EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

How to Run a local Competition

Hosting a Squadron Competition

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What Have I Got Myself Into!

- The Effective Speaking Contest is a grass roots driven public speaking competition where cadets compete at a Local (Squadron), a Zone (possibly), and a Provincial Level.
- The provincial winner then goes on to compete at a national level during the National Annual General Meeting in June

Where do I find the resources

- http://aircadetleague.com/for-cadetssquadrons/contestcompetitions/effective-speakingcompetition/
- Scoring Tool
- Instruction Memo
- Introduction to the Effective Speaking Program
- Planning Calendar
- <u>Effective Speaking Committee</u>
- Organizer's Guide
- Rules and Regulations
- Guide for Speech
- Information For Judges
- Topics 2015
- Competition Forms
- National Effective Speaking Handbook
- Training Material for cadets

What Are My Timelines

- September / October
 - Talk with your SSC Chair to find out how much dollars are budgeted for the contest
 - Photocopy preparation guides
 - Introduce the contest to the cadets at the squadron with approval of the CO
 - Hand out the preparation guide
 - Talk about the topics
 - Give the cadets a deadline to have their speeches prepared

- November / December
 - Book a night with the Commanding Officer to run a squadron Competition in the January / February time frame
 - Report to the SSC Chair to get approval on planned expenditures for the competition

Note: Ideal local competition size is 6-8 cadets

- Contact the local School or Toastmasters to local 3 Bilingual Judges
- Arrange for Time Keepers and Tellers Generally from the SSC volunteers

- January / February
 - Week Prior to Competition review you plan
 - Reconfirm your judges
 - Run the Competition
 - Send winning contestant name and registration form to Zone/Provincial Coordinator
 - Inform Commanding Officer of Winning Contestant – CO has paperwork to complete for travel authority!
 - Make arrangements for cadet to travel to zone Competition

What Supplies Do I Need?

- Local Room to Compete
- 3 Judges
- Tellers/Timers
- Thank You Tokens/Gifts for the Judges and Timekeepers
- Participation Certificates for Cadets

Who Can Help?

- Parents / Screened Volunteers from the SSC
- School Teachers make very good judges
- Local Toast Masters clubs are also great resources for Judges
- Parents can make the food / goodies and drinks for the competition
- Remember this is an Air Cadet League driven Competition and Not the job of the Squadron Officers

Where to Next

- After the competition is complete, remember to thank all your volunteers who have helped.
- After successfully hosting a local squadron competition you can host a Zone or Provincial Competition☺
- Good Luck!