

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008 - 5 P.M.
FAIR HALL**

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1. Deadline: March 12, 2008
Postmarked or hand-delivered by 12:00 midnight
2. Entry Fees: \$5 per contestant
\$10 per team

Entry forms must be sent with entry fee to:

DCLA Youth Fair
Public Speaking Contest
3100 Ft. Worth Dr.
Denton, TX 76205

3. Contest: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 - 5:00 p.m.
Fair Hall, Fairgrounds, Denton, TX
Awards presented following contest.
4. Entries are subject to General Rules.
5. Entries will be divided into these age divisions:
 1. Juniors - 3rd grade thru 11 yrs old
 2. Intermediate - 12 to 14 yrs old
 3. Seniors - 15 to 19 yrs old
 4. Team Division - made up of 2 - 4 individuals

***Participants may compete individually and as part of a team, but the subject matter of the presentations must be different.

***Age as of August 31, 2007.

6. Contestants will be judged on the following as set forth by the 4-H Public Speaking Guidelines at:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/presentation/COM12050.pdf>

Composition and Organization

1. Introduction
 - a. Attention of audience gained 5 pts.
 - b. Importance of subject established 5 pts.
 - c. Purpose clearly stated 5 pts.
2. Body
 - a. One central theme 5 pts.
 - b. Information accurate (source of information given) 5 pts.
 - c. Information current 5 pts.
 - d. Logical sequence 5 pts.
3. Summary
 - a. Major points emphasized 5 pts.

Delivery

4. Appearance
 - a. Grooming & dress 5 pts.
 - b. Poise & posture 5 pts.
5. Voice clear & understood 5 pts.
6. Appropriate vocal dynamics 5 pts.
7. Correct use of grammar 5 pts.
8. Eye contact with audience 5 pts.
9. Appropriate use of gestures & body language 5 pts.
10. Uniqueness of presentation 5 pts.
11. Audience appeal 5 pts.
12. Educational value 5 pts.
13. Questions
 - a. Accuracy of answers 5 pts.
 - b. Poise & self confidence 5 pts.

TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE 100 pts.

Overtime penalty - _____(2 points per ½ minute)

7. All speeches will have a 3 - 7 minute time limit.
8. Note cards can be used, but no props/posters, etc., in individual competition.

Audio visuals, posters, and other visual aids may be used in team competition only.

9. Awards:

1st & 2nd in each division: plaques
3rd thru 6th in each division: ribbons

Scholarships:

\$75.00 to each 1st place

\$25.00 to each 2nd place