

Public Speaking

This event will be going on at the same time as Food Show in the classrooms adjacent to the cafeteria.

What is it?

It has been said that public speaking is the number one fear of most Americans. 4-H gives youth a jump start on this skill by offering an opportunity for members to learn skills needed in public speaking and to have the opportunity to present their skill for feedback from a panel of judges. This opportunity is provided at the 4-H Public Speaking event. Members are evaluated based on their age and number of years in the Public Speaking program. This program stands up to any experiences or goes beyond what a member may have anytime during their schooling years. Parents and youth both report this program teaches self-confidence.

Who Can Take Part?

Juniors: Anyone between 8-13 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

Seniors: Anyone 14 or older as of January 1st of the current year.

Is There a Set Topic?

Members may choose the topic of their choice which can be their favorite project or a very formal talk on a specific project or area of interest. Some suggested general topic areas to consider are: Home/Family, School, Current Issues, Trips/Vacations, Humorous Topics, Historical Events, Favorite Pet. **Speeches from previous years cannot be repeated.**

Length of Time for Speech

Juniors	8-11 years old	1-3 minutes
Older Juniors	12-13 years old	3-8 minutes
Seniors	14 and older	5-10 minutes

How is the Judging Done?

Depending on the number of registrations, age groups are generally divided out into 8-9 year olds, 10-11 year olds, 12-13 year olds, and seniors, 14 and older. Sometimes this is adjusted and more than two age groups may be arranged together in order to accommodate a better organized program.

Horse Public Speaking

State Representation - Each county can send 2 members (12- 13) and 2 Senior members, (14-18) to State . Our county can send 2 Senior Public Speakers, 14 years and older, who speak on a horse topic to State Activities Day to compete for National Horse Roundup.

Sign-Up Deadlines

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2012

Speech Titles

Please encourage members to have a title at the time they sign up or be sure to call in the title before the day of the event. We continue to have too many speeches without titles and need this to prepare the program. **We must have speech titles and information prior to the event.**

Resources

Call the 4-H office for the resources listed in the front of this packet. The Public Speaking Guidebook is very helpful.

Volunteers

We need adults and youth to help as volunteers. Please suggest people you have available. This is a great opportunity to recruit community volunteers, teachers, and toastmasters.

Score Sheets can be found on our website:

<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/PDRes07.htm>



