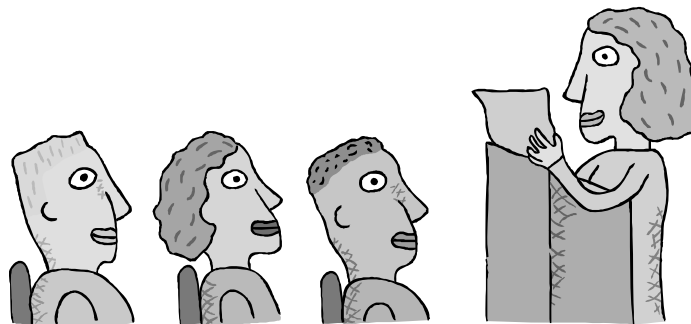




Bernalillo County 4-H Speech Arts Competitions

Handbook

This handbook contains information concerning the Bernalillo County 4-H Speech Arts Competitions. This handbook may be used by 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to review the rules and procedures of each speech arts contest.



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The Bernalillo County 4-H program makes available five speech arts competitions for 4-H members to participate in. These five competitions include Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speaking, Horse Public Speaking, Poetry, and Presentations.

General Eligibility

4-H members who are currently enrolled in 4-H, and who are 9 years of age but not over 20 years of age by January 1 of the current year in which the county contests are held, are eligible except as noted in specific speech arts contest rules.

Levels of Competition

County Competition: Speech arts competitions begin at the county level. The scheduled dates of the county speech arts competitions will be announced in the Cloverleaf newsletter and may require a registration form for entry. Qualifying 4-H members will be selected to advance to the NW District and State 4-H Conference speech arts competitions.

NW District Competition: Open only to **Novice** and **Junior** 4-H members qualifying at the county competition. Qualifying Novice and Junior 4-H members will be selected to advance to the NW District speech arts competitions. NW District competitions are typically held in June/July by a hosting county of the 4-H NW District.

State 4-H Conference Competition: Open only to **Senior** 4-H members qualifying at the county competition. Qualifying Senior 4-H members will be selected to advance to the State 4-H Conference speech arts competitions. State 4-H Conference competitions are typically held in July at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

Awards

The Bernalillo County 4-H Council will provide awards for county speech arts competitions. Awards will also be provided for NW District and State 4-H Conference speech arts competitions.

Reference Materials

Up Front With Groups, 100.F-4 (05301)

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, 200.D-1 / R-2001

Making Posters, 200.D-6 / R-2003

Commonly Asked Questions....

How many speech arts competitions am I allowed to participate in?

4-H members may participate in one or more county speech arts competitions. Novice and Junior 4-H members qualifying to compete in NW District competitions may compete in one contest per day during the NW District competitions. (This excludes morning contests on the first day.) Senior 4-H members qualifying to compete in State 4-H Conference competitions may compete in more than one contest to the extent that the schedule permits during State 4-H Conference.

Is enrollment in the 4-H Public Speaking Projects or Toastmasters Youth Leadership required?

No, enrollment in a public speaking project is not required to be eligible to compete in speech arts competitions. Attending Toastmaster training or any other speech arts training is not required to be eligible to compete in speech arts competitions.

What should I wear for the speech arts competitions?

Contestants should dress appropriately for the type of speech/poem/presentation. Contestants should look neat and clean in appearance.

Can people sit in and watch 4-H members competing in the speech arts competitions?

The policy for individuals who wish to watch a member compete is that once the person watching enters the room to listen to a competitor, they must stay in the room for the entire duration of the competitor's speech. No one is allowed to leave or enter the room until the competitor has finished his or her speech.

Can I change my speech, poem, or presentation after I have competed in the county competition and qualified for the NW District or State 4-H Conference Competition?

Improvements to speeches based on the comments made by judges are allowed. However, 4-H members are not allowed to select a speech, poem, or presentation for the NW District or State 4-H Conference Competition that is different than that given at the county competition.

Are there published impromptu speaking contest topics that the contestants can practice and study?

No, there are no prepared topics for contestants to practice with before the contest. The first time the 4-H members see the topics will be at the contest.

What happens if a first or second place individual/team that is to advance to the next level of competition cannot compete?

If either the first or second place individual/team depending upon the level of competition cannot compete in the next level of competition, the next individual/team in line will be asked to compete.

Other questions you need answered.....contact the Bernalillo County 4-H Staff (505) 243-1386.

Prepared Speech

Eligibility: Read general rules.

Any 4-H member who meets the general eligibility rules can participate.

Procedures: **No Visual aids or props are allowed.**

At the judge's discretion, contestant may be scored down for excessive use of notes.

Topic is at the option of the participant. Any topic of interest to the 4-H member can be chosen.

Mechanics: Length: Novice - 2-4 minutes
Junior - 4-6 minutes
Senior - 4-8 minutes

Types: Informational - helps listener know or understand more about a topic.
Persuasion - encourages listener to accept a challenge, change an attitude, or take action as a result of the speech.
Inspirations - has emotional impact on the listener.
Entertaining - speech is designed to fit a special occasion and to entertain the audience.

Scorecard: Novice and Junior -- 200 D-5
Senior -- 300.F-7

Impromptu Speaking

Eligibility: Read general rules.

Any 4-H member who meets the general eligibility rules can participate.

Procedures: Topics: Novice and Juniors - Topics will be words, phrases, etc. The speaker will select two topics and choose one of those two provided.

