

IMPROMPTU SPEECHES

Impromptu speeches are a great way to get members up and speaking without a great deal of preparation.

Below are a bunch of topics that could be used for younger members. Ideas for more senior 4-H'ers are on the reverse. You can either write them out on slips of paper for members to draw out of a hat, or just read out the topic as they go.

You could include a few impromptus at every club meeting or use as a preparation for club communications.

Variations (to make the activity more fun):

- Have the topics inside blown-up balloons. Have the members choose a balloon, then pop it to find their topic.
- Pretend you (or another leader or senior member) are a radio interviewer. Come with a tape recorder/microphone to pose the questions. Playback is optional - the speaking experience is the key!

Junior Topics (feel free to add lots of your own!)

- My favorite 4-H project is _____ because
- My favorite 4-H activity is _____ because
- If I were elected president of my 4-H club, I would
- I would like you to join 4-H because
- As a 4-H member I have learned
- I joined 4-H because
- I enjoy being a 4-H member because
- How has 4-H helped you in school?
- Tell about one way you have helped others through 4-H.
- Describe the 4-H project you are currently taking.
- What does it mean to you to be a winner?
- Name an important person in your life and tell us why.

Possible Senior Topics (again, feel free to add)

- I am a 4-H member because
- Leadership is a large part of 4-H. I have learned about leadership by
- What does integrity mean to you?
- I admire my 4-H leader because
- What must a person do to be a good leader?
- To you, what does it mean to pledge your head to clearer thinking?
- To you, what does it mean to pledge your heart to greater loyalty?
- To you, what does it mean to pledge your hands to larger service?
- To you what does it mean to pledge your health to better living?
- We all have a responsibility to protect the environment. What is your role?
- A major problem facing teenagers is
- When I become an adult, I want to be a volunteer leader because
- What does it mean to be a winner?
- What have your 4-H projects taught you?
- How has 4-H affected your values?
- I have helped new 4-H members by
- Because of 4-H, I have gained self-confidence in myself from the following experiences
- The most rewarding feeling I have gained from being in 4-H is
- How have your 4-H experiences helped you in school?
- What does 4-H mean to you?