

Public Speaking Contest

Public Speaking Topic:
"May The Forest Be With You"

Oral Presentation:
TBD

Time: TBA

Location:
Green Clover Hall



CONTEST RULES

- 1) Open to ANY student in Marion County in grades 6th through 12th.
- 2) Contestants can speak on any subject within the topic.
- 3) Contestant will **pre-register** by delivering four (4) typewritten copies of their speech, double spaced on 8 ½ by 11-inch white bond paper by **Thursday, 4 p.m. on December 10, 2020** to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District office at the address below.
- 4) Each speech should be identified with one (1) cover page that includes the student's name, address, telephone number, grade, school and teacher's name.
- 5) Late receipt of any manuscript will be assessed a 5-point deduction for each day it is late after the due date.
- 6) Contestants may use notes while speaking, visual aids may **not** be used.
- 7) Time limit is 5 - 7 minutes. Penalties will be given for less than 5 minutes or more than 7 minutes.
- 8) Three competent and impartial judges will be selected. Judges' decisions will be final. Judges will evaluate both the written speech and oral presentation based on the following scoring criteria:

50% - Content 40% - Delivery 10% - Composition

AWARDS

Awards given to the top three contestants: \$150 (1st place), \$125 (2nd place), & \$100 (3rd place).

All non-winners get \$25 for participation.

The overall winner will advance to regionals, competing at our Area II Meeting, Location/Date/Time: TBD.

DEADLINE

Copies of speech must be mailed or hand delivered no later than:

TBD

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District
Marion County Growth Services
2710 East Silver Springs Blvd
Ocala, FL 34470

Mailed entries must be postmarked on or before the due date. Not responsible for submissions lost in the mail.

Questions? Contact Marion SWCD (352) 438-2475 or by e-mail: Ann.Bishop@marioncountyfl.org
Participation earns points towards Youth Conservationist of the Year