



**MEMORANDUM**  
September 14, 2009

TO: District IV County Extension Agents

FROM: District IV Educational Presentations/Public Speaking Committee  
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SUBJECT: 2009 Fall Educational Presentations/Public Speaking Contest

DATE: Saturday, November 21, 2009  
Entries will be accepted via 4-H Connect October 16 – 30, 2009.

**Contest Location:** Texas A&M –Commerce Campus

Specific contest room locations will be announced by email to agents prior to contest date.

**Contest Definitions:**

Educational Presentations are defined as Method Demonstrations or Illustrated Talks.

Public Speaking is defined as a talk suitable for a platform speech or a radio broadcast.

See Guidelines and Information handout for details. (Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions)

Also review “What is an Educational Presentation” publication (State 4-H Website)

Contestants will present in front of a panel of judges, other contestants, families, and other guests.

**Entry Information:**

4-H members may enter one contest in Educational Presentations/Public Speaking. Refer to the State 4-H Roundup Guide (available on-line at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> under events/activities) for specific contest descriptions.

Entry fee is \$8.00 per contestant. Teams pay for each team member. There will be no refunds.

**No late entries will be accepted. All registration is to be completed through 4-H Connect.**

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html>

**Equipment Availability**

Participants are required to bring their own equipment, props, easels, visual aids, screens, podiums, etc. The Committee can not guarantee availability of any equipment.

**Special Needs**

Individuals requiring auxiliary aids must make note at the time of registering on 4-H Connect.

Arrangements will be made to provide a fair contest for all contestants.

### **Late Arrivals**

Educational Presentation/Public Speaking contestants must report to their contest room by the posted time. Once the contests in a room begin, all late arrivals will have 10 points deducted from their score. Emergency/accident situations will be taken into consideration by the Educational Presentations/Public Speaking Committee. If you have a known conflict with another Roundup contest, you must notify both respective contest superintendents so that a compromise can be worked out.

### **Awards and Recognition**

Awards and Recognition will be provided in each contest room at the conclusion of all contests in that room. First Place winners will receive a special award and 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Place will receive placing ribbons. Participation ribbons will be provided for other participants. Agents shall make arrangements with the district office for awards not picked up by contestants.

### **Advancement to State Roundup**

District IV 4-H will follow the guidelines for advancement to State Roundup. These will be published in the State Roundup Guide 2010 (which is not available at this time).

### **Live Animals**

Small live animals will be allowed in the Companion Animals contest. The Senior entries that qualify for State 4-H Roundup in the Companion Animals contest must make arrangements for "off campus" housing of the animals prior to State Roundup.

### **Grievance**

All grievances will be subject to the district grievance policy. (Enclosed)

### **Judges**

Volunteers must be confirmed from each county to serve as judges for these contests. Please complete the attached Educational Presentations/Public Speaking Judges Information Forms and submit to the District Office by October 30. It is highly recommended that this form be typed in order to prevent errors.

Please provide all pertinent event information to the volunteers whose names you submit for judges. They will receive a brief orientation by the contest superintendent in the contest room prior to judging.