

# 2017 4-H SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST



Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 p.m.

County Government Center (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), Sturgeon Bay



Do you love reading poetry or stories to others? Can you read with enthusiasm and emotion? Do you love to talk, but don't have anyone to listen to you?

If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, then you should participate in the 4-H Speaking Contest! 4-H members can choose from these categories: Traditional Speech, Demonstration, or Interpretive Reading of Prose (short stories) or Poetry. You may enter in more than one category.



**Traditional Speech:** Pick a topic of your choice and write an original, factual speech about it. This could be about a 4-H project you love or a current issue you are concerned about. Your speech could inform, persuade or motivate your audience. Your entire speech or an outline of your speech can be put on note cards for use during your presentation. You may also use visuals (posters, charts, diagrams) to help you deliver your speech.

**Reading of Poetry or Prose:** Select a poem or a group of poems with a specific theme or emotion. For prose select stories, parts of a play, narratives--Anything not written as a poem. Original poetry or stories can also be used. For both categories, text is mounted on construction paper instead of reading from a book. You should write an introduction and any transitions that are needed if you have more than one reading.

**Demonstration:** Do you have a skill that you would like to share with others? This is the category for you! Some ideas: how to tie dye a shirt, make a homemade card, start a baseball card collection, tie your shoes, making pancakes—there are no limits! Your entire demonstration or an outline of your demonstration can be put on note cards for use during your presentation. You will need to use props and visual aids to deliver your demonstration. A kitchen is available for your use, too. **Remember: a demonstration tells and shows the audience how to do something.**



Prizes will be awarded to the top three speakers in each category. Everyone will receive recognition for participating!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the division you will compete in, based on your current grade. The length of your presentation is listed after the division.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cloverbuds**, Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (1-3 minutes)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Juniors**, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (2-4 minutes)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediates**, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade (3-5 minutes)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Seniors**, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (6-10 minutes)

Check the category or categories you would like to compete in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Reading      \_\_\_\_\_ Traditional Speech      \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstration

**Return your registration by March 16<sup>th</sup> to: 4-H Speaking Contest - Extension Office  
421 Nebraska Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**