

GETTING DOWN TO WORK

Members should prepare a speech at club level.

1. Have them choose a topic at a club meeting and give them until the next meeting to prepare their speech.
2. Help them choose topics that they are familiar with and easy to prepare for their age. You may assign a time limit or leave it flexible but be aware that some members may feel uncomfortable with a time limit.
3. Have each member choose, research, write and present his or her own speech. They will feel much more confident presenting a speech this way.
4. Discuss the speeches after each one or after they are all completed. Good points should be stressed in each. If the experience is enjoyable and if the member feels that they have achieved something or received encouraging recognition, then there will be no problem with 4-H members wanting to take part in public speaking.

WIN, PLACE OR SHOW

4-H members who do demonstrations and speeches all emerge a winner. Regardless of the final decision of the judge, those who have been part of the communications program in 4-H find that:

- They feel comfortable enough to speak before groups of people and tell what they learned in 4-H.
- They can get their ideas across to other people easily because they have learned to organize what they want to say.
- They have a new sense of confidence and poise.
- They can use these communication skills in all aspects of life both in school, their career and community.

Keep up the good work!

Keep Speaking up And Speaking Out!