

Idaho Operation Lifesaver Annual Speech Contest 2004 - 2005

Idaho Operation Lifesaver's annual speech contest focuses attention on highway/railroad grade crossing safety. This contest is endorsed and supported by the Idaho Department of Education, which assists, with the administration of this worthwhile program.

English, speech, drama, and driver education teachers, and faculty representatives are encouraged to promote the contest in your classrooms and schools.

Contest awards are:

First Place	\$1,000.00
Second Place	\$ 500.00
Third Place	\$ 250.00
4th 5th & 6th	\$ 100.00

All regional contestants will receive a certificate signed by the Governor and the State Coordinator.

All regional finalists will receive a plaque at the state competition.

Dates for the competition are:

- 1. Regional competitions must be completed by April 23, 2005.
(See Regional Contest Locations and Contacts Page)**
- 2. Winners from the Regional Competition will compete at the State Competition, which will be held in Boise during the Idaho Operation Lifesaver State Meeting June 20, 2005 in conjunction with the Region 8 Workshops.**

GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR ADMINISTERING SPEECH CONTEST

The contest is open to students currently enrolled in any Idaho public or private school.

Contestants must have completed or be enrolled in Driver Education and have attended an Operation Lifesaver presentation.

Contact Chris Arvas, State Coordinator for Idaho Operation Lifesaver at 1-208-236-5626 or any of the area coordinators to schedule a presentation if the student has not had an Operation Lifesaver presentation.

The topic of the speech must be Operation Lifesaver and highway/railroad grade crossing safety information that will help students drive safely when crossing railroad tracks. The content must be substantially original. The contestant may use cue cards and or visual aids.

Contestants must bring 2 copies of their speech with them to the regional and state competitions. These must be typed, and double-spaced.

Contestants will be judged on the following criteria at the regional and state competitions.

- 1. Appearance**
- 2. Accuracy and authenticity of the material**
- 3. Presentation skills**
- 4. Length is 5 - 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period.**

The contestants agree that the content of the speech maybe used by the Idaho Operation Lifesaver committee to promote highway/railroad grade crossing safety in Idaho.

Each regional finalist will be contacted by Idaho Operation Lifesaver to arrange for their travel to Boise, mileage and overnight accommodations if needed.

Previous contestants from school and regional contests may compete again.

Sons and daughters of the Idaho Operation Lifesaver Executive Committee and Area Coordinators are ineligible to compete in this competition.

JUDGING CRITERIA

CONTENT (50%)

Speech Development is the way the speaker puts ideas together so the audience can understand them. The speech is structured around a purpose, and this structure must include an opening, body, and conclusion. A good speech immediately engages the audience's attention and then moves forward toward a significant conclusion. This development of the speech structure is supported by relevant examples and illustrations, facts and figures, delivered with such a smoothness that they blend into the framework of the speech to present the audience with a unified whole.

Effectiveness is measured in part by the audience's reception of the speech, but a large part is your subjective judgment of how the speech came across. You should be asking yourself such questions as "Was I able to determine the speaker's purpose?" "Did the speech relate directly to that purpose?" "Was the audience's interest held by the speaker?" "Was this speech subject appropriate for this particular audience?"

Speech Value justifies the act of speaking. The speaker has a responsibility to say something meaningful and original to the audience. The listeners should feel the speaker has made a contribution to their thinking. The ideas should be important ones, although this does not preclude a humorous presentation of them.

DELIVERY (30%)

Physical presentation of a speech carries part of the responsibility for the effective communication. The speaker's appearance should reinforce the speech, where profound, sad, humorous, or instructional. Body language should support points through gestures, expressions, and body positioning.

Voice is the sound that carries the message. It should be flexible, moving from one pitch level to another for emphasis, and should have a variety of rate and volume. A good voice can be clearly heard and the words easily understood.

Manner is the indirect revelation of the speaker's real self as the speech is delivered. The speaker should speak with enthusiasm and assurance, showing interest in the audience and confidence in their reactions.

LANGUAGE (20%)

Appropriateness of language refers to the choice of the words that relate to the speech purpose and to the particular audience hearing the speech. Language should promote clear understanding of thoughts and should fit the occasion precisely.

Correctness of language insures that attention will be directed toward what the speaker says, not how it is said. Proper use of grammar and correct pronunciation will show that the speaker is the master of the words being used.

