



4-H Newsletter

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Below are just a few ways that YOU and YOUR CLUB can receive awards and recognition in 2020:

BANNER CLUB — Clubs can earn points to compete for the Banner Club of the Month Award. At the end of the month, the club in each grade division with the most points will win free coupons from area restaurants for free food.

ACE OF CLUB AWARD — End of Year Award — Monthly Banner Club scores will be used to determine these top clubs in the county. Classroom receives an award and pizza party at the end of the school year.

100% PUBLIC SPEAKING PLAQUE — In the month of November, clubs that have 100% of their members do a speech will receive a club plaque.

OUTSTANDING SECRETARY AWARD — All club secretaries are encouraged to turn in their secretary’s book after their March meeting for judging of outstanding work. Book will be judged on neatness and accuracy of minutes. The winner from each division (Jr., Jr. High, & Sr.) will be recognized.

GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD — Participate in each month’s club activities (Public Speaking, Poster, Demo/Display board, Photo or Trash to Treasure), participate in a community service project, and participate in at least one county event to receive this award.

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Important Upcoming Dates

- October 4th-10th — National 4-H Week
- October 7th-18th — Paper Clover Campaign at TSC
- October 15th — Community Club Meeting
- October 21st — Keep Smith County Beautiful Pick-up Day
- October 27th — Virtual Horse Project Group Meeting
- October 29th — 4-H Banquet
- November 3rd — 4-H Officer Training
- November 15th-21st — Ag Literacy Week

4-H Public Speaking Scorecard

(November Club Meeting)

A. Speaker	
1. Appearance	10 pts.
2. Use of language (Good pronunciation, vivid, meaningful, articulation, grammar)	20 pts.
3. Projection to Audience (Volume, clear, distinct, pleasing voice, eye contact)	10 pts.
4. Well prepared	15 pts.
B. Subject Matter and Composition	
1. Well organized	10 pts.
2. Information (Accurate, complete, up-to- date, appropriate)	10 pts.
3. Good introduction and conclusion	10 pts.
C. Results	
Effect on audience	15 pts.
Total Points	100

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIMENOVEMBER

RULES:

1. All 4-H members can participate.
2. Topic – choose any topic for your speech.
Older grades will score higher in area and state if 4-H is included in speech.
3. The length of speeches should be:

4 th grade	1-3 minutes
5 th -6 th grades	2-4 minutes
7 th -8 th grades	3-5 minutes
9 th -12 th grades	3-7 minutes

All contestants will receive participation ribbons. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners will be selected in club contests.

Club winners will be invited to represent their club at the County Public Speaking Contest. County winners in grades 4-8 will participate in the Area Contest and winners in grades 9-12 will participate in the Regional contest.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- ◆ Select a topic that is interesting to you.
- ◆ Gather information from different sources.
- ◆ Organize your information.
- ◆ May use note cards if speech is not memorized.
- ◆ NO props or visual aids are allowed for speeches.
- ◆ Make eye contact with your audience while giving your speech.
- ◆ Stand with a good posture.
- ◆ Speak loudly and clearly.

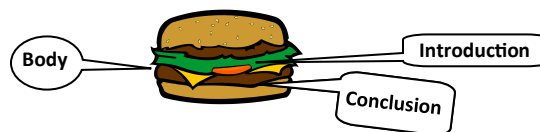
Practice! Practice! Practice!

Step 1 – Planning

1. Decide on a Topic
 - Select something that you like
 - Select something that you can find information about
 - Select something that 4-H can be included into
2. Decide on a Purpose
 - to entertain, inform, stimulate, or persuade
3. Brainstorm Ideas for your Topic
 - write out ideas on notebook paper
 - research info from 4-H office, libraries, internet, interviews, etc.

Step 2 – Organization

A Hamburger has three main parts—a top bun, the meat, and a bottom bun—just like your speech should have three main parts:



Introduction - catches people's attention, introduces topic
Body - all the information in your speech, the details
Conclusion - wraps up the speech, summarizes your speech

Be creative (lettuce, tomato, etc.)! Use descriptive words, visual theme, expressions, etc.

Step 3 – Practice, Practice, Practice

There are several good ways to practice your speech. The more you practice, the better your speech will be.

Some of the best ways to practice are:

- *Practice in front of a mirror
- *Practice in front of friends and family
- *Record yourself speaking

Step 4 – Giving Your Speech

Now you are ready for the speech contest. Here are a few pointers to make your speech a success!

- **Relax* - take a deep breath before you speak, just have fun with your speech
- **Appearance* - stand up straight, don't lean on stand
- **Notes* - use your notes, but don't read them or hold them in front of your face
- **Eye Contact* - be sure to look at your audience, see if they're really listening
- **Voice* - make sure you speak in a loud and clear voice

Suggested Topics for 4-H Speeches

- My 4-H project
- What 4-H offers youth
- How To Be A Respectful Person
- Kids Can Make A Difference
- How 4-H benefits my community, state, or nation
- What is leadership?
- What citizenship means to me
- Leadership skills developed through 4-H
- 4-H is special because....
- Success is spelled 4-H
- A World Leader – The American Farmer
- A brief history of the 4-H program
- What 4-H has done for me
- My most unforgettable 4-H experience
- What Does It Mean To Be An American?
- A major problem facing teenagers is...
- My Most Embarrassing Moment
- Why teamwork is important in your club and in life
- The value of volunteers
- "Learn by doing" process
- "To Make the Best Better" (4-H Motto) - how does this relate to my life
- Community Service is an important part of 4-H because...
- Why communication is important