

Cadets,

As you know, Wing Conference is rapidly approaching. As in some previous years, this year, there will be the cadet speak off (speech competition). This is your opportunity to practice and test your public speaking skills, and hopefully, take home some awards to show off to everyone else! And if you really are looking for a reason to participate, read this article about why public speaking is important, by visiting this website: <http://www.speakingandspeeches.com/why-is-public-speaking-important/>

Listed below are the topics and rules for this years' speak off:

Speech Topics

1. Of the 3 types of leadership: Democratic, Authoritarian, and Laissez- Faire, which do you feel is the most effective, and why?
2. In what way do you feel Civil Air Patrol has its biggest impact on America?
3. How does a squadron, the lowest echelon in the Civil Air Patrol chain, support National Headquarters?
4. Looking back on how far aviation has come in the last 100 years, where do you think it will be 100 years in the future?

Rules

1. Cadets may be disqualified for: speaking more than 30 seconds over time; using specialized jargon or slang, speaking in other than a conversational style for more than one minute, or using visual aids or models.
2. All speeches will be 5-7 minutes long.
3. Colored cards will be used when the cadet reaches the 5 minute (green card), 6 minute (yellow card), and 7 minute (red card) marks, to notify them of their time.
4. Each speaking category must include at least three contestants to declare a winner.
5. Timing will begin as soon as the cadet takes the stage.

Please contact TFO Jackie Barton at missy.jackie.b@gmail.com with intent to participate as well as the topic you will be speaking on, by 15 September 2009. This is also where you can direct any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing all of you at conference!