

2024

JUNEAU COUNTY 4-H

SPEAKING and DEMONSTRATION CONTEST



PURPOSE:

The purpose of the 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contest is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to communicate their thoughts and ideas to others, gain poise and self-confidence when speaking before an audience, and gain a sense of accomplishment. It is sponsored by the Juneau County 4-H Leaders Association and hosted by Orange Mill 4-H Club.

GENERAL:

The contest will be held on **January 21, 2024 AT HUSTLER COMMUNITY HALL**, (113 E. Main St. or Hwy. A, Hustler). **Speaking Contest will begin at 1 p.m. Demonstration Contest will follow Speaking Contest.**

Snow date: January 28, 2024

ENTRY

- Entries are online at: <https://forms.gle/s7DdGG8Q3UiKv9vm9>
- **Entry deadline: January 12, 2024 (Friday) at 4:00 p.m.**

If you have questions or need assistance with your entry, please call the Extension Office (April Martell), 608-847-9329 or email april.martell@wisc.edu

TIPS TO CONTESTANTS

- May use notes.
- A podium can be provided, if needed.
- Visual aids (pictures, charts) may **NOT** be used in the Speaking Contest and are encouraged for the Demonstration Contest.
- Timing of speeches and formal demonstrations will begin when contestants begin to speak.

HOW ARE YOUTH EVALUATED?

- The Judge's decision is final; no changes will be made in the placings.
- Evaluation forms are publicly available. They were mailed to 4-H families and live on the Juneau County 4-H website under Forms/Applications.
- Each speech and demonstration will be judged on its own merits and BLUE, RED, or WHITE ribbons will be used to represent placings. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons and not placing ribbons. All ribbons will be distributed at event.
- Speaking Contest premiums will be paid the day of the event.
- Grades 3-13th Demonstration participants will be paid through entering their demonstration at the Juneau County Fair.*
- Cloverbud Demonstration participants will receive premiums the day of the event.

Online Entry Portal:



2024 SPEAKING CONTEST GUIDELINES

Cloverbuds: May enter in Poetry/Prose

Grades 3-5: May enter in Poetry/Prose and a 2-3 minute Speech

Grades 6-8: May enter in Poetry/Prose and a 3-8 minute Speech

Grades 9-13: May enter in Poetry/Prose and an 8-15 minute Speech

Poetry/Prose reading

- May be self-authored or written by another author.

Speeches

- ✓ Must be your original idea.
- ✓ Any topic is acceptable but should be one that you enjoy and family friendly.
- ✓ Quotes may only be used to supplement a point in your speech.

4-H Focused Testimony (NEW in 2023)

- Memorization is required
- Written by participant focused on why someone should join 4-H, a story about a 4-H ah ha moment, a 4-H educational moment
- May be used for Juneau County 4-H promotional purposes

Interpretive Speeches

- Memorization is required.
- No props, costumes, audiovisual aids.
- Ten minutes maximum for all grades.

Dramatic Interpretation

- Member chooses a piece of literature written by another person to act out (interpret).
- Genre: Plays, prose, or poetry.
- Dramatic interpretation materials are dramatic in nature.

Humorous Interpretation

- Member chooses a piece of literature written by another person to act out (interpret).
- Genre: Play, prose, or poetry.
- Humorous interpretation materials are humorous in nature.

Open Interpretation

- Choice of genre is unrestricted. (May include original work, unpublished work by others, or published material.)
- Genre unlimited – may include plays, poetry, storytelling, historical speeches, and thematic selections.
- Single member only.

2024 DEMONSTRATION CONTEST GUIDELINES

Cloverbuds: May enter an Individual Formal Demonstration, Individual Action Demonstration, Team Formal Demonstration with other Cloverbuds, Action Demonstration with mixed grade team, or Formal Demonstration with mixed grade team.

Grades 3-5: May enter an Individual Formal Demonstration, Individual Action Demonstration, Team Formal Demonstration with other 3-5th graders, Action Demonstration with mixed grade team, or Formal Demonstration with mixed grade team.

Grades 6-8: May enter an Individual Formal Demonstration, Individual Action Demonstration, Team Formal Demonstration with other 6-8th graders, Action Demonstration with mixed grade team, or Formal Demonstration with mixed grade team.

Grades 9-13: May enter an Individual Formal Demonstration, Individual Action Demonstration, Team Formal Demonstration with other 9-13th graders, Action Demonstration with mixed grade team, or Formal Demonstration with mixed grade team.

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What is a Formal demonstration?

- Given in front of an audience.
- Time limit: 10 minutes.
- Should be done in a speech format: Opening – Body – Closing—Time for Questions at end.
- Poster(s) summarizing your demonstration are strongly encouraged.



What is an Action demonstration?

- Usually an activity done at a table as people walk by where participants may actively try out what it is you are demonstrating.
- No set time limit or speech format.
- An action demonstration allows people walking by an opportunity to watch and listen, interact with the demonstrator, ask questions, or participate in answering questions or making something.
- Poster(s) summarizing your activity may be used.



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*Note: Grades 3-13 contestants must do their Demonstration at the Juneau County Fair, usually in the 4-H Food Stand. A sign-up sheet is available at the 4-H Food Stand. Members must enter their demonstration in Department 31J with a poster summarizing the formal or action demonstration and perform their demonstration at the Juneau County Fair to receive a fair premium.

++++If the demonstration includes a live animal, you must provide a water proof tarp or something similar, and your animal must be kept on it at all times. +++++