

## SPEAKING CONTEST

The purpose of the contest is to encourage you to learn how to speak in front of a group - a skill you can use now and for your lifetime! The 4-H Leaders Association gives cash prizes (\$5, \$4, and \$3) and judges will make constructive comments for your use. Cloverbuds receive a ribbon.

☺ The Speaking Contest will be held at the Crivitz High School on Monday, March 16 beginning at 6 pm.

### CATEGORIES:

·**Interpretive Reading:** The reading of any story, play cutting, narrative, poem, or article prepared or written by someone other than the participant.

·**Original Presentation:** A speech, story, or poem written by the presenter.

·**Memorized Presentation:** Any memorized speech, prose, or poetry (original or non-original) . No notes allowed. A prompter may have a copy.

·**Impromptu or Story-Telling.**

**Competition  
will be as  
follows:**

<u>Classification:</u>	<u>Grade levels:</u>	<u>Time limits:</u>
Cloverbuds	Up to grade 3	Up to 2 minutes
Junior	Grades 3 and 4	2 to 5 minutes
Lower Intermediate	Grades 5 and 6	3 to 6 minutes
Upper Intermediate	Grades 7 and 8	4 to 8 minutes
Senior	Grades 9 and up	4 to 10 minutes

1. Presentations in all categories must be in good taste and include an introduction written and presented by the participant. It must include the presenter's name, club, title of the piece being presented, and its source.
2. Memorized Materials are to be presented without the aid of note cards. In all categories, engagement of the audience (eye contact, gestures, etc.) should take place.
3. Costumes, props, or other visual aids are not allowed in any category. Don't dress to fit your theme, like wearing a western shirt with talk about cowboys.
4. To encourage all participants and judges to adhere to the time limits, you are allowed a 30-second grace period, but if your speech is more than 30 seconds over the time limit, you will be judged down one point.
5. Entries must be registered with the 4-H Office by the deadline noted in the newsletter.
6. Best of Show may be awarded at the judge's discretion in each of the 3 categories. Entries will be placed first, second, or third with no restriction on the number in each placing group. Cloverbuds compete for ribbons only.

### JUDGES WILL PRIMARILY LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

What is the general appearance of the participant (neat and clean)? How is the participant's posture? Are gestures and eye contact made? Does the presentation grasp audience's interest from the start? Is there a clear introduction and title? Does the length fit the guidelines? Is the voice clear and pleasing? Is pronunciation acceptable? Are important points stressed by the use of voice modulation, restatements, etc.? If it is a speech: Is the main thought carried out throughout the talk? Is there a suitable conclusion? Is there evidence of adequate research? Is the material accurate?

**HELPFUL NOTES:** \* Practice! \* Plan carefully to fit guidelines/times. \* Keep the introduction brief, present all of the material called for and use it to set the stage for your presentation.

### **COUNTY 4-H SPEAKING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM**

**Monday, March 16 • Crivitz High School. Deadline: Wed., Mar. 11**

**Please send to: Marinette County 4-H Office, 1926 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI 54143-1717.**

Name of presenter(s) and club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_