Seniors - Topics will be phrases, newspaper headings, or challenging, uncommon words. The speaker will select a topic from no less than three topics provided.

At the judge's discretion, contestant may be scored down for excessive use of notes.

Mechanics: **Preparation Time:** Novice - 2 minutes
Junior - 2 minutes
Senior - 3 minutes

Length of Speech: Novice - 1 minute minimum
Junior - 2 minutes minimum
Senior - 3 to 5 minutes

Scorecard: Novice, Junior, and Senior -- 300-F-8

Horse Public Speaking

Eligibility:

This is a contest for 4-H individuals only.

Any 4-H member who meets the general eligibility rules can participate.

A Horse Public Speaking Contest will be held at the county level for Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members.

Senior 4-H members qualifying at the county contest will be selected to advance to the Horse Public Speaking Contest at State 4-H Conference.

There is not a Horse Public Speaking Contest at the NW District level for Novice and Junior 4-H members to advance to. To qualify for the NW District level Novice and Junior 4-H members may enter their Horse Public Speech in the county level Prepared Speech contest (see Prepared Speech contest rules).

Contestants must be currently enrolled in 4-H and if they represent the state in a regional or national contest, must be enrolled in 4-H the year they participate at the contest.

Contestants must not have participated in any post-secondary competitive public speaking contest. Nor can a contestant be a member of a post secondary team undergoing training for such an event.

Contestants must not have competed in public speaking contests in the past at either the U.S. Invitational, the National 4-H Horse Roundup, or the Western National 4-H Horse Classic or Eastern 4-H Horse Roundup.

Procedures:

The subject matter must pertain to the horse industry. Speeches not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.

No visual aids may be used.

Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).

A podium will be provided.

During the competition the contestants may introduce themselves by name, county and speech topic.

Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the competition. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.

Only the judges may ask questions of the contestant. Question time is not counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the questions, then answer it.

Contestant order is determined by a random drawing.

Ties will be broken first by the judges, accumulated delivery score; second, by the judges accumulated organization score, and third on content and delivery.

Mechanics:

Length: Novice - 2-4 minutes
 Junior - 4-6 minutes
 Senior - 7-10 minutes

One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute over or under time by each judge.

Scorecard:

Horse Public Speaking Scorecard

Poetry

Eligibility: Read general rules.

Any Novice or Junior 4-H member who meets the general eligibility rules can participate.

This contest is not open for Seniors to enter.

Procedures: **Poem must be memorized.**

Poem can be original or from book.

Mechanics: Length: Novice - 1-2 minutes
Junior - 2-4 minutes

Scorecard: Novice and Junior -- 300-F-9

Presentations

Eligibility: Read General Rules.

4-H members must be enrolled in a related project.

4-H members may participate in any of the following three areas of presentations:

Agriculture Projects - Members currently enrolled in Animal Science, Horticulture and Agronomy or Natural Science project give a presentation from their 4-H project. Refer to the 4-H Projects listing for a list of specific projects.

Home Economics Projects - Members currently enrolled in a Home Economics project (clothing, foods, food preservation, housing, consumer education or family life) give a presentation from their 4-H project. Refer to the 4-H Projects listing for a list of specific projects.

General Projects - Members currently enrolled in Engineering, Personal Growth and Development, Creative Arts, or Arts and Crafts project give a presentation related to their 4-H project. Refer to the 4-H Projects listing for a list of specific projects.

Individual - Presentation given by one person.

Team - Presentation given by two persons. (Considered as one entry.)

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks in each area may be entered by an individual or a two-person team.

Team and individual presentations will be judged on the same criteria and will be competing against one another (there are not separate team and individual categories).

Procedures: Participants should dress appropriately for the type of presentation.

Excessive use of notes will result in a three-point penalty.

Each participant is responsible for bringing any necessary visuals, supplies, equipment, easels, etc. Special arrangements must be made at the time entries are submitted.

Mechanics: Length: Novice - 2-10 minutes

(At least 2 minutes in length, but no longer than 10 minutes. One point will be deducted for each minute or fraction of a minute under 2 minutes or over 10 minutes).

Junior - 5-10 minutes

(At least 5 minutes in length, but no longer than 10 minutes. One point will be deducted for each minute or fraction of a minute under 5 minutes or over 10 minutes).

Senior - 10-15 minutes

(At least 10 minutes in length, but no longer than 15 minutes. One point will be deducted for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes).

One point will be deducted for each minute or fraction of a minute under or over the required presentation length.

Following each presentation, judges will be allowed to ask participants questions directly related to the area of the presentation, their public speaking experience or their overall 4-H participation. Time for answering questions is not counted in the presentation length.

Types: **Demonstration** - Presents information through actions with an explanation. A demonstration is presented in a logical step-by-step format so the audience will understand how to do what is presented. It is a presentation in which how to do a skill is shown with an explanation given as to why each step is important. A demonstration is a "show and tell" on how to do something.

Illustrated Talk - Presents information with the use of visual aids about a given subject. An illustrated talk is a presentation of information with the aid of a flannel graph, charts, flashcards, slides, models, photographs, chalkboard, overhead projector, or actual objects. Emphasis is on the showing not on doing the actual process as with a demonstration.

Scorecard: Novice -- 200.D-5 / R-2003 (Novice)
Junior -- 200.D-5 / R-2003 (Junior)
Senior -- 200.D-5 / R-2003