

4-H Public Speaking

Everyone needs to be able to communicate and express their ideas clearly. Communication skills are important to every student's future!

ALL CLUB OFFICERS must give a speech in their classroom contest. 1st-3rd place winners will be invited to the county contest.

SELECT A TOPIC

When selecting a topic, choose one that will be interesting to your audience. Here are some suggestions.

- My most unforgettable 4-H experience
- What I expect from 4-H
- Success is spelled 4-H
- A brief history of 4-H
- How 4-H benefits my community
- My favorite athlete is.....
- My family vacation
- My family pet

PARTS TO A GOOD SPEECH

INTRODUCTION—This is your chance to greet your audience, more importantly, get their attention. Ways you can start are: Using a famous quotation, words or verses of a poem, a humorous story or the definition of your title.

BODY—This is the main part of your talk, the part where you bring out what you want the audience to know. Avoid statistics and wordy information.

CONCLUSION—The ending or summary of your talk. Ways you can end a speech are:

- 1) A brief summary of the main points of your speech;
- 2) Closing with a high note like a poem, quotation or surprise statement;
- 3) Concluding with a challenge; or
- 4) Concluding with a statement of your views on the subject.

RECOMMENDED LENGTHS

4th grade: 2-3 minutes

5th-6th grade: 3-5 minutes

7th-12th grade: 5-7 minutes



**Public Speaking
is a valuable
life-skill!**