

## Contests:

**Optimists Speech Contest:** The three local Optimist clubs all have their speech contests in late February. This allows the winners to compete at zone, regional and district competitions. I will get information in late October or early November. For students under 16.

### VFW Voice of Democracy

**DEADLINE LAST YEAR WAS NOVEMBER 1**

Go to <http://www.vfw.org/> & then click on "Programs & Services" and then "Scholarship Programs." There are 2 different competitions listed. One is technically the only "speaking one," but I thought you could check both of them out!

### American Legion

<http://www.indlegion.org/6OC.htm>. This is a great opportunity to learn the Constitution and develop speaking skills. A Quo Vadis member won the National level in 2009 after 3 years of participating in this contest. Over those 3 years he won \$30,000 in scholarship money. This is for grades 9-12.

### 4-H

County Speech & Demonstration Contest – contact your local 4-H club or the Tippecanoe Co. Extension Office. Usually held in June.

## Other Tourneys, Round Robins, etc. (where you will be judged and given feedback)

Our club's Round Robin – probably in January. TBA

Demonstration Night in your 4-H Club

There will most likely be practice tourneys.

## Places Where You Could Make Appointments to Give a Speech

### Toastmasters

Toastmasters is a membership organization that helps people to lose their fears of public speaking and to learn skills that will enable them to improve their communication skills in a variety of settings. An average Toastmasters group consists of 20 to 30 people who meet regularly and have opportunities to practice conducting meetings, giving impromptu speeches, presenting prepared speeches, and offering constructive evaluations to their peers.

The link below has a list of local Toastmasters.

<http://www.toastmasters.org/find/searchresults.asp?ZipCodeProximity=47905&imageField.x=22&imageField.y=3>

**Libraries-** They often have Saturday reading programs and summer book clubs. You could arrange to do an Interp to promote reading of that piece of literature.

**Book Stores** - same concept as libraries

**Church Youth Group**

**Nursing Homes**

**Devotions for our club meetings!**