



# 4-H Speech Guide

## SPEECH TOPIC IDEAS

- ◆ Current Events
- ◆ Interests/Hobbies
- ◆ Heroes
- ◆ Family
- ◆ Famous People
- ◆ Any Topic (No Hate)
- ◆ Seniors Must be 4-H

### *Speech Outline*

#### INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Opening Statement  
Ask a question, tell a story or joke, use a quote to build interest.
- ◆ Persuasive Statement or Central Idea  
(Clearly Stated)
- ◆ Brief Preview of what you will be talking about.

#### BODY

- ◆ Supporting Statement 1
  - ◆ Supporting Statement 2
  - ◆ Supporting Statement 3
  - ◆ Supporting Statement 4
- YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 3 SUPPORTING STATEMENTS**

#### CONCLUSION

- ◆ Remind Listener of your central idea and how you arrived at your conclusion.
- ◆ Closing Statement-Leave them wanting to hear more! (Tell a story, a joke, refer to the occasion, appeal for action, appeal to their emotions, etc.)
- ◆ SAY THANK YOU

#### Time Limits:

- ◆ 4th - 1- 3 minutes
- ◆ 5th - 3-5 minutes
- ◆ 6-8th - 3-7 minutes
- ◆ 9-12th - 5-7 minutes

Write Your Speech Here

# TIP SHEET

- ◆ Public speaking is a skill you need to learn. You will need to have good speaking skills for your job, church, school, and other public places.
- ◆ Find someone in the audience to “talk to” who has a friendly face. This will make it easier for you to focus on your speech.
- ◆ Don't be too stiff. Do NOT put hands in pockets or pace.
- ◆ Enunciate (or pronounce words very clearly).
- ◆ Speak loudly so everyone can hear you.
- ◆ MEMORIZE the main points of your speech.
- ◆ Use index cards to help you remember your speech but don't read your speech from them.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ Your speech will be delivered during your next club meeting.
- ◆ RELAX! IT WILL BE GREAT.
- ◆ **Golden Ticket** speeches will be allowed to participate at the county competition in
- ◆ **December!**