

Educators' Note: State participants will receive passes and all contest information directly from the Coordinator.

HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM TALK/SKIT CONTEST
Youth Center Stage, Wednesday, July 27
JUDY VILLARD OVEROCKER, Assistant Superintendent

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The members of a team selected as a winner in the county or preliminary contest in 2015 are eligible to participate in the contest at the county, preliminary and state level in 2016. The members of a team selected as a winner in the state contest in 2015 are not eligible to participate in the contest with any team at any level in 2016. Eligible members may participate in any preliminary contest.
2. Participation is limited to four teams from each of the geographic preliminary areas in Ohio. Minimum score of 70 is required. If the four team limit is not achieved in a preliminary area, additional teams could be involved from other areas based on scores.
3. Teams shall consist of 4-H members who are eight years old and enrolled in the third grade or older on January 1 of the current year. Each team must consist of two to five current 4-H members. Subbing is not recommended.
4. Each team member must bring to the state event a legibly written or typed copy of their talk (to be written by the contestant) and the state participation sheet (sent to the team coach by mail along with state fair admission tickets). Printed scripts are not required at preliminary contests.
5. Teams are to select a topic of human Health or Safety that affects family living, whether it is in the home, on the farm, on the highway or in a public place. Team talks/skits should be created/prepared by the 4-H members participating in the team talk/skit. A local example and supporting statistics (with sources cited) are required.
6. The time limit for each team shall be five to eight minutes. Each member of the team must participate with at least one minute of speaking time. Teams going over eight minutes or under five minutes OR those not meeting the one minute speaking time requirement for each team member will be penalized 10 points. There will be no time allotted or credit given for questions from the audience.
7. Prompters (scripts, note cards, verbal cues, signaling) may not be used during the skit. Teams using prompters will be penalized 10 points. Note cards will not be permitted at the preliminary or state events.
8. Props may be used for the team talks/skits, but no posters or printed materials that are used to prompt participants will be allowed. Trademarked or "brand names" of products should not be used on props, costumes, or mentioned in the skit. Refrain from using props which may leave debris, clean-up is expected.
9. Live animals are not considered props and are not permitted to be used in team talks/skits.
10. Appropriate dress is required for all 4-H team talks/skits participants. The use of costumes will be allowed as long as all participants are fully clothed and wearing shoes. (Violation is 5 point deduction)
11. Verbal profanity or inappropriate words written on clothing is forbidden.
12. Cordless microphones may be available for use at the state contest. If stand microphones are used, team coaches should work with contest staff to place microphones at their best location. Microphones will not be used at the preliminary level.
13. Contestants will be introduced by number and title of talk. Re-introduction is not encouraged.
14. Judges will evaluate all teams based on the following criteria: 30% Content; 30% Organization; 20% Visual Delivery; and 20% Vocal Delivery. NOTE: Refer to score sheet for more specific information.

AWARDS

1. The top teams at the county level, if contest is held, can receive a special recognition certificate (one certificate per team member) and advance to the preliminary level event. A county elimination contest is encouraged, but not required. Counties may send an unlimited number of teams to the preliminary contest.
2. All teams at the preliminary level will receive a special participation/recognition award and certificate (one award per member).
3. The top teams at the preliminary level will receive a preliminary award plaque (one plaque per team member) and will advance to the State event (as per #2 above).
4. All teams at the State event will receive a special participation/recognition award (one award per team member).
5. The top three teams at the State event will receive an "Outstanding of the Day" award (one award per team member).
6. The top team at the State event will be awarded a clock trophy (one per team member).

All Preliminary and State level awards are sponsored by **The Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.**

2015 CLASS WINNERS:

Athens County: Avery Marrs, Julie Ingraham, Nicole Bean and Cara Sheets

