



# SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

The 2008 4-H Speaking Contest & Demonstration Contest will be combined this year and will be held Monday, February 25, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster. The Speaking Contest is open to all 4-H members in grades 3 and over. Cloverbuds are not allowed to compete at the county level, but it is suggested they be allowed to participate at the club level. No limit on the number of participants from a club, but participants can only enter one category. **Registration deadline is Friday, February 8.**

Each category will be judged by the following groupings.

	Beginner Grades	3-5
Junior Grades	6-8	
Senior Grades	9 & over	

The categories are:

I. Interpretive Reading of Prose

Participant selects written prose. It can include stories, narrative, or anything not written as a poem. The material is read with personal interpretation being presented.

Time Limit:	Beginner	2-3 minutes
	Junior	2-3 minutes
	Senior	3-4 minutes

II. Interpretive Reading of Poetry

Participant selects written poetry. It may be a poem in verse form or open ended. The poem is then read with personal interpretation being presented. Time Limit:

Beginner	2-3 minutes
Junior	2-3 minutes
Senior	3-4 minutes

III. Original Speech

Participant writes Original Speech. The material is presented with personal interpretation. Notes may be used. Time Limit:

Beginner	2-3 minutes
Junior	3-5 minutes
Senior	5-8 minutes

IV. Land Conservation Speech

Original speeches must be on the conservation of Natural Resources and/or the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. Topics may include, but are not limited to soil and water conservation, water pollution, air quality, wildlife, forestry, land-use, toxic and hazardous wastes, and solid waste disposal or recycling. Emphasis should be placed on the subject as it relates to your locality and/or Wisconsin (local conservation programs, or projects provide excellent topics for positive, solution oriented speeches). Authenticity and accuracy of information is important and the speaker should demonstrate familiarity with the subject matter. Conservation and environmental literature available through the county Land Conservation Office, UW-Extension, the Department of Natural Resources and other offices should provide information for potential topics. Notes may be used with discretion. Time Limit:

Beginner	2-3 minutes
Junior	3-5 minutes
Senior	5-8 minutes

V. Memorized Declamation - Participant selects-written Prose or Poetry. The material is then memorized and presented without notes in an interpretive fashion. Time Limit: 5 minutes

**DEMONSTRATION CONTEST** - The Grant County 4-H Demonstration Contest will be held on Monday, February 25, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center. There will be two divisions: Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks. Either division may be individual or a team of two 4-H members. Team members must each pay a \$2 entry fee. There will also be two age divisions: members grade 3-7 and 8 and over. If one member of a team is in senior division then both team members will enter the senior division. The top merit winners in the senior division will be eligible to participate at State Fair. Contact your Main Leader for an entry form. Entries are due **Friday, February 8** into the Extension Office.

# ATTENTIONS PHOTOGRAPHY LEADERS & MEMBER

I would be happy to come to any club meeting and have a photography project meeting. We could discuss any questions members and leaders have, such as terms used by the judge, etc. This could be before or after the regular meeting. Please call me at 988-4688 to set up a meeting.

Barb Lane, County Photography Leader

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## Taking Spontaneous Pictures

- The best photos are usually the ones you don't plan for. Be ready, and you can get some amazing shots.
  - Camera up - Point your camera where action is likely to happen. Keep your viewfinder near your eye and your finger over the shutter button so you'll be ready for the moment.
  - Take lots of pictures - The pros know how hard it is to capture great action. That's why they take hundreds of shots to get one perfect photo. Use your camera's burst mode to get a series of pictures within seconds of each other.
  - Get close
  - Fill the camera's viewfinder or LCD display with your subject to create pictures with greater impact. Step in close or use your camera's zoom to emphasize what is important and exclude the rest. Check the manual for your camera's closest focusing distance.
  - Be invisible - Try to fit into the environment, so that your subjects don't get self-conscious. Try shooting some images with your camera at waist level to avoid drawing attention to it.
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## SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

### Help for the Hungry/Homeless

1. Help cook and/or serve a meal at a homeless shelter
2. Gather clothing from your neighbors and donate it to a local shelter
3. Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for homeless people
4. Help with repairs at a local homeless shelter
5. Make a care package with mittens, socks, t-shirts, long underwear, etc. for a child at a homeless shelter
6. Collect grocery coupons to give to a local food bank
7. If your community doesn't have a food bank, work with local officials to start one
8. Pack and hand out food at a food pantry
9. Organize a neighborhood group to plant, tend and harvest a vegetable garden
10. Donate the produce to a food pantry

**VALENTINE WREATH** you can make and share with family, friends or decorate nursing homes for a community service.

Materials needed:

- \* Valentine's Day color Construction Paper (Red, White, Pink, Purple...)
  - \* Paper Plate
  - \* Scissors & glue
  - \* Heart Pattern
  - \* String or Yarn for hanging
1. Cut a lot of small hearts of different sizes from the color or colors of construction paper of your choice.
  2. Cut out the middle of a paper plate, leaving the rim.
  3. Glue your hearts all around the paper plate to form your wreath.
  4. You can tie a ribbon on it if you wish, or hang string to the back to hang from a nail or hook.

