

# LarimerCounty

## 4-H Public Presentations Contests

### PREPARED SPEECHES

#### CONTESTANTS ANDELIGIBILITY

1. This is an individual contest.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H.

#### CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants can prepare a speech on any topic relative to today's youth, but they must relate it to 4-H in some way.
2. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
3. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
4. Each speech will be timed. Juniors should be between 3-5 minutes, Intermediate 4-6 and Seniors 6-8 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit. Participants will be given a 30 second warning before the end of the time period.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
6. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
7. During the competition the contestants may introduce themselves by name, club and speech topic.
8. Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of their speech. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Only the judge may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question, then answer it.
10. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing.
11. Judging will be done by adult judges.
12. Ties will be broken by the judges.
13. Judges will use the Colorado State Speech Contest Prepared Speech Score Sheet.

## **IMPROMPTU SPEECHES**

### **CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. This is an individual contest.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H.

### **CONTEST RULES**

1. Contestant will select a topic for his/her speech by randomly drawing three questions from a pool of questions. They will select one question and return the others. A maximum of one minute will be allowed for this process. Questions will be relative to today's youth and may include current events, 4-H, and/or social issues.
2. Questions will be at the discretion of the superintendent. Only the superintendent will know the questions prior to the contest. No two contestants will speak on the same topic.
3. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
4. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
5. Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes to organize their thoughts before beginning their presentation. Time will begin when they select their question.
6. Each speech will be timed and must be between 3-5 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit. Participants will be given a 30 second warning before end of time period.
7. Contestants will be allowed to organize their thoughts on a 5x7 blank note card. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
8. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
9. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing.
10. Ties will be broken by the judges.
11. Judges will use the Colorado State 4-H Impromptu Score Sheet.

## **DEMONSTRATIONS & ILLUSTRATED TALKS**

### **CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. These are individual or team contests.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H.

### **CONTEST RULES**

1. The only public presentation division that allows teams is Demonstration & Illustrated talk. A team shall consist of two 4-H members. Both team members may be from the same age division. If they are not, they must compete in the division of the oldest member.
2. Each Demonstration and Illustrated Talk will be timed and are limited to 10 minutes.
3. Visual aids, props, etc. are allowed and will be provided by the individual or team. General equipment and supplies such as tables and chairs, will be furnished when requested in advance of the contest. Special equipment and/or supplies will depend upon availability and must be requested in advance.

## **INTERPRETIVE READING**

### **CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. This is an individual contest.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H.

### **CONTEST RULES**

1. Members deliver a rendition of a piece of pre-written material. The pre-written material should be a selection from a book, poem, story, etc., and should be 4-H appropriate. This area is not intended for presentation of original material written by the presenter. Members may choose which selection or multiple portions of a text to present, but may not change the content. Content should be cohesive and transition smoothly from one portion to the next.
2. During the beginning of the reading, the speaker should introduce their piece and explain the significance of the material.
3. Costumes and small props can be used but they need to be simple and minimal, not detracting from the strength of the presenter. Everyone will be expected to provide their own equipment. General equipment and supplies such as tables and chairs will be furnished when requested in advance of competition.
4. Each Interpretive Reading will be timed. Senior readings must be between 6-8 minutes in duration. Intermediate readings must be between 4-6 minutes in duration. Junior readings must be between 3-5 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 second over or under the time limit. Participants will be given a 30 second warning before end of the time period.