



4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST



**March 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Caroline County 4-H Park**

Deadline: February 27, 2017

NAME _____ AGE _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

4-H CLUB(S) _____

AGE LEVEL: (circle according to age as of January 1) Clover (5-7) Jr. (8-10) Int. (11-13) Sr. (14-18)

4-H CLUB(S) _____

Check the category of your presentation: (descriptions on back)

- _____ Prepared Speech
- _____ Extemporaneous Speech
- _____ Radio Spot
- _____ Interpretation
- _____ Visual Presentation/Demonstration *county contest only
- _____ Clover – Show & Tell or recite 4-H pledge, pledge of allegiance, or a poem

Time Requirements/Limits:

- Prepared Speech – Juniors: 3-5 minutes; Intermediates & Seniors: 4-6 minutes
- Extemporaneous Speech – Juniors & Intermediates: 2-3 minutes; Seniors: 3-5 minutes
- Radio Spot – Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors: 30 seconds
- Interpretations – Juniors: 1 ½-3 minutes; Intermediates: 2-4 minutes; Seniors: 3-5 minutes
- Visual Presentation/Demonstration – Juniors: 3-5 minutes; Intermediates & Seniors: 4-6 minutes
- Clover Show & Tell or Reciting Pledge/Poem – 1 minute

Participants will receive placement ribbons and certificates. Clover members will not be judged, but will receive a participation ribbon and certificate.

4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST CATEGORIES

PREPARED SPEECH

A Prepared Speech is a speech on any topic chosen by the 4-H member. Choose a topic that interests you; consider things like 4-H projects, hobbies, passions, school, community service, etc. Topics that might be considered controversial should be approved by the county 4-H staff in advance. 4-Hers should write, prepare, and practice their speech well in advance. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. Only juniors may use a complete script. Memorization is not encouraged. Presentation should NOT include an introduction of yourself. That will be provided by a room host.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

An Extemporaneous Speech is one that is done on the spot. The 4-H member will draw three different topics from those provided and will decide on one topic to speak on. Juniors & Intermediates will have 30 minutes to prepare their notes and presentation. Seniors will have 15 minutes to prepare their notes and presentation. Contestants may use one side of up to four, or both sides of up to two, 5 x 8 inch note cards for their key word outline. Extemporaneous speakers will be shown color time cards at correctly timed intervals indicating "30 SECONDS", "1 MINUTE" AND "STOP". Presentation should NOT include an introduction of yourself. That will be provided by a room host.

RADIO SPOT

A Radio Spot is an exactly 30 second "public address" or "public service announcement" you would hear on the radio. Radio spots may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or "tag" by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device. The contestant must provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 30 second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to 4-H, be original, and be created by the contestant.

INTERPRETATION

Interpretations are to be memorized oral interpretation or a selection of narrative in language of speaker's choice. Interpretations consist of four categories:

- a. DRAMATIC - Serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. Monologues are acceptable.
- b. MIME - Use your body to create an interpretation.
- c. POETRY - Recite and interpret a poem from memory.
- d. HUMOROUS - Humorous selection of narrative or literature. Cuttings may be taken from published plays/prose.

VISUAL PRESENTATION/DEMONSTRATION *(available at county contest only – not eligible for regional or state)*

A Visual Presentation is a presentation using props (such as charts, PowerPoint slides, posters, animals, etc.) that help illustrate and accentuate the presentation. The props allow the audience to see and understand facts and concepts shared in the speech. Contestants should construct a speech like they were doing a prepared speech, and include pauses/breaks to point to a prop, hold up a poster, show slides, etc. These pauses should be factored in to the overall time of the presentation. Contestant must provide all necessary props/equipment.

A Visual Demonstration is a presentation where the contestant shows step by step how to do or make something. Some examples include: how to groom a rabbit for show, how to make a corsage, how to make balloon animals, etc. The contestant would prepare and bring all the supplies needed for their "how-to" demonstration. Supplemental materials such as posters with instructions, take-home directions, and samples for taste testing, etc. are encouraged.

CLOVERBUD SHOW & TELL OR RECITE PLEDGE/POEM

4-H members ages 5-7 (as of January 1st) have the opportunity to share and tell the audience about any special toy, collectible, favorite item, pet, etc. Notecards can be used.

Clover members can also recite either the 4-H pledge, pledge of allegiance, or an age-appropriate poem.