

District 4C4 Lions Student Speaker Contest

Orientation & Training for Club, Zone,  
Region Contests

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- Orientation & Training
- Thursday, November 9, 2023
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Presenter: Mary



## Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- 2024 Theme:  
For a Better World: What Would YOU Change?
- Impact of Project
- Student Scholarships
- Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation
- MD4 Resources
- Important Dates
- District Webpage
- Contest Rules
- Student Recruitment (Club)
- Student Prep & Support (Club, Zone, Region, District)
- Judges (Club, Zone, Region, District)
- Contest Preparations (Club, Zone, Region, District)
- Q&A/Comments
- Next Steps

Presenter: Mary

Welcome Lions and friends. Thank you for joining us tonight.

Here is tonight's agenda

Most of you have organized a student speaker contest before, so please feel free to share your own experiences, what has worked for you and what didn't work so we can all continue to learn together.

It's my pleasure to introduce the presenters tonight, grateful for their participation as they have guided me in my 3 years as your district chair;

PDG Lion Jack Van Etten, Burlingame Lion, Club Contest Chair for many years, and MD4 Student Speakers Foundation Board of Directors

Lion Rich Picchi, Half Moon Bay Lion, MD4 Student Speaker Foundation Board of Director Officer, Lion Rich serves at the Treasurer of the MD4

Foundation Board of Directors and is the 4C4 District Trustee for this Lions Project.

Lion Mike Coffaro, San Carlos Lion, Area 2 Chair of the MD4 Student Speakers Committee.

For a Better  
World:  
What Would  
YOU  
Change?

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Presenter: Mary

For 86 years the MD4 Student Speaker Contest has offered high school-aged students this opportunity to consider and present their positions about current world and community topics such as:

“Americanism” (1937)

“After The War – What” (1943)

“What My Parents Mean to Me”( 1945)

“My Place in the World of 1976” (1956)

“Ocean – Breadbasket or Waste Basket?” (1988)

“Homelessness in California; What is the Solution?” (2020)

Anyone can submit a topic-subject at the beginning of the Lions Year, July 1, to the MD4 Students Speakers Contest Chairperson or on the MD4 Website.

Previous finalists’ comments reference the substantial scholarship monies that could be won through this program.

Based on current awards amounts, the winner of the MD4 contest could be awarded \$21,500 worth of scholarship monies!

Lion Rich will share about how we can provide sizable scholarships to fund this program.

“The Lions Club Student Speaker Contest is one of the most generous programs I have had the honor of being apart of. I am so grateful for the value that is put on my voice and the voices of so many other young people through this competition.”

~Audrey Vinci, MD4 Contest Finalist



## Project Impact:

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- *Students*
- *Community*
- *Lions*

Presenter: PDG Jack

# Student Scholarships

## Club Funded

- Club Contest - one (1) winner receives \$100.00 and \$25.00 each to other contestants.

## District Funded

- Zone Contests - The District funds \$150.00 for each winner. 12 Zones.
- Region Contests - The District funds \$250.00 for each winner. 6 Regions.

Funded through annual Bowling Tournament and \$100 fee from each participating club.

## Foundation Funded

- District Contests – 14 winners receive \$4,500.00.
- Area Contests - 4 winners receive \$6,500.00.
- Final Contest – 1 winner receives a \$10,000.00 scholarship.

Scholarships are funded by the Student Speakers Foundation. Each of the 14 Districts has a fundraising goal of \$7,000 annually to cover these awards.

Presenter: Rich

District collects \$100 per club is used for ?  
Who pays for what at each contest level?

## Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.



“By providing a platform for young people to share perspectives about difficult issues while earning scholarships, the Lions Club is helping us to become well educated and well spoken young men and women.”  
~Student Finalist, 2022-2023 Area 4 <sup>6</sup>

Presenter: Rich

How can Lions support the Student Speaker Foundation and the scholarships for students.



California Lions Clubs  
Multiple District 4, Lion International

HOME FALL COG MID-WINTER COG ABOUT ADMINISTRATION PROJECTS  
CONVENTION LIBRARY CONTACT

**STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST**

**TOPIC: "FOR A BETTER WORLD, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?"**

**THE 2024 TOPIC IS:  
"FOR A BETTER WORLD, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?"**

**ORDER YOUR 2024 PACKET**

Presenter: Mike

MD4 resources available

Clubs, zone chairs, region chairs, district chair should have received their contest packet in the mail by Friday November 3

What if they didn't order a packet?

What if they ordered a packet and they haven't received it yet?

# Important Dates



## Student Workshop

- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Tierra Linda Middle School

## Club Contests

- Before Monday, February 26, 2024

## Zone Contests

- Before Monday, March 18, 2024
- Contact your zone chair for date, time, location

## Region Contests

- Sunday April 14, 2024
- Beginning at 1:00pm. Specific Region times to be assigned
- Tierra Linda Middle School, 750 Dartmouth Avenue, San Carlos

## Area 2 Contest

- Saturday, May 11, 2024
- 1:00 pm
- Terra Linda Middle School, 750 Dartmouth, San Carlos

## 4C4 District Contest

- Sunday, April 28, 2024
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Tierra Linda Middle School, 750 Dartmouth Avenue, San Carlos

## Final MD4 Contest

- Saturday, June 15, 2024
- Time: TBC
- Hilton Arden West Sacramento, California

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Region contests may be run in 2 locations simultaneously on Sunday April 14 (Library and MU)

Lions District 4-C4  
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The District > Resource Library > Posts > Leo District > Archive > Q

## Student Speaker

Home > Resource Library > Service > Student Speaker

*Check out Tool Kit on 4C4 Website!*

### 2024 Topic

The 2024 topic is "FOR A BETTER WORLD, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?"

