

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

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2. My favorite 4-H program.
3. How 4-H contributes to personal development.
4. How 4-H contributes to good citizenship.
5. How 4-H contributes to effective leadership.
6. Work in the suburban and/or urban areas.
7. Provides career opportunities.
8. Goes international.
9. Is there a communication gap between youth and adults?
10. The 4-H image.
11. The agriculture situation.
12. Issues important to youth.
13. How much education do I need?
14. Youth want to be heard.
15. Science of 4-H.
16. & our country's heritage.

Junior Division

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Awards and Recognition

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Senior Division Opportunities

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