

2009 4-H SPEAKING CONTEST

The 2009 4-H Speaking Contest will be held Monday, March 16, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster. The 4-H 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, March 2.**

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

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, March 2, 2009

SEND TO:

Grant Co. Extension
P.O. Box 31
Lancaster, WI 53813

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4-H AND LAND CONSERVATION SPEAKING CONTEST
Monday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster**

CLUB _____ LEADER _____

NAME

TITLE OF SPEECH

INTERPRETIVE READING of PROSE

BEGINNER (Grades 3-5) _____

JUNIOR (Grades 6-8) _____

SENIOR (Grades 9 & over) _____

INTERPRETIVE READING of POETRY

BEGINNER (Grades 3-5) _____

JUNIOR (Grades 6-8) _____

SENIOR (Grades 9 & over) _____

NAME

TITLE OF SPEECH

ORIGINAL SPEECH

BEGINNER (Grades 3-5)

JUNIOR (Grades 6-8)

SENIOR (Grades 9 & over)

LAND CONSERVATION SPEECH

BEGINNER (Grades 3-5)

JUNIOR (Grades 6-8)

SENIOR (Grades 9& over)

MEMORIZED DECLAMATION

BEGINNER (Grades 3-5)

JUNIOR (Grades 6-8)

SENIOR (Grades 9 & over)