### 2024 Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
District 4C4 Contest Orientation	Thurs, Nov 9, 2023	6pm - 8pm	Foster City Recreation Center, Foster City
Club Level Contests	On/before Feb 16, 2024	Determined by club	Determined by club
Zone Contests	Between Feb 16 and Mar 18, 2024	Determined by zone	Determined by zone
Region Contests	Sun, Apr 14, 2024	1pm - 4pm	Tierra Linda Middle School, San Carlos
District 4C4 Contest	Sun, Apr 28, 2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Tierra Linda Middle School, San Carlos
		To be	Tierra Linda Middle School, San Carlos

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Hi! How can we help you?

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<https://lions4c4.org/resources/service/student-speaker>

- Digital toolkit:  
 Digital toolkit is available on 4C4 Website: <https://lions4c4.org/resources/service/student-speaker>  
 Outreach/recruitment letter (get from Jack)  
 Outreach contest flier  
 Student registration form (fillable)  
 Contest Agenda  
 Contest brochure  
 Judges Worksheet  
 Tips for Judges  
 Tellers Worksheet  
 Timers Worksheet

## Contest Rules #1-5

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*Contest Chair must read to prepare for a contest*

*Contest rules must be read at the beginning of every contest*

1. A late contestant shall not compete if arrival time is after the draw of the speaker order of that contest.
2. No one may enter or leave the room while a contestant is speaking. (Call upon Guards to monitor the doors.) Entry or departure to the room can be made during intermissions.
3. No smoking, food or beverages are allowed during the contest, except beverages during intermissions, with the exception, the speakers may drink water during the speech.
4. Do not applaud the speakers until after the judges' worksheets have been collected.
5. Each speaker will speak for no less than five minutes and no more than ten minutes or penalty/scoring deductions will be applied; no warning signals shall be given.

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Presenters: Rules 1-5 – Mike

Quiz the audience! create test questions

## Contest Rules #6-10

*Contest Chair must read to prepare for a contest*

*Contest rules must be read at the beginning of every contest*

6. There will be a quiet three-minute intermission between and after speakers, **and as much time as needed after the final speaker, to allow judges to complete scoring.** There shall be no conferring with judges during the contest.
7. No photography, video, or audio taping will be allowed during the contest. Only an MD4 video representative will be authorized to record the FINAL CONTEST.
8. All noise-emitting electronic devices such as phones, etc. must be turned off until the contest is completes.
9. **Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the Chairperson before the winner is announced.**
10. The contest Chairperson shall review and verify the Tellers' worksheets before announcing the results.

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Presenters: Rules 5-10 – Mike  
Quiz the audience! create test questions

## Contest Rules

### Student Disqualification

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*Contest Chair must read to prepare for a contest*

*Contest rules must be read at the beginning of every contest*

### The following are causes for Disqualification – Must be read as printed

1. Use or display of props of any nature
2. Uniforms or any method of personal identification, including saying name and school.
3. Failure to give reference source of quoted material in manuscript submitted at Area level.
4. Use of notes above Club level in excess of one (1) 3x5 card on both sides, or the Braille equivalent. **Note: Use of all notes at the Club level is ok.**

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Presenters: Disqualification rules 1-4 – Rich

Quiz the audience! create test questions

## Contest Rules

### Student Disqualification (continued)

*Violation of these rules must result in disqualification of the speaker by the Chairperson, whose decision shall be final.*

*Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the Chairperson before the winner is announced.*

5. Use of prompters includes electronic devices.
6. Publication of speech, except for very brief quotations, in print or electronic media (i.e. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter) prior to completion of the Final Contest.
7. Acceptance of awards other than those approved by the Council of Governors of MD4.
8. Participation in more than one Lions Club Contest during the contest year.
9. Watches or electronic devices of any kind shall not be worn or used by the contestants during the Contest.

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Presenter: Disqualification rules #5-9 Rich

Quiz the audience! create test questions



# Student Recruitment & Support

Presenter: Jack



# Student Recruitment (Club level)

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## Must be:

- Resident in MD4
- Grades 9-12

## Can be:

- In high school, junior high, private, charter, home school, independent study
- A Leo

## Where/How to Recruit?



Drama Club

Your neighbors

Scouts

Speech and Debate Club

Church Youth Groups

Leo Clubs

English Department



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Presenter: Jack

Brainstorm with crowd: How have you successfully recruited?

# Student Preparation and Support

## Prior to Contest

- Student Workshop, Wednesday January 10
- Contest Chair reminders:
  - Date, Time, Location of Contest
  - 3x5 card
  - Review the rules



## Day of Contest

- Contestants randomly assigned identification and order numbers
- Provided water, if needed
- Conduct mic check, if using
- May sit in audience once they have presented

Presenter: Jack

# Judges: Club, Zone, Region, District

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## Can be:

- Toastmasters
- Librarians
- Rotarians
- Teachers
- Local politicians
- Local celebrities

## Can NOT be:

- Lions
- Family members, including spouses
- Teacher of student participating
- Advisor of student participating
- Coach of student participating
- Judge for same student in same contest year

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Presenter: Rich

list of places where judges could be recruited: Toastmasters, librarians, Rotarians, teachers, local politicians, community leaders, local celebrities

Have the dates laid out as much as possible in case judges can't do one day

Do's and Don'ts: No Lions, no family members including spouses, no teachers, advisors, coaches of the students' participating

# Your Contest: Preparations

## Personnel

- Judges
- Timers
- Tellers
- Door Guards

## Location & Supplies

- Equipment (podium, mