

Impromptu Speaking Contest Information

Impromptu Instructions:

1. Students will be given a topic by the committee and allowed ten minutes to prepare.
2. Time limit is 3-5 minutes. Participants will be given a 30 second warning before end of time period. A penalty of 2 points for each 30 seconds over or under on time.
3. Objectives:
 - To have 4-Hers draw on personal experiences and resources
 - To have 4-Hers organize thoughts and presentation in a logical manner.
 - To help 4-Hers gain confidence and be able to deliver a speech spontaneously.
 - To provide an additional opportunity for members to develop public speaking skills
4. General topic areas for impromptu speeches will include the following:
 - Personal issues/values
 - 4-H promotion/persuasive
 - Leadership
 - Current events

Example questions are:

What does citizenship mean to you?

I admire my 4-H leader because

I would like you to join 4-H because

A major problem facing teenagers is....

In general questions will be thought provoking.

5. Impromptu will be scored:
 - Introduction – 10 points
 - Body – 30 points
 - Voice – 10 points
 - Gestures, eye contact – 10 points
 - Natural fluid delivery – 10 points
 - Confidence & poise – 10 points
 - Summary, stress important points, definite closing – 10 points
 - Total Score – 100 points