

Camp-O-Ree Speak-Out

Speaker Information

Speak-Out is a fun way for boys to gain experience with speaking in front of people. They can use this experience to develop a desire and skill to share the Gospel to people as a missionary, pastor, teacher, or other ways that the Lord has in mind for them. The goal of Speak-Out is to teach the boys to prepare speeches and to become accustomed to speaking in front of others. We desire each boy to be comfortable speaking in front of others and the audience at Speak-Out will be very encouraging to each speaker.

For years, boys have shared testimonies, Bible stories, and other Christ-centered topics that impacted them. This is a great opportunity for these boys to become great young men as they develop speaking skills that God can use throughout their life. In the Speak-Out process, boys learn how to prepare their thoughts into interesting speeches that can then be shared in front of an attentive audience. These public speeches are a blessing to everyone that hears them or assists them in preparation of their speech.

While this is a competition, the primary focus is encouraging any boy that participates and making it as enjoyable as possible!

Guidelines:

- Speak-Out is open to boys in 1st through 12th grades attending Camp-O-Ree.
- It is divided into the following age groups for competition:
 - Lads – 1st through 3rd grades
 - Crusaders – 4th through 6th grades
 - Challengers Jr – 7th through 9th grades
 - Challengers Sr – 10th through 12th grades
- All topics must be Bible or spiritual related, such as testimony, Bible telling, or other related topics dealing with spiritual growth.
- Speakers of all ages may have assistance with preparing their speech, and it is especially encouraged for younger speakers.
- All speakers will be judged on the following items:
 - Consistent theme of speech (without “rambling”)
 - Making the presentation interesting
 - Length of speech
 - Looking at audience
 - Lack of assistance needed from other people during speech
 - Speaking volume for audience to hear speech
 - Actions or props will be a bonus in scoring if it enhances presentation
 - Whether the speech was developed and prepared ahead of time
 - Spontaneous speeches, such as reciting the RA pledge or other similar non-prepared topics, will receive reduced scores

- Judging must recognize that speakers are boys and not experienced speakers.

Guideline specifics per age:

- **Lads** (1st – 3rd)
 - Each presentation is to last **2 - 3 minutes**. Presentations that are within this timeframe will receive higher scores than presentations that are very short or very long.
 - The entire presentation may be read, but scores will be improved by memorization or only referencing notes for portions of speech.
- **Crusaders** (4th - 6th)
 - Each presentation is to last **4 - 5 minutes**. Presentations that are within this timeframe will receive higher scores than presentations that are very short or very long.
 - Presentations are to be memorized and are not to be read.
 - Note cards may be used, but only for quick reference.
- **Challengers Jr** (7th - 9th)
 - Each presentation is to last **4 - 5 minutes**. Presentations that are within this timeframe will receive higher scores than presentations that are very short or very long.
 - Presentations are to be memorized and are not to be read.
 - Note cards may be used, but only for quick reference.
- **Challengers Sr** (10th - 12th)
 - Each presentation is to last **5 - 6 minutes**. Presentations that are within this timeframe will receive higher scores than presentations that are very short or very long.
 - Presentations are to be memorized and are not to be read.
 - Note cards may be used, but only for quick reference.

Using developed Bible Telling stories is an acceptable presentation.

John Walsh has prepared 260 stories based on happenings in the Bible that can be used in Speak-Out as a speech. These stories cover happenings from Genesis to Revelation. They include hand motions to help the speaker remember the story and to make it more interesting.

These stories can be found at:

<https://www.bibletelling.org>

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Session Registration Process

Participating in Speak-Out has changed slightly this year to provide a fair and consistent competition for the boys that desire to speak. There is a pre-registration process that all churches participating in Speak-Out need to follow. Additional detailed Speak-Out information is available on the following pages.

Speaker Registration

- Each group/church that plans on bringing speakers to compete in Speak-Out are to do the following:
 - 30 days prior to Camp-O-Ree, email doug@dougbowersconsulting.com with the following information
 - Estimated quantity of boys for each grade group that will be participating.
 - There is no penalty for having a reduction of boys actually competing versus the estimate provided at this time.
 - Failure to notify administration of quantity may result in their speakers not being able to speak due to time constraints.
 - 14 days prior to Camp-O-Ree, email doug@dougbowersconsulting.com with the following information
 - The name and grade of each speaker.
 - There is not a problem if specific boys decide at the last minute to not speak.
- Speakers are to check in at the Camp-O-Ree Speak-Out registration desk 10-30 minutes prior to the Speak-Out starting time. Speak-Out coordinators are to be notified prior to competition of any planned speakers that are not going to be speaking after all.

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Session Detailed Information

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Information in this document is meant to provide a fair and consistent competition for the boys that desire to speak.

Speaker Registration

- Each group/church that plans on bringing speakers to compete in Speak-Out are to do the following:
 - 30 days prior to Camp-O-Ree, notify Camp-O-Ree administration of the estimated quantity of boys from their group that are planning on competing in Speak-Out.
 - Provide quantity of boys for each grade group.
 - Names or grades of specific boys are not needed.
 - This is used for planning adequate time for Speak-Out. It may be difficult to provide adequate time for all speakers if enough time is not allotted.
 - There is no penalty for having a reduction of boys actually competing versus the estimate provided at this time.
 - Failure to notify administration of quantity may result in their speakers not being able to speak due to time constraints.
 - 14 days prior to Camp-O-Ree, notify Camp-O-Ree administration of the boys that will be competing in Speak-Out.
 - Provide the name and grade of each speaker.
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 - Speak-Out coordinators are to be notified prior to competition of any planned speakers that are not going to be speaking after all.
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 - This ensures that Speak-Out can start on time and that all speakers have time to present their speech.

Judges

- Speak-Out will have a minimum of 2 judges.
 - 3 or 4 judges are preferred to give balanced scoring.
 - All judges must be able to hear all speakers competing in an age group so that they can adequately compare the speakers. If a judge does not hear all of the competing speakers, their judging will not be considered in determining speaker ranking.
- One person will act as a timekeeper to time the length of each speech and to record this time. This person may or may not be one of the judges.
- Judges must be unbiased in their judging and scoring even if they know contestants.
- Judges will be provided with a scoresheet to score each speaker on a variety of topics.
 - The Speak-Out Speeches document outlines items on which the speakers will be judged.
 - The scoresheets will be used as a reference for judging the speakers.
- Judges will meet after the competition and come to agreement on the top 3 speakers in each age group.
- Judges must recognize that speakers are boys and not experienced speakers.

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- Speak-Out will start at the designated time as registration occurs prior to the designated time.
- There will be no admittance to the Speak-Out room while speakers are presenting to prevent disruption to the speaker. Once Speak-Out has started, admittance will be only be allowed between speakers.
- Speakers (and their RA leaders) will not be informed of scores or any other indication of placement other than notification of the top 3 places.

While this is a competition, the primary focus is encouraging any boy that participates and to make it as enjoyable as possible! Camp-O-Ree attendees are encouraged to watch and encourage the speakers.