

TO: 4-H'ers, 4-H Leaders and Volunteers

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SUBJECT: Public Speaking Contest

The Sampson County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Monday, March 31, 2003 at the Sampson County Livestock Facility, beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be three age categories: PIL (5-8), Participation ONLY, *JUNIOR (9-13), SENIOR (14-19). Age eligibility is established as of January 1, 2003. ***THE JUNIOR DIVISION MAY BE SPLIT DEPENDING UPON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES OF EACH AGE.**

Awards will be presented to three winners of the Junior and Senior Divisions in the amounts of: First - \$50.00 Savings Bond or \$25 Scholarship; Second - \$20.00 Scholarship; Third - \$10.00 Scholarship. The winners in the Junior and Senior Divisions will represent Sampson County at the Southeast District Activity Day.

Five to seven minutes is the recommended time limit for each speech. Each participant will receive a \$5.00 scholarship. **Registration deadline for public speaking is March 26, 2003. REGISTRATION DEADLINE MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR PARTICIPANTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING OBJECTIVES

- ? To develop leadership talents & to work toward achieving the broad objectives of effective citizenship.
- ? To recognize the necessity of obtaining all available information on a given topic.
- ? To develop a pleasing appearance before an audience.
- ? To acquire the ability to speak convincingly in public.
- ? To build a broader vocabulary, to be able to express opinions & to gain confidence.

*******Note: SPECIAL RULES**

No props, visual aides, posters, etc, are allowed in the Public Speaking Contest. However, note cards are allowed. Competitive 4-H Speakers are not questioned following their speech.

