

County Project Achievement: A Guide to Creating the Perfect Project

What? A demonstration contest on any topic that interests you! Choose from over 60 different project areas! (A list is provided in your January Newsletter)

When? CPA will be held on February 28, 2008 at Langston Chapel Middle School! Check-in begins at 5:45. The competition and award assembly should conclude by 8:00pm.

Rewards? Become a better public speaker, plus earn 100 points for your club and 10 clover coupons for yourself! If you move on to DPA, you will also get a pass to sign up for 4-H Camp early!

Follow these steps to create your perfect project...

#1 Select a Project or Topic

#2 Begin your research or developing your information

#3 Write a 3-5 minute speech

#4 Develop at least 3 posters to go with your speech - an easel will be provided

#5 Find visual aids to help explain your topic - a table will be provided

Title Poster Example

Information Poster Examples

Speaking Up & Speaking Out



A Guide to Public Speaking

Tips for Speaking Up & Speaking Out

- Prepare Well
- Practice, practice, practice
- Relax
- Focus

Ways to Mess Up Speaking Up

- Hair Twister
- Shirt Puller
- Poster Watcher
- Foot Shifter
- Podium Hanger
- Um, Umm, Ummer

Poster 1 - Title Poster

This poster is used to introduce your topic to the audience

Poster 2, 3, etc - Informational Posters

These posters are used to share information about your topic in a visual way. You want to use as little words as possible to get your point across.

What to think about when preparing your posters:

- Use only 1 or 2 coordinating colors on your poster (avoid neon colors)
- Make your words big enough to be seen from a distance
- Pick 10 strong words to do the work of 20 weak ones
- Make key words stand out
- Make sure your posters follow the order of your speech

What you will be judged on during your presentation:

- Appearance
- Visual Aide (Posters)
- Delivery
- Orderly Progress
- Accuracy of Information
- Knowledge of Subject



Helpful Hints:

- You may bring a table cloth or material to cover the visual aide table
- Write your speech on index cards instead of paper. NUMBER your cards in case you drop them!
- Be very familiar with your speech
- NO TRI-BOARDS (posters will be displayed one at a time)
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY: HAVE FUN!!!!**