



4-H Speech Contest

Sunday, April 19 • Preregister by April 13

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The 4-H Speech Contest will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. No visual aids (posters) are allowed. Please dress nice for the contest.

To register, call the extension office at 441-7180 by April 13 with the following information: Name, Speech Title & Division or email Deanna at dkarmazin2@unl.edu

For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180. For resources, go to <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>



Speech Contest Divisions:

Clover Kids: 5–7 years old

Topic: Anything! You could recite or read a favorite nursery rhyme, short story, the 4-H pledge, etc. *This is a non-competitive, participation-only division.*

Novice: 8–9 years old

Length: 2 minutes or less

Topic: Anything (prefer 4-H related). This is a no reading division.

Junior: 10–11 years old

Length: 2–3 minutes

Topic: Any experience in 4-H, including projects, activities etc.

Intermediate: 12–13 years old

Length: 3–5 minutes

Topic: 4-H experience - encouraged to speak on a project you would like others to enroll in.

Senior: 14–19 years old

Length: 5–8 minutes

Topic: A timely topic related to 4-H. How has 4-H helped you? The importance of 4-H in your life... etc.

Scoring

The 4-H members are judged on a 100 point scale.

20% - Subject of the speech: Use of 4-H, content, good use of examples and supporting stories or facts, substantial message

20% - Organization of the speech: Introduction, body & conclusion included & identifiable

40% - Delivery: Bodily action, poise, eye contact, gestures, voice, pitch, rate & articulation and pronunciation of words

20% - General: Personal appearance, reaction of audience, length

4-H Speech and PSA Workshop, March 5

A workshop designed for 4-H'ers in their first years of competing in the 4-H Speech and PSA contests will be held, Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Participants will learn basic skills to write speeches and PSA's. They will also learn basic delivery techniques. Please call Deanna at 441-7180 by Feb. 26 to preregister.

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Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



4-H Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest

Deadline Monday, April 13



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In the PSA Contest, 4-H'ers submit a “radio commercial” recorded on a cassette tape or CD by Monday, April 13. PSA must promote 4-H and should be 60 seconds. State 4-H asks for PSA's to be non-county specific so winning PSA's can be aired on radios statewide (for example, say “call your local extension office”). PSA's must be recorded on cassette tapes and CD's that are playable on standard stereo equipment. Sound effects and background noises are encouraged. If you do not have the capabilities to record a PSA, contact Deanna to set up a recording time. The tapes will be judged without the 4-H member present. Results and comment sheets will be handed out at the 4-H Speech Contest which will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.

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Scoring

For the Public Service Announcement (PSA) division of the public speaking program, the emphasis is on the presentation of a PSA for radio. For that reason, scoring is based on the content of the material and the delivery. Appearance and gestures do not enter into the judging at this time.

The PSA Scorecard is based on a total of 100 points.

- 20% - Introduction:** Did the introduction catch your immediate attention? Was it short and to the point? Did the excitement match the contest?
- 20% - Body:** Main points clear? Appropriate amount of information given? Facts related to the PSA theme?
- 20% - Closing:** Do you give information to the listener in how to become involved or how to obtain additional information? Was the PSA properly wrapped up? How close to 60 seconds is the PSA?
- 40% - General Delivery:** Was the PSA in a conversational style? Did you use proper voice control? Did you give it at a good pace? All words pronounced correctly? Were sounds effect effective and attention giving?

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