

CONSERVATION SPEAKING CONTEST JUDGING GUIDELINES



- Moderator will keep track of the speech times; make sure they show judges the stopwatch after the speech.
- Judges should be primarily concerned with the speeches. Contestants should be allowed a 15 second leeway on time limitations.
- Time limitations are as follows:
 - Elementary 3-5 minutes
 - Junior 5-8 minutes
 - Senior 5-8 minutes
- Moderator will introduce the speaker by giving their name, county representing and speech title.
- Judges may/should ask questions after each speech. Be consistent with each speaker on number of questions asked and caliber of questions.
- Audience applause should not affect the judges' decision.
- The glossary of items on the judging sheet shall guide the judges in their selection of top speakers.
- The names of the top three speakers in each division will be given to the moderator for awards.
- The judging sheets (comment section only) will be returned to the contestants at the end of the program. Please write something constructive about their speech. The top portion of the judging sheet will be taken back and shredded, that's only for the judge to see.
- The points shown in parentheses under each rating are suggested as guidance.