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4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING ACTIVITY

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I. General

- A. The program is divided into two areas of participation: **BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA**
1. Public Speaking (Oral Presentations)
 2. Achievement Based on Report of Activities (Records)
- B. Both areas are open to 4-H boys and girls of the appropriate age, with separate competition in each.
- C. The eligibility rules for all 4-H club awards apply. (Refer to "Virginia 4-H Awards & Recognition Handbook," M4-H 18.)
- D. The eligibility rules for demonstration awards apply in the oral presentation Public Speaking Contest with the exception of the score sheet, the suggested time allotment, and the topic does not have to relate to a specific project although to be eligible, the member must be enrolled one previous year.

II. Objectives

- A. To be able to collect information that is reliable and valid.
- B. To be able to organize information logically.
- C. To acquire the ability to speak convincingly in public.

III. Other Requirements and Suggestions for Oral Presentation Public Speaking Contest

A. Requirements:

1. Talks must be original
2. Preferred time -- 5 to 7 minutes

B. Suggestions:

1. Select a subject for your speech.
2. Collect all the facts you can.
3. Prepare your outline carefully.
4. Speak about your 4-H experiences.
5. Study the score card for 4-H Public Speaking (Extension Form 66).
6. Prepare a brief set of notes, if desired.
7. Select an appropriate title.
8. Time your speech.
9. Eliminate duplication or unnecessary information.
10. Practice your speech many times, preferably before several groups.

IV. Suggested Subjects for the Oral Presentation Public Speaking Contest:

- A. What 4-H Has Done for Me, My Family and My Community
- B. The International Farm Youth Exchange--A Program for Promoting World Understanding and Peace
- C. Values Gained Through 4-H
- D. Improved Citizenship Through 4-H
- E. Advantages of 4-H Membership in Rural or Urban Living
- F. 4-H Work Contributes to Good Citizenship
- G. Clean Highways--A Citizen's Responsibility
- H. Beneficial Uses of Atomic Energy
- I. 4-H is Democracy in Action
- J. 4-H Improves Farm and Home Safety
- K. 4-H Safety on the Highway (Laws, Courtesy, Safety Belts, etc.)
- L. The VIP's, Our Volunteer Adult 4-H Leaders
- M. Why I Appreciate My Adult 4-H Leader
- N. Importance of Petroleum in My Daily Living
- O. How Petroleum Helps Me Conduct My Daily Living
- P. Removing Ugliness Through 4-H Natural Beauty and Conservation Programs
- Q. Virginia's Industry of Agriculture--A Future for Youth
- R. Other subjects may be selected. Secure final approval from your Extension Agent(s) and Adult 4-H Leader(s).

V. Awards:

A. Public Speaking (Oral Presentation)

- 1. Club Contest
- 2. Unit -- Opportunity to compete in District Contest (Boy and Girl)
- 3. District -- Boys: 1 Scholarship per district to State 4-H Congress
Girls: 1 Scholarship per district to State 4-H Congress
- 4. State -- Boys: 1 Portable Radio
Girls: 1 Portable Radio

B. Achievement Based on Report of Activities (Records)

- 1. Unit -- Four gold medals
- 2. State -- Trip to National 4-H Congress
Boy: 1 \$50 Savings Bond
Girl: 1 \$50 Savings Bond
- 3. National -- Sectional - 18 trips to National 4-H Congress
National - 6 scholarships - \$800 each

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