

IMPROMPTU PUBLIC SPEAKING

Description: Contestant will speak on a topic randomly chosen from a pool of questions.

Entries: May enter as individual only in this contest.

State Awards: First place individual will receive the choice of \$50 towards national competition, \$50 towards future county/state event, a State 4-H Contests Jacket, or registration for "State Contests Winners" Retreat. They will also earn the right to represent Utah at the Western National Contest in Denver.

National Awards: Determined at the national level.

Sponsor: Utah 4-H and Dan Clark & Associates

Contest Guidelines:

1. Contestant will select a topic for their speech by randomly drawing three questions from a pool of questions. They will select one question and return the other two. 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. Examples of the type of questions include:
 - a. If I were an author, I would write about...
 - b. One issue facing teenagers today is...
 - c. If I could describe my personality as a tree, which tree would I be...
 - d. What has being involved in 4-H taught me?
2. Questions will be at the discretion of the contest coordinator. Only the contest coordinator 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 3 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.
7. Contestants will be allowed to organize their thoughts on a 5x7 blank note card (supplied). However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant.
8. A podium must be used by participants.



Impromptu Speech Contest SCORE SHEET

RIBBON AWARDED

(circle one)

BLUE
RED
WHITE

Name _____

County _____

Age _____

Years in 4-H _____

Topic _____

Length of Talk _____

BASIS FOR SCORING	POINTS POSSIBLE	COMMENTS
GENERAL APPEARANCE:	5	
Posture, Appropriate Dress, Visible Distractions		
INTRODUCTION:	10	
Attention getting, Opening Introduced Purpose and Subject		
BODY:	25	
Main points logically arranged and relevant, important points were easy to follow, appropriate supporting information.		
PROJECTION TO AUDIENCE:	10	
Eye Contact, Body Control, Gestures, Head Movement, Facial Expressions		
VOICE CONTROL:	10	
Pitch, Tempo, Inflection, Emphasis, Articulation, Volume		
PRONUNCIATION AND ENUNCIATION	15	
LANGUAGE EFFECTIVENESS:	10	
Appropriate Words, Skill in using Meaningful Quotes		
SUMMARY:	10	
Stress Important Points, Has Definite Closing		
OVERALL QUALITY:	5	
Originality, Skill in Use of Notes, Topic Coverage		
DEDUCTION FOR TIME?		
<i>Time limit is 3-5 minutes. Penalty of 2 points for each 30 seconds over or under on time.</i>		
TOTAL SCORE:	(OUT OF 100)	

Judges Comments: