

# Adams County 4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest



*Saturday, April 24, 2021  
Rendezvous Rooms - Dome Building*

### Contest includes:

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks  
Interpretive Reading  
Speech - Prepared and Impromptu  
Horse Demonstrations  
Horse Public Speaking

The Adams County 4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest is open to any 4-H member, between the ages of 5 and 18. Following is the rules and regulations for the contest for each of the divisions.

In order to offset the cost of this contest, there is a \$6 entry fee per person. Entry fees can be paid at <https://checkout.square.site/buy/YN6QWKQLVUEAILPQCVKOCN2K>

All registrations will be done online at <https://forms.gle/7Eh4Yrzabu2BcGQw7>. Please register for the Speech and Demonstration contest no later than Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

If special equipment is needed (projector, lap top, etc.), requests MUST be completed on the entry form!

Age divisions for the Speech and Demonstration Contest (all divisions) will be: (as of 12/31/20)

- Cloverbud (5 to 7 years old)
- Junior (8-10 years old)
- Intermediate (11-13 years old)
- Senior (14 and older)

### Tentative Time Schedule for day of Contest:

8:30am Registration open  
9:00am Contest Begins (schedule determined by number of participants).  
\*\* Awards will be presented at the completion of the contest



### Presentation Tips:

- ✓ Relax and have fun.
- ✓ Choose a topic for your speech or demonstration that you are interested in.
- ✓ Figure out what you will be talking about and organize your thoughts. Make sure that your presentation is in a logical order
- ✓ Practice! Go through your demonstration or speech more than once. If you can, practice in front of other people and get their feedback
- ✓ Make sure that your posters are easily read and aren't too busy.



# 4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest Area Guidelines

## **Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks:**

The Demonstration and Illustrated Talks contest is a "Show and Tell" opportunity for 4-H Members. A demonstration is described as "showing" how to do something, using props and materials in a step-by-step, clear and concise manner. You "Show How" while you "Tell Why". An Illustrated Talk "explains" how to do something by using charts, pictures or models. The method depends on the Speaker's preference in deciding the best way to teach a specific subject. Presentations must be directly related to 4-H projects or activities.

- Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks will have individual and team (2 people) classes for each age division.
- Time limits are age specific. Two points may be deducted for every 30 seconds over or under the time limit. The time will start once the contestant begins to speak and will end when they stop speaking. Questions from the judge(s) are not included in the time limits.
  - ✓ Juniors (Ages 8-10 years old) - 4 to 6 minutes
  - ✓ Intermediates (Ages 11-13 years old) - 6 to 8 minutes
  - ✓ Seniors (Ages 14 to 18 years old) - 8 to 10 minutes
- An additional 5 minutes is allowed for set up and take down.
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior champions may be eligible to represent Adams County at the State Fair in August.



## **Interpretive Reading:**

Interpretive reading is an opportunity for members to deliver a rendition of a piece of pre-written material. The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools, delivers 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 creative communication area bridges the gap between message delivery and the performing arts. Costumes and small props can be used, but they need to be simple and minimal, not detracting from the strength of the presenter. This area is not intended for presentation of original material written by the presenter.

- Interpretive Reading is for individual contestants, not teams.
- 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.
- During the beginning of the reading, the speaker should introduce their piece and explain the significance of the material
- Each individual will be expected to provide their own equipment. General equipment and supplies, such as tables and chairs, will be furnished if requested in advance of the contest.
- Interpretive reading will be timed. Senior reading must be between 6-8 minutes; Intermediates between 4-6 minutes and Juniors between 3-5 minutes. Points may be deducted if over or under the time limit.
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior champions may be eligible to represent Adams County at the State Fair in August.



# 4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest Area Guidelines

## **Prepared Speech:**

A speech is an opportunity for a 4-H member to write and deliver his/her own speech. The speaker will persuade, inform or educate the audience on a single issue or topic related to 4-H. The purpose of this category to encourage participants to give a speech in which they seek out accurate information, organize it into a useful form and present the information. A speech has a clear and understandable topic. Citing sources can increase the credibility of the speech if it does not interfere with the delivery of the prepared speech.

- The prepared speech contest is for individuals, no teams.
- Speeches must be original and written by the individual
- Note cards may be used. However, excessive use of notes may counted against the contestant.
- Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids or props in their presentations.
- Speeches must be on a 4-H topic relative to today's youth. The speech must be related to 4-H in some manner. Any ideas presented should relate to 4-H participation and/or organization in Colorado as appropriate. Past contest speeches may not be used for county competition.
- Speeches should be between 4-6 minutes for seniors; 3-5 minutes for Intermediate and Juniors and 2-3 minutes for Cloverbuds.
- The Top Senior the Prepared Speech may be eligible to represent Adams County at the State 4-H Conference at Colorado State University in June.



## **Impromptu Speech:**

An Impromptu Speech involves speeches that participants have written at the competition. Participants will select a topic and then be given ten minutes to prepare their speech. General topic areas for impromptu speeches will include Personal issues/values, youth issues, 4-H promotion/persuasive, leadership and current events. During the impromptu speech contest, 4-H members will have the opportunity to draw on personal experiences and resources, gain confidence and be able to deliver a speech spontaneously.

- The impromptu speech contest is for individuals, no teams.
- The junior and intermediate time frame is 2-3 minutes. Senior time frame is 3-5 minutes. Participants will be given a 30-second warning before the end of the time frame.
- Members will select a topic and then be given ten minutes to prepare their speech. A note card and pencil 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.
- Members will probably not have the time to write out the whole speech. It is better to consider several major points and write them on the card. Members are never unprepared—they have their lifetime and their 4-H experience as a resource. Members should be themselves.
- The Top Senior Impromptu Speech may be eligible to represent Adams County at the State 4-H Conference at Colorado State University in June.



# 4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest Area Guidelines

## **Horse Demonstrations:**

This is a demonstration relating to the Horse industry. The subject matter must pertain to the horse. Demonstration not appropriately related to the horse industry will be judged as a general demonstration. Presentations may be either a demonstration or illustration talk format.

- The Horse Demonstration contest will have individual and team (2 people) classes for each age division.
- No live animals may be used
- Creative audio visual aids may be used, but the contestants must be involved in making or designing them
- Presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes
- Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the presentation. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
- The Top Senior Horse Demonstration individual and team may be eligible to represent Adams County at the State 4-H Conference at Colorado State University in June.



## **Horse Public Speaking:**

This is a prepared speech relating to the Horse industry. The subject matter must pertain to the horse. Speeches not appropriately related to the horse industry will be judged as a prepared speech. No visual aids may be used, including the use of handouts such as bibliographies and pamphlets.

- The Horse Public Speaking contest is for individuals, no teams
- Speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length for seniors. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes. Speeches should be between 4-6 minutes for Intermediate and Juniors and 2-3 minutes for Cloverbuds.
- Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the speech. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
- The Top Senior Horse Public Speaking individual may be eligible to represent Adams County at the State 4-H Conference at Colorado State University in June.

**Please NOTE** - For all Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks (including Interpretive reading AND Horse) - **Contestants are responsible for bringing equipment, supplies and visual aids. Special arrangements must be made at the time entries are submitted, if there is equipment that needs to be provided.** The only equipment that will be available at the contest is an easel and tables, unless special arrangements are made when the entries are submitted.