

## Front Range Regional Speech

Contest April 13 at 9:00 a.m.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE, March 31

\$6 Registration Fee

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Age Divisions: Cloverbud (5-7) Junior (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Senior (14-18) as of 12/31/2023

Tables and easels will be furnished for the contest. Participants will furnish all other equipment for their presentations, such as laptop, props, posters, etc

### **DEMONSTRATIONS & ILLUSTRATED TALKS** **HORSE DEMONSTRATIONS & ILLUSTRATED TALKS**

**Demonstration & Illustrated Talks** The presenter **shows** and **explains** how to do or make something in a demonstration (make a fruit salad, care for a pet, how to juggle, do basic dance steps, build a kite, etc.) or uses **visual aids** to **tell** about a topic in an illustrated talk. Appropriate equipment, models or illustrations, posters, PowerPoint slides, and visuals are used as needed to explain information being conveyed or to show the steps in the process being demonstrated. It is sometimes necessary to show a larger scale replica of something that is too small for the audience to see. A finished product is often shown. Team demonstrations and illustrated talks are allowed (two members on a team) and should reflect a topic requiring teamwork as well as effective balancing of verbal communications and hands-on action. For example, teammates should have an equal amount of speaking time.

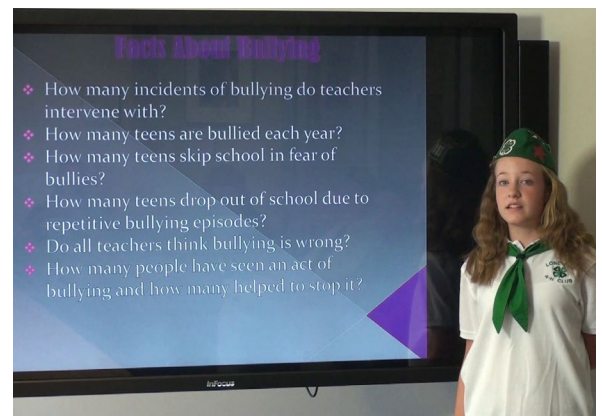
Members may enter as individuals or as teams of two. **If two members of a team are from different age groups, the age of the older member will determine the division of competition.** For example, a junior and a senior forming a team will be placed in the senior division.

Time limits are: Cloverbuds: 2-4 minutes; Jr: 4-6 minutes; Int: 6-8 minutes; Sr: 8 - 10 minutes

**At the discretion of the judges, up to three contestants in each age group may be eligible to compete in the Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Contest at State Fair, held in Pueblo in late August. Those qualifying to move on to State Fair will be notified.**

**Horse Demonstration & Illustrated Talk** topics must pertain to the horse industry and be related to 4-H. Time Limits for the Horse Demonstration & Illustrated talk are: Cloverbuds: 2-4 minutes; Junior, 6-8 minutes; Intermediates, 8-10 minutes; and Seniors, 10-15 minutes. Members may enter as individuals or as teams of two.

**At the discretion of the judges, in the Horse Demo/Illustrated talk division the top 2 Senior individuals & top Senior teams (team may not be combined aged groups) may advance to the State Competition at State 4-H Conference held at CSU Dates to be determined (not the State Fair).**



## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**Prepared (formal) speech** The presenter aims to persuade, motivate or inform the audience, without the use of visuals. In this category, the presenter chooses and researches a topic of choice related to today's youth. Depending on the topic chosen, the presenter chooses a format (persuasive, motivational or informative) that best suits what is to be conveyed to the audience. For example, if the topic is cyber bullying, the presenter can choose to inform the audience about this topic, persuade the audience of their convictions or motivate the audience to take a more active role in making current changes in this area. A speech is written in the presenter's own words, however, poetry, quotations, humor, or imagery may be incorporated to command attention or emphasize a point. Contestants can prepare a speech on any topic relative to today's youth, but they must relate it to 4-H in some way, in addition, topics and content must be 4-H appropriate.

***Time Limits for Prepared speech are:*** Cloverbuds, 2-4 minutes; Juniors, 3-5 minutes; Intermediates, 4-6 minutes; Seniors 6-8 minutes. A time penalty of 2 points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the limit. Participants will be given a 30 second warning prior to end of time.

**Horse prepared speech must pertain to the horse industry, and relate to 4-H (separate division)**

***Time Limits for Horse Prepared Speech are:*** Cloverbuds, 2-4 minutes; Juniors, 4-6 minutes; Intermediates, 6-8 minutes and Seniors 7-10 minutes. A time penalty of 2 points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the limit. Participants will be given a 30 second warning prior to end of time.

**Impromptu speaking** will offer participants the opportunity to draw on personal experiences and resources in organizing thoughts into a spontaneous presentation. Participants will select a topic from a prepared list and then be given ten minutes to prepare their speeches. A note card and a pencil will be provided for each member to prepare notes. The card may be used for reference during the speech, but no other visuals, props, or notes may be used. Questions will be relative to today's youth and may include current events, 4-H, and/or social issues. A score sheet to be used by the judges is attached for reference. ***Impromptu Speakers need to be at the Contest ½ hour before their allotted presentation time. Cloverbuds/Jr/Int members will have 10 minutes to prepare; Sr members will have 5 minutes.***

Time limits for impromptu speeches by Cloverbuds, Juniors and Intermediates will be 2 to 3 minutes, and for seniors 3 to 5 minutes. A time penalty of 2 points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the limit. Participants will be given a 30 second warning prior to end of time.

### **POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR IMPROMPTU SPEECHES**

- I admire my 4-H leader because...
- Leadership is a large part of 4-H. I have learned about leadership by...
- A major problem facing teenagers is...
- What does integrity mean to you?

***At the discretion of the judge, the top two senior contestants in each section (Prepared, Horse Prepared & Impromptu) may be eligible to compete at the State Competition during State 4-H Conference held at CSU in June.***

## **INTERPRETIVE READING**

**Interpretive Reading** allows members to deliver a rendition of a piece of pre-written material. The pre-written material should be a selection from a book, poem, story, etc. and should be 4-H appropriate. This area is NOT intended for presentation of original material written by the presenter. Members may choose which selection or multiple portions of a text to present, but may not change the content. Content should be cohesive and transition smoothly from one portion to the next. All presenters should be sensitive to the diversity of a 4-H audience. All materials to be presented are subject to review and approval by the county extension office. Materials which include foul language, racial or religious overtones, or other topics/subjects deemed inappropriate by the county extension office will not be allowed. Costumes and small props can be used but need to be simple & minimal, not detracting. Each individual will provide their own equipment. Contestants may use notes or read from a book, Intermediates and up are encouraged to speak from memory. Members are discouraged from using a podium, however it is an option.

Time limits for Interpretive Readings are: Cloverbuds, 2 -4 minutes; Juniors, 3-5 minutes; Intermediates, 4-6 minutes; Seniors, 6-8 minutes. A time penalty of 2 points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the limit. Participants will be given a 30 second warning prior to end of time.

***At the discretion of the judges, up to three contestants in each age group may be eligible to compete in the Interpretive Reading Contest at State Fair, held in Pueblo in late August. Those qualifying to move on to State Fair will be notified.***