## 4-H Camp Counselors/Adult Advisors Needed....

Another fantastic way to participate in 4-H camp is to be a Youth Counselor, Adult Counselor or an Adult Advisor. Youth Counselors need to be in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above and a current Grant County 4-H member. Adult Counselors will need to be 18 years of age or older and either certified as a 4-H leader or a 4-H member. Adult Counselors work closely with Youth Counselors to guide their leadership.

Also needed are Adult Advisors to ensure a strong camp experience by providing guidance and oversight to camp. Adult Advisors must be at least 21 years of age and certified as a 4-H leader. Upham Woods requires a ratio of the adults to youth to be 1:10...so we need your time and commitment to make this an educational, challenging and fun camp.

There will be a Counselor Training Camp on February 12 & 13, at Upham Woods for all first time Youth and Adult counselors to learn the skills and knowledge necessary to be an effective camp counselor.

Youth and Adult Counselor and Adult Advisor applications are due to the Extension Office by February 1. There will be more details in future ECHO's or you may call the Extension Office at 723-2125 with any questions or for an application.

## OPERATION EASTER BUNNY

It's that time of year again to start planning for the annual Operation Easter Bunny! The purpose of this service project is to provide needy families throughout Grant County with care and food packages at Easter time. We are asking for donations from 4-H clubs to help make this project possible. Clubs may wish to increase their donations by contacting local businesses and churches to see if they would be interested in serving as a collection point for non-perishable food items or cash donations.

Volunteers are also needed to help package these boxes on Sunday, March 16, 9:00 am, at the Youth & Ag Center.

If your club would like to make a donation, please send a check payable to Grant County Junior Leaders, % Tyler Bode, 3885 Highway 61, Potosi, WI 53820.

If your club would like to make a donation of canned goods or nonperishable food items, please drop them off at the Extension Office by 4:00 pm, Friday, March 7. If you would like more information contact Tyler Bode at 568-3764 or Kate Jeardeau, 988-4307

***Mark those Calendars NOW....  
for 4-H Camp on July 27-30***

### **4-H Camp Tracks...**

Grades 3 & 4	Base Camp
Grades 5 & 6	Advanced Base Camp
Grades 6 & 7	Outpost Leadership

**SHOOTING SPORTS** - We will be having a practice at 1:00 pm, on February 24 at Tri-County Archery between Arthur and Rewey on Cty. A to County Line Rd. If you have your own equipment bring it along, if not we will provide it for you. For Archery, you must attend two practices to participate in competition shoots for the fairs. This applies to Air Rifle unless you have completed Hunter Safety. Tentative dates for the fairs are July 25-27 for Bloomington, August 10-17 Grant Co Fair. These shoots will be at Bloomington Area Sportsman Club. We will try to have practice each month, dates to be set according to the availability of club usage. If you have any questions, you can contact Dave Vosberg at 943-8492 or Loren Lane at 988-4688.

**DIORAMA DAY** - The Annual 4-H Diorama Day is planned for March 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 1:00 pm and ending at 4:00 pm. We will have a variety of things to do. If you have any questions or would like more information please call Mike Holzer at 341-0199 or Nathaniel Pennekamp at 943-8115.

**SEWING WORKSHOP** - Saturday, March 8, 9:00-12:00 am, Youth & Ag Center

We will be making lounging pants so you will need to purchase McCalls M4675 or M5228 (same patterns, different sizes) and fabric for your size. If you are an experienced sewer you may want to purchase fabric for the shirt and pants. The pattern suggests making the pants from cotton or cotton flannel and the top from fleece. Your fabric will need to be pre-washed and dried. You will need basic sewing supplies; scissors, pins, tape measure and a sewing machine. If you would like to surge your project you can bring your serger also. We will provide the elastic for the pants in the class. Please call the Extension Office to pre-register by March 3. Questions - call Kim Spease at 723-6264.

**ELECTRICITY PROJECT MEETING PLANNED** - Members who are enrolled, or may be interested in enrolling, in the Electricity project are encouraged to attend the Electricity project meeting scheduled for the afternoon of March 8 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Youth & Ag Center. There will be a hands-on learning activity and members will be able to take home their work. Pre-register by March 5. Watch the March ECHO for more information.

