4-H Camp Ambassador Training

Public Speaking Pointers

BACKGROUND

Public speaking can be intimidating, but the best way to get good at it, is to do it. The more you do it, the easier it becomes.

There are many pitfalls when speaking in front of a group – nerves, speaking too fast, reading your speech word for word, etc.

This activity will help put the participants on track to giving successful talks and presentations in front of groups – both large and small.

WHAT TO DO

Activity:

Have the group watch the “Five Basic Public Speaking Tips” video.

Then review Public Speaking Pointers:

- Know your subject matter well.
- Make notes to use as a script – use key words or ideas as hints in your notes
- Write how you talk
- DON’T Read!!
- Practice
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- Smile, and have fun with it!

Hand out sample speech and have participants practice giving the speech. Ask participants to make notes on note cards from the practice speech. They can separate to practice it out loud by themselves. After 20 minutes of notes and practice, have them give the speech to the rest of the group.

As each person gives their speech, the group should save suggestions for improvement until the end of the session.

Remember, the more you practice, the better you will get!