

Guidelines for 4-H Day

Event: Impromptu Speaking

Objective(s): Impromptu speaking is a presentation in which the speaker is given five minutes to prepare a five-minute speech on a randomly drawn topic about 4-H in order to have 4-Hers

- draw on personal experiences and resources.
- organize thoughts and presentations in a logical manner.
- gain confidence and be able to deliver a speech spontaneously.

Impromptu speaking provides an additional opportunity for members to develop public speaking skills.

Time: Preparation time: 5 minutes maximum
Speech time: 5 minutes maximum
Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded; 30-second grace period.

Equipment and/or Facilities Provided by Event Monitors:

1. A note card and pencil or pen will be provided so that the member may prepare notes.
2. Topics to be drawn and container to draw from.
3. Lectern may be available.

Equipment Provided by Participants:

The note card may be used for reference during the speech.

Guidelines:

1. There will be the following divisions:
 - Junior: ages 7-9
 - Intermediate: ages 10-13
 - Senior: ages 14-18
2. 4-Hers participating will draw three topics related to 4-H and chose one to speak on.
3. Topics that are selected are returned to the pool to be drawn by another competitor. The selected topic is not, so each speaker should have a unique topic during the competition.
4. The five minutes prep time starts when the first topic is drawn.
5. Prep time will occur in the room and a timekeeper will let the 4-Her know every minute as time elapses.
6. The talk should be up to five minutes in length and should include an introduction, a body with supporting points, and a summary.
7. No outside sources may be brought into the room.
8. A note card and pencil or pen will be provided so that the member may prepare notes. The note card may be used for reference during the speech. No other visuals, props, or notes may be used. Lectern may or may not be available, but speakers are encouraged to avoid speaking from behind a podium.
9. The student must speak about the topic selected and clearly state it early in the speech. A one-ribbon penalty is required for failure to state the topic.
10. Speakers should not listen to other impromptu speakers in their age division before speaking.
11. Each judge has a list of topics for the competition. There should be at least two more topics in the total pool than there are competitors, so that each competitor will have at least three topics to choose from.
12. Judge will serve as the timekeeper.
13. **Performers should recognize this is a family event and choose costumes, themes, and performances that show respect for both the performers and the audience.**

Resources: Resources that may be used in planning this event include:

Public Speaking 4-H Style <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/COM12050.pdf>

4-H Presentations
<http://www.nc4h.org/publications/forms/presentation-hdbk.pdf>

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Impromptu Speaking Score Sheet

County (circle one):

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Name:		Title of Presentation:				
4-H Age:	Years in 4-H:	Division: Junior (7-9) ___ Intermediate (10-13) ___ Senior (14-18) ___				
Club:		Event Time Limit: 5 minutes preparation and 5 minutes speaking				
		Actual Speaking Time: _____ minutes				
Weight	The speaker	P	B	R	W	Comments
20	Content Selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses topic significantly, demonstrates style, originality, and creativity Meets time requirement Uses outside evidence and/or appropriate and varied use of illustrations and examples 					
30	Organization and Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relates a clear thesis statement Discusses the topic using appropriate analysis and reasoning Incorporates a strong introduction and conclusion demonstrates a logical Well-reasoned flow of ideas Balances the development of each point and incorporated fluid transitions 					
25	Vocal Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicates directly and sincerely Holds audience's attention Speaks clearly and conversationally Incorporates proper vocal techniques including projection, articulation, tone/pitch, rate/fluency, and inflection Demonstrates accurate pronunciation 					
25	Physical Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays appropriate gestures and facial expressions Exhibits good energy level, passion, movement, and posture 					
Penalties: ___ Exceeds time (30-second grace period) = reduction by one ribbon ___ Failed to state topic chosen in speech = reduction by one ribbon						
Circle ONE Top Purple* Alternate Top Purple* Purple Blue Red White *Top Purple and Alternate Top Purple are only used at County or District 4-H Day.						
Reason for Ranking and other Comments: (Use back of sheet for additional comments.)						