**OMK - HERO PACK LETTERS** - OMK (Operation Military Kids) team is asking 4-H clubs to write letters of support to our military youth. Letters need not be long, just a note letting them know you care and are proud of them and their parent. The letters will be put in HERO packs filled with a variety of items that will be distributed to military youth as a thanks for the sacrifices that they make while their parents are deployed.

In addition, information is provided to parents regarding local support programs for children and families. Donations of materials for Hero Packs can also be made to the Wisconsin OMK Team. Items such as stationary, stamps, journals and disposable cameras are always welcome. If your club is interested in writing letters or would want to donate items for the HERO packs, contact Cathy at the Extension Office.

# 4-H Family Project Day

Saturday, February 9, 2008 - 9:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Youth & Ag Center – Lancaster - Snow Date: Sunday, February 10 - (check local radio stations)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Session Choices: Please write the number of the session you want to attend, we will try to give you your first four choices.) All projects and lunch are free, thanks for the support of the 4-H Executive Board.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Alternate)  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: 4-H Family Project Day, C/O Bev Broihahn, PO Box 31, Lancaster, WI 53813

Registration: 9:15-9:30 am

(If you sign up for kite flying it will last for 2 sessions)

Session 1: 9:30-10:00 am

Session 3: 10:30 - 11:00 am

Free Lunch: 11:30-12:00 pm

Session 2: 10:00-10:30 am

Session 4: 11:00 - 11:30 am

Pick your top 5 choices, and put the project # on the lines listed above.

1. **SCRAPBOOKING (ACTIVE AMERICANS)** - Freeze time by putting your memories on a fun scrapbook page. This is a great way to save your memories for life. Don't know how? We will show you.  
PLEASE BRING A PICTURE OF YOURSELF for your scrapbook page.
2. **GIFT CARDS (BLOCKHOUSE BUILDERS)** - Have fun creating greeting cards that you can enter in the fairs this summer and have ideas to make more for friends/family.
3. **HOMEMADE TOY (BUSY BADGERS)** - Use your creativity in making a toy using a variety of fun items.
4. **BUILD A BIRD HOUSE (CASSVILLE RIVERSIDE & Wings Over Wisconsin)** - Help keep your feathered friends warm and cozy as the snow falls with a cute house of their own.
5. **TOTE BAGS (CORNELIA BADGERS)** - Members will sew a colorful tote bag that you can use for a variety of things.  
**LIMIT 10 PER SESSION.**
6. **LEATHERCRAFT (DAIRYLAND DIAMONDS)** - This is your chance to learn the basics of leather craft and then have the opportunity to advance to more difficult projects.
7. **KEY CHAIN OR ZIPPER PULL (HAPPY CLOVERS)** - Create a key chain or zipper pull you can use on your coat, backpack or in a variety of ways using colorful plastic strings and different patterns.
8. **TYE-DYE T-SHIRTS (HAZEL GREEN CLEVER CLOVERS)** - Have fun experimenting with tye-dye. We'll make a cool tee that you will enjoy wearing. **PLEASE BRING A WHITE T-SHIRT,**  
**LIMIT 10 PEOPLE PER SESSION.**
9. **MAKE & DECORATE A KITE (LITTLE GRANT/ Wisconsin Kite Flyers Assoc.)** - Learn how to make and decorate a kite and have the opportunity to try to fly it, weather permitting. **THIS SESSION WILL LAST A FULL HOUR: if you sign up for it you will only be able to pick 2 other choices.**
10. **WOODWORKING SHELF (MERRY MIXERS)** - Do you have books and nick-nacks laying all over? Display them beautifully on a great shelf made by you. **LIMIT OF 10 PER SESSION.**
11. **PINE CONE ORNAMENT (MT. HOPE CARDINALS)** - Come join us and make a cool pine cone ornament that you'll enjoy displaying and entering in the fairs.

(More)

12. **DECORATIVE FOAM PHOTO HOLDER (PLUM VALLEY BOOSTERS)** - Here's your chance to make a decorative photo holder for all the family and friends pictures.

13. **DREAM CATCHERS (ROLLING ROCKETS)** - Sleep peacefully at night by making a dream catcher using yarn, beads and feathers. Catch all of those bad dreams and let the good dreams through.
14. **BLUE JEAN BULLETIN BOARD (STITZER GO-GETTERS)** - Looking for a way to use those old blue jeans you ripped last weekend. Make a neat bulletin board full of pockets!
15. **LED PARTY LIGHTS (STITZER GO-GETTERS)** - Learn a simple electronic project making a non-burning candle for a fun party light.
16. **QUILTING (WINGVILLE CLOVERS)** - Quilting has been a popular tradition for many years. If you sign up for quilting you will get started on piecing together a potholder! We'll also have rabbits! If you are a beginner sewer, you need to sign up for 2 sessions. **Limit 5 at a session.**
17. **FLIP FLOPS (WINGVILLE CLOVERS)** - Everyone loves wearing flip-flops, and some even in the winter time! **Here's your chance to bring your favorite pair** and decorate them using a variety of different things.

