

Impromptu Presentations Contest
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The Impromptu Contest emphasizes the need for participants to think clearly and effectively on a topic with a short amount of preparation time. It is open to participants of all age categories. Contestants can enter both the impromptu contest as well as the prepared presentation contest. Contestants must register in advance to participate.

The contest will run as follows:

1. Contestants will be contacted after they register to schedule a time window on June 17 in which to join the contest through a Zoom link
2. The topic drawing and preparation room will be separate from the speaking rooms.
3. When it is a contestant's turn, he/she will randomly draw three topics from a pool of questions using an online spinner. The contestant will select the one he/she would like to give the presentation about. No two contestants in the same age group will speak on the same topic.
 - a. Questions will be relative to today's youth and may include current events, 4-H, and/or social issues. Examples of the type of questions include:
 - i. If I were an author, I would write about...
 - ii. One issue facing teenagers today is...
 - iii. If I could describe my personality as a tree, which tree would I be?
 - iv. What has being involved in 4-H taught me?
4. Upon selection of the chosen topic, the contestant will be allowed 3 minutes to organize his/her thoughts before beginning the presentation.
5. Contestants will be allowed to organize their thoughts on paper they have available to them at home. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
6. Each speech will be timed. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit. The following time limits have been set for each age group:
 - a. Seniors ~ 3- 5 minutes
 - b. Intermediates ~ 2 ½ - 4 minutes
 - c. Juniors ~ Up to 3 minutes
7. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations. Judgment on whether these things were used or not is especially hard in a virtual environment and will be left up to the discretion of the judges
8. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
9. A public address system will not be used.
10. Ties will be broken by the judges.
11. This contest will be held in the afternoon. Contestants will be asked to choose a 20 minute block in which they will complete their presentation.

Awards

Awards will be given to the top ten presentations for each age division. The top two seniors will be awarded a \$500 scholarship to attend a 4-H leadership conference of their choosing or the opportunity to compete at Western National Roundup.