



# SPEECH TREK 2024

Forms & Information

March 9, 2024



AAUW Salem  
Speech Trek

Register Online at: [salem-or.aauw.net](https://salem-or.aauw.net)

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## SPEECH TREK 2024 CONTEST INFORMATION

**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 9, 2024. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Chemeketa Community College  
(Building and Rooms are TBA at present.)  
4000 Lancaster Dr., N.E.  
Salem, OR 97305

Using your own research, present a limited-time, persuasive speech.

**Contest Theme:** CHALLENGES TO EDUCATION

**Contestants will select one (1) of the following topics:**

1. Who is your unsung hero or heroine of history—a person not currently discussed in history books or classes?
2. How might book banning affect your education?
3. How will advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) factor into choosing a career?

**Register:** at [salem-or.aauw.net](http://salem-or.aauw.net) You can send your registration directly from that website. **Or** email the registration forms to [cwmueller33@gmail.com](mailto:cwmueller33@gmail.com) or print the signed forms and mail them to:

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Please complete the registration **no later than 11:59 p.m., Sunday, February 18, 2024.**

**Eligibility:** Speech Trek is open to high school students in grades 9-12 who identify as female. They may attend in Salem-area school districts, online or in-person academies, or as home-schooled students.

**Time Limits:** Students are to prepare an original 6-minute speech, with a 30-second grace period on either side. **Speaking under 5:30 minutes or over 6:30 minutes will result in disqualification.** Timers will be onsite to alert students as they approach the maximum time.

**Presentation:** These presentations are to be original speeches. Appropriate use of one 4" x 6" note card during the speech is an option -- prompting is not allowed.

**Participant limits:** Speech Trek is limited to **40 participants** chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. Two rounds will be held at the same time. If you do not advance to the final round, you are free to leave. There will be a final round where winners will be chosen.

**Judging:** During both rounds of competition, judges will use the official ballot and score each speaker in each of three areas: Content (0-50 points), Organization (0-25 points); and Delivery (0-25 points). The official ballot is included on page 8 of this packet.

**Finalists' Prizes:** First place winner will receive \$500, second place \$300, and third place \$200.

**Questions:** Contact Joyce Zook, Salem Branch, via email at [joycezook43@gmail.com](mailto:joycezook43@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the American Association of University of Women, Salem Branch ([saalem-or.aauw.net](http://saalem-or.aauw.net)).



**STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Advisor/Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School: \_\_\_\_\_

*My signature below certifies that I wish to participate in the AAUW of Salem Speech Trek Contest and that I have received and read the contest information.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND PERMISSION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My signature below certifies that I have read the rules for the speech contest and wish for my child to participate in the AAUW of Salem Speech Trek Contest. In addition, I understand that my child's name may be publicized locally as a contest participant, and that the speech will be recorded for later broadcast of the winning speeches on a local radio station.

If my child is selected as the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner or one of the finalists, I understand that the video of my child's competition speech may be posted online or used to promote the contest in subsequent years. I understand, I will need to sign an AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE, prior to my child's participation in the competition.

We, as parents/guardians, commit to following through with the applicant's appearance and presentation at this Speech Trek event. Should unforeseen events occur to prevent participation, **we will notify the contact identified in this packet, as soon as possible, if participation is not possible.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE**

### **AAUW Speech Trek Contest 2024**

The undersigned participant of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Speech Trek Contest and the participant's parent or guardian hereby declare that they have read and understand all the rules and conditions for the contest and that the undersigned has met all eligibility requirements on the date her contest entry was submitted.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent that the speech submitted to the Contest (the "Entry") is the participant's own original creation and that the participant has perpetrated no fraud or deception in entering the contest or claiming any prize.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and warrant that neither they nor any parent or guardian is an employee of AAUW, or its related, parent, affiliated and subsidiary companies, advertising and promotion agencies, or the panel of judges, nor are they or her parent or guardian connected with them in any way.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian irrevocably grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, all rights, title, and interest in the undersigned's Entry in perpetuity, to print, publish, broadcast, use or modify in any manner in any media whatsoever the undersigned's Entry as submitted for the Contest to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

