

CONTEST RULES

- Members may submit up to 2 entries in any speaking category. Please make topics appropriate for all ages.
- Groups (2-6) are allowed for any category, but compete as individuals. The grade of the oldest person in the group will decide in what division the group competes.
- Judging will use the Danish system. Awards are Certificates of Participation, ribbons, and Rosholt Fair premiums. A Best of Show will be selected for each age division.

2020 Portage County Speaking Contest

Saturday, April 25th 10:30am
Portage County Public Library
(1001 Main St., Stevens Point)
Pinery Room

SPEAKERS ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Did the presentation grasp interest from the start?
- Were important points stressed with emphasis/gestures/facial expressions?
- Did it fit the time limit?
- Did the speaker show enthusiasm for the topic?
- Did the speaker make eye contact with the audience?

DIVISIONS	TIME LIMIT
GRADES K - 2	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 3 - 5	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 6 - 8	3 - 5 MINUTES

• **Original Speech** - A speech written by the speaker on any topic, possibly pertaining to 4-H, such as his/her projects or activities. An introduction and closing are required and included in the time limit. Speaker may use notes. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

• **Prose Reading** - An interpretive reading of a short story or a cutting from a novel, play or essay. A series of prose readings or cuttings from readings on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read prose from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

• **Poetry Reading** - An interpretive reading of a poem or a cutting from a poem. A series of poems or cuttings from poems on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read the poetry from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

• **Storytelling** - A telling of a story, such as a folk tale or fairy tale, without memorizing exact words. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Notes are not allowed. Storyteller sits during presentation.

• **Play Acting** - An acting out of a play or a cutting from a play performed by an individual or group (2-6). Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Must be memorized. Actors may sit or stand. No costumes, sound effects, or props (other than chairs). Emphasis is on character development through voice, movement, facial expressions, and gestures.

SPEAKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

You can also register online by going to <https://tinyurl.com/PortageSpeaking2020> or mail this entry form to: Portage County Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Entry forms can also be found online at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> under 4-H Youth > 4-H Forms & Applications. **Entry forms are due April 10, 2020**

NAME(S): _____

CLUB: _____

TOPIC OR TITLE: _____

CHECK ONE: ORIGINAL SPEECH _____
READING OF PROSE _____
READING OF POETRY _____

STORYTELLING _____
PLAY ACTING (INDIVIDUAL) _____
PLAY ACTING (GROUP) _____

