

DISTRICT IV EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Guidelines & Information

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS – Max. 12 min.

An educational presentation is a demonstration of a member's knowledge and skills in a certain project area, and may include the use of props, posters, PowerPoint, etc. Topics should address emerging or current issues in the contest area. Presentations exceeding the maximum 12 minute time limit may be assessed an overtime penalty. Presentations may be conducted individually or in teams of 2 -5 members.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – Max. 7 min.

In the Public Speaking category, the member chooses to use the power of words to convince, educate, or persuade the audience. The 5-7 minute talk, suitable as a platform speech or a radio broadcast, does not permit the use of props, posters, etc. Talk is limited to a maximum 7 minutes with an overtime penalty of 2 points per 30 seconds. This category permits individual entries only (no teams).

AGE DIVISIONS - 4-H Age is Determined as of August 31, 2009

Junior	8 (& in 3 rd grade), 9, 10
Intermediate	11, 12, 13
Senior	14 – 18

REGISTRATION:

There is a participation fee of \$8 (per contestant) for all District IV contests via 4-H Connect <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect.htm>. These funds are used for recognition, to maintain equipment, the use of facilities, judges' fees and expenses, insurance, and supplies.

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.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY:

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

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:

Contestants will be recognized with placings (1st – 5th, with others receiving Participation ribbons). Awards will be presented in the contest rooms, following the tallies of the results.

ADVANCEMENT TO STATE ROUNDUP:

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