REGIONAL CONTEST LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS

REGION 1	CONTACT Sgt. Phyllis Jay April 23, 2005	1-208-263-8417 ext. 214 Location to be determined
REGION 2	CONTACT Randy Martz April 23, 2005	1-509-758-8389 Location to be determined
REGION 3	CONTACT Carol Gabbard April 16, 2005	Id. Public Utilities Commission 472 W. Washington Boise, Id 83702 1-208-334-0334
REGION 4	CONTACT Loyd Overlin April 23, 2005	1-208-733-8188 Location to be determined
REGION 5	CONTACT Chris Arvas April 23, 2005	Union Pacific Railroad 300 South Harrison Avenue, Pocatello 1-208-236-5626
REGION 6	CONTACT Chris Arvas April 23, 2005	1-208-236-5626 Location to be determined

STATE OPERATION LIFESAVER OFFICE, 1-208-236-5626
Chris Arvas, State Coordinator

LIST OF DISTRICTS BY REGION

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REGION 1

041 ST. MARIES
044 PLUMMER/WORLEY
082 BONNER COUNTY
101 BOUNDARY COUNTY
271 COEUR D' ALENE
272 LAKELAND
273 POST FALLS
274 KOOTENAI
391 KELLOGG
392 WALLACE
394 AVERY

REGION 2

171 ORFINO
241 GRANGEVILLE
242 COTTONWOOD
281 MOSCOW
282 GENESEE
283 KENDRICK
285 POTLATCH
286 WHITEPINE
302 NEZPERCE
304 KAMIAH
305 HIGHLAND
340 LEWISTON
341 LAPWAI

REGION 3

001 BOISE
002 MERIDIAN
003 KUNA
011 MEADOWS VALLEY
013 COUNCIL
071 GARDEN VALLEY
072 BASIN
073 HORSESHOE BEND
131 NAMPA
132 CALDWELL
133 WILDER
134 MIDDLETON
135 NOTUS
136 MELBA
137 PARMA
139 VALLIVUE
191 PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY
193 MOUNTAIN HOME
221 EMMETT
363 MARSHING
364 PLEASANT VALLEY
365 BRUNEAU GRAND-VIEW
370 HOMEDALE
371 PAYETTE
372 NEW PLYMOUTH
373 FRUITLAND
421 McCALL - DONNELLY
422 CASCADE
431 WEISER
432 CAMBRIDGE
433 MIDVALE

REGION 4

061 BLAINE COUNTY
121 CAMAS COUNTY
151 CASSIA COUNTY
192 GLENNS FERRY
231 GOODING
232 WENDELL
233 HAGERMAN
234 BLISS
261 JEROME
262 VALLEY
312 SHOSHONE
314 DIETRICH
316 RICHFIELD
331 MINIDOKA COUNTY
411 TWIN FALLS
412 BUHL
413 FILER
414 KIMBERLY
415 HANSEN
416 THREE CREEK
417 CASTLEFORD
418 MURTAUGH

REGION 5

021 MARSH VALLEY
025 POCATELLO
033 BEAR LAKE
052 SNAKE RIVER
058 ABERDEEN
148 GRACE
149 NORTH GEM
150 SODA SPRINGS
201 PRESTON
202 WEST SIDE
351 ONEIDA
381 AMERICAN FALLS
382 ROCKLAND

REGION 6

055 BLACKFOOT
059 FIRTH
060 SHELLEY
091 IDAHO FALLS
092 SWAN VALLEY
093 BONNEVILLE
111 BUTTE COUNTY
161 CLARK COUNTY
181 CHALLIS
182 MACKEY
215 JEFFERSON COUNTY
252 RIRIE
253 WEST JEFFERSON
291 SALMON
292 SOUTH LEMHI
321 MADISON
322 SUGAR - SALEM
401 TETON COUNTY

**Idaho Operation Lifesaver
Speech Contest
School Entry Form
2004 - 2005**

This contest is open to all students in the State of Idaho who have completed an Idaho approved Driver Education program and have attended an Operation Lifesaver Presentation.

Contestant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

School Name _____ School District # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Faculty / Teacher Name _____

Phone number _____

Date Driver Education completed _____

Location _____

Date contestant attended Operation Lifesaver presentation _____

***SEND THIS ENTRY FORM TO OR CONTACT YOUR AREA
OPERATION LIFESAVER COORDINATOR BY
April 15, 2005***

Idaho Operation Lifesaver Annual Speech Contest WIN

\$1,000.00 - \$500.00 - \$250.00 - \$100.00

THE TOPIC OF THE SPEECH MUST BE

***OPERATION LIFESAVER
and
HIGHWAY/RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING SAFETY***

The contest is open to all High School Students that have had an Operation Lifesaver Presentation and have completed or are currently enrolled in Driver Education Training.

The topic of the speech must be safety information, which will help students drive safely when crossing railroad tracks.

Contestants will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Appearance
2. Accuracy and authenticity of the material
3. Presentation skills
4. Length is 5 - 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period

Students will compete at the Regional Competition.

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Contact your school advisor for more information or call Idaho Operation Lifesaver.

Idaho Operation Lifesaver Area Coordinator _____.

Idaho Operation Lifesaver, State Office **1 - 208 - 236 - 5626** _____.

Idaho Operation Lifesaver also recommends the following website for good information on scholarships:

<http://www.scholarshiphelp.org/>