

Cloverbud Speaking Division

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- Purpose** To promote public speaking skills and general 4-H knowledge in younger members.
- Topic** Recite the 4-H pledge and answer general questions about 4-H. Ex. What are the colors for 4-H?, What year did 4-H start?, In what state did 4-H start? Who started 4-H?
- Awards** Each contestant will receive a participation award for this local contest.
- Rules**
1. Must be a Cloverbud member (ages 5 and in Kindergarten to age 8) to enter.
 2. Visual aids are permitted. No music, singing or dancing can be part of the speech.
 3. Members may enter the competition for as long as they are Cloverbud age.

Health & Safety Speaking Division

- Purpose** To promote health and safety awareness in 4-H youth, and to improve public speaking skills.
- Topics** Contestants are to select a topic of health or safety that affects family living, whether it is in the home, on the farm, on the highway or in public places. You must use a new topic every year if you have competed previously.
- Awards** All participants will receive a certificate for their efforts. County awards will be given. Top individuals will be chosen to move onto the regional competition.
- Rules**
1. Participants may enter more than one contest.
 2. Junior Division (8 yrs. and in 3rd grade -13 yrs. as of January 1) - Speeches are 2.5 to 3.5 minutes in length.
 3. Senior Division (14-18 yrs. as of January 1) - Speeches are 4 to 5.5 minutes in length.
 4. Prompters (scripts, verbal coaching and note cards) and props may not be used when the contestant is speaking. No visual aids are permitted. Trademarked or “brand names” of products should not be used or mentioned in the presentation. Gestures should be used carefully and minimally. No music, singing or dancing can be part of the speech.
 5. Participants must bring a legibly written or typed copy of the speech (written by contestant).
 6. Last year's winners are eligible to compete again this year.

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Health & Safety Team Talk/Skit Division

- Purpose** To promote health and safety awareness in 4-H youth, and to improve public speaking skills.
- Topics** Contestants are to select a topic of health or safety that affects family living, whether it is in the home, on the farm, on the highway or in public places. You must use a new topic every year if you have competed previously.
- Awards** All participants will receive a certificate for their efforts. County awards will be given. Top teams will be chosen to move onto the regional competition.
- Rules**
1. Participants may enter more than one contest.
 2. Each team must consist of 2-5 current 4-H members who are at least 8 years old and in the third grade as of January 1. The time limit for each team is 5-8 minutes. Each member participating must have at least one minute speaking time.
 3. Participants must bring a legibly written or typed copy of the speech (written by contestants).
 4. Prompters (scripts, verbal coaching and note cards) may not be used during the skit. No live animals are permitted. Props may be used, but no posters or printed materials. Trademarked or “brand names” of products should not be used or mentioned in the presentation.