivery, interesting, conclusion, general effect of presentation, use of props); and Subject Matter (originality, topic, speaker's understanding of topic, accurate information.)

Awards: The Danish system of awarding each entry a blue, red, or white award will be used. A Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbon will be awarded within each category. Plaques will be awarded to the top two entries in each division.

Ottawa County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Categories

Cloverbud Show and Tell Presentation:

Cloverbuds- Grades K-2nd or ages 5-8, not yet in 3rd grade, can give a short show and tell presentation. Participants will receive a participation ribbon only. If entering as a Cloverbud, they cannot enter any other category.

Regular Talk:

Jr. Division 1-3 minutes.

Int. & Sr. Divisions 3-7 minutes.

Members will give one speech over any 4-H category or project area. No props can be used.

Examples include: "How to feed a show calf", "How to train a dog", "Leadership in 4-H", "What is 4-H"

Illustrated Presentation: Foods & Non-Foods

Jr. Division 3 - 15 minutes

Int. & Sr. Divisions 5 –15 minutes

Members will give one speech using posters, displays, or other props.

Examples include: "How to decorate a cake", "How to groom a horse"

Illustrated Presentation: Power Point

Jr. Division 3-7 minutes

Int. & Sr. Divisions 5-7 minutes

Members will demonstrate the skills they have mastered when integrating technology into a speech/presentation.

Members will be evaluated on their ability to design and create the PPT slides which complement the oral content of the presentation. The PPT should not be the "presentation."

Impromptu:

Jr. Division 1-3 minutes.

Int. & Sr. Divisions 3-7 minutes

Members will receive 3 topics/statements from the Extension Office. The speaker will then pick 1 topic. Speeches are judged on delivery, organization, presentation, and subject matter.

Extemporaneous:

Int. & Sr. Divisions 4-6 minutes.

Members will receive 3 questions based on current 4-H happenings. The speaker will pick 1 topic. Speeches are judged on organization, delivery, and how well the speaker addressed the question.

4-H Club Ritual:

Jr., Int. & Sr. Divisions - Recite 4-H Club Ritual

Members will be judged on appearance, clarity of speech, and how well they can recite the 4-H Ritual. Someone will need to read the parts of the Vice President and the member will respond with the Member parts. This can be a parent, adult, or another 4-H member.