In addition, the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, the right to use the participant's name, likeness and/or voice and biographical information, and city of residence for promotional purposes in any medium without compensation to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby waive the opportunity and any right to inspect or approve any such promotion, printing, broadcast use or publication, and further release AAUW, its successors and assigns from all liability in connection with any such promotion, printing, broadcast, use or publication.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby release and hold harmless AAUW and its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all losses, claims or damages that may result, directly or indirectly, from participation in the contest or use of the prize award. The undersigned understands that any and all local, state, or federal tax liability for the award will be the responsibility of the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian further acknowledge and agree that the contest prize is non-transferable, and that no substitution of prizes will be allowed, except by AAUW due to the unavailability of prizes at the time of the award.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian understand that AAUW is proceeding with the award of my prize in the Contest in express reliance on this release and the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and agree that they are free to grant the rights set forth in this release.

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The undersigned contest participant and the participant's parent or guardian hereby attest that they have read and understand all the foregoing provisions of this affidavit and agree to be bound by the same.

\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Signature of contest participant</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Contest Participant Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of parent/guardian** (if contest participant is under 18 years of age)

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Printed name of parent/guardian

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

If parent/guardian address is different from the student's, please complete this:

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_



*You will receive a notice like this once you are fully registered.*

Dear \_\_ *Student name* \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for registering for Speech Trek 2024. You are confirmed as a participant, and we look forward to meeting you and hearing your speech!

The competition date is Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Chemeketa CC. We'll send the precise building and room as soon as they are determined by the college.

You and your parent/guardian are required to fill out and sign the two forms on pages 4, 5, and 6. If you haven't sent them yet, print them and bring them with you on March 9.

- Affidavit of Eligibility and Release Form
- Parent / Guardian Permission Form

Review the contest forms and information when preparing your 6-minute speech on the **contest theme: Challenges to Education**. You may use one 4"x 6" notecard during your speech. If you have any questions, call Joyce Zook [joycezook43@gmail.com](mailto:joycezook43@gmail.com) or 503-385-1607.

### **How will your speech be judged?**

The judges' ballot on the following page identifies the ways in which your speech be critiqued. Judges are encouraged to make independent decisions, then confer or discuss contestants with other judges prior to submitting final ballots. Judges will not speak to contestants directly.

Please invite your teachers, family, and friends to join in the fun and to cheer you on.

Sincerely,

**Joyce Zook, Chair**

The Speech Trek 2024 Committee



Salem, Oregon, Branch  
SPEECH TREK JUDGES' BALLOT

SPEAKER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPEAKING TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Assign a score in each of the following categories:

	<i>Needs Improvement</i>	<i>Average/Fair</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Superb/Outstanding</i>
<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25-39</b>	<b>40-46</b>	<b>47-50</b>

- The presentation demonstrated evidence of audience analysis.
- The speech was interesting—it held my attention.
- The content effectively used example, story, illustration.
- The topic was obviously researched and referenced.
- There was a summary and clear sense of finality.
- The speech addressed one of the three options related to the contest theme.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16-18</b>	<b>19-23</b>	<b>24-25</b>
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- Ideas were effectively arranged.
- Main points were easy to follow.
- Transitions were used to signal movement from point to point.
- Material was appropriate for the topic and purpose.

<b>DELIVERY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16-18</b>	<b>19-23</b>	<b>24-25</b>
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The speaker:

- Used good diction, volume, rate, and projection.
- Displayed poise and confidence.
- Displayed energy and enthusiasm.
- Maintained eye contact with audience.
- Avoided distracting mannerisms.
- Extemporaneous delivery—did not read her speech.
- Was well prepared.
- Demonstrated appropriate movement and gestures.

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ /100

**Time Limits:** Students are to prepare an original 6-minute speech. **Speaking under 5:30 minutes or over 6:30 minutes will result in disqualification.** Timekeeper will announce any disqualifications. If a speaker is disqualified, the speaker may not be ranked.

**RANK THIS SPEAKER: (HIGHEST) #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 (LOWEST) Ties are not allowed.**

**Judge's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_