



**Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth
“DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH”**

Contestant Rules for District 2-S3

‘Drug Abuse – Paradise Lost’

The presentation should analyze the problem and present a solution. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation personnel, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators, medical personnel and by using the internet and library. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable lead way in proposing the plan. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title and date published (year if know). Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcomed.

Plagiarism will disqualify a contestant.

The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used.

A monitor will signal contestants to five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 ½) minutes. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from contestants’ score. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and half (7 ½) minutes will be disqualified. Time will be adjusted accordingly, should a disturbance occur during a speech.

Each Contestant must be a full time student in a Texas high school or comparable education program, must be a junior or senior class member at the time of the contest and be sponsored by a Lion/Leo Club in District 2-S3.

Each Lion/Leo Club may sponsor only one contestant to the Mid-Winter Contest for this speech contest.

If a run off from your school is needed your club judges should be persons who are knowledgeable about speech giving techniques.

Each entrant shall compete with other contestants at the Mid-Winter Conference held in Lago Vista, Saturday, January 17, 2009. Time will be determined by number of contestants.

Contestants will draw for positions and remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the contest official.

Contestants will not give any self-introduction, but give the title of their speech and then deliver the speech. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech.

Following the contestant's speech he/she will take a seat in the assigned area and remain until the final speech is presented.

If time allows, persons involved in the conduct of the contest, as well as parents, chaperones and guests of each contestant may be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the Mid-Winter Luncheon at noon. The winner will be asked to deliver their speech.

The first and second place winners will receive a medallion and be instructed where and how to apply for a \$500.00 and \$200.00 Savings Bonds respectively. All contestants will receive a Certificate.

There is no entry fee.

Contestants will not advance to the MD competition in Lubbock, Texas due to the cost to each club for lodging, transportation and meals. These funds will be best expended to financially support each contestant's education in the form of scholarships.

Each contestant shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference. The Mid-Winter Conference will provide lunch for all contestants.

Deadline for entries: November 21, 2008

Direct all questions and send applications with required information to:

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