**WALK THRU SESSION** Small Animals (MT. IDA HILLTOPPERS)

We will have several different animals and possibly some animals to give away.

**WALK-THRU SESSION** - GRANT COUNTY 4-H HAPPY HOPPERS RABBIT CLUB will have different breeds of rabbits on display and would like to encourage members to enroll in the rabbit project.

\*BLAKE'S PRAIRIE BOMBERS will be helping with the lunch stand.

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## HAVE A HEART QUILTING BEE

The Oak Hillclimbers Homemaker Club and the Stitzer Go-Getters 4-H Club will be sponsoring the sixth annual "Have a Heart" Quilting Bee on Saturday, February 16, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Youth & Ag Center in Lancaster. The event will bring members of the Grant County community together to make infant and toddler quilts to donate to needy families in Grant County. Last year thanks to the many individuals and organizations that participated, we were able to make about 100 infant and toddler quilts which were distributed to various agencies and organizations in Grant County. Volunteers are needed to participate in cutting, sewing, tying and quilting, no experience is necessary. Donations of material and/or money would be appreciated. You can call the Grant County Extension Office at 723-2125 for more information about how to donate or how to volunteer, or better yet just come and help for an hour or a day. This would be a great community service for clubs to participate in.

### CHECKOUT THE 4-H WEBSITE

Do you have a few minutes between classes or after school, after work or just looking for some thing new to read. Then checkout the Grant County 4-H website at <http://grant.uwex.edu> You can read the ECHO, check out the yearly calendar, download record book pages, applications for camp and check out the other 4-H links. We are updating this site weekly, so this is an easy way to stay informed on what is happening in 4-H. If you have any problems viewing this site, contact Bev or Cathy at the Extension Office.

**YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CLINIC**, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, March 29 & 30. The clinic is designed to increase the understanding of the objective judging criteria used to place halter, western and English performance events typically encountered in most judging contests. Registration deadline is March 14, call the Extension Office for more information.

**4-H ARTBEAT!** Created for members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. 4-H Artbeat is a new introductory program for WI 4-H Arts and Communication members. The event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 28-29 at Upham Woods. Deadline to register is March 1. Cost is \$40. Contact the Extension Office for an application.

**GET "LOCKED IN" TO 4-H WITH THE DANE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS**, March 1-2, West YMCA, Madison, 8<sup>th</sup> graders and over. Basketball, swimming, open gym, \$20. Registration deadline February 22, call the Extension Office for more information.

**WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION 2008 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are due March 1, call the Extension Office for an application.

**4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST** - February 16, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Meat Laboratory. Contest starting at 1:00 p.m. The highest scoring team will participate in the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest in Kansas City in the Fall of 2008. Registration deadline is February 8. For more information go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm> or contact Dennis Patterson at 994-2396.

**ESSAY CALF CONTEST** - Open to youth under the age of 17. The author of the winning essay will receive a purebred, registered Guernsey calf which serves as a foundation to build their own herd of registered Guernseys. Essay deadline is February 15. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

**WI BROWN SWISS ASSOCIATION** - Offering a Swiss Loan Program for 2008. Application deadline is February 15. For an application and more information please contact the Extension Office.

**HONEY BEE CONTEST** - The topic for the essay contest is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community". There will be cash prizes for each state. For more information contact the Extension Office, application deadline is February 5.

**HOSTING A JAPANESE OR KOREAN TEEN THIS SUMMER!** If you are between 10-18 years old and want to take part and host a teen this summer contact the Extension Office by February 15. Chaperone hosts are also needed. For additional information check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm>.

**MEATS JUDGING CLINIC & WORKOUT** - February 2, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Meat Laboratory. 9:00 a.m. - noon. This event is for 4-H and FFA Meats Judging Coaches, Instructors, Volunteers/Leaders to receive basic training or a refresher on the various elements of meats judging. To register for this event, and for more information contact Bernie O'Rourke by January 30 at 608-263-4304 or [borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu). or contact Dennis Patterson at 994-2396.

**LOGO DESIGN CONTEST FOR STATE 4-H DOG SHOW** - Winning design will appear in entry book, catalog, shirts, etc. Designs must be on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of white paper drawn in black ink. Entries postmarked by February 1, 2008. Mail entries to: Muriel Bast, State Dog Show Logo Contest, 4857 Hwy U, Hartford, WI 53027. For more information contact the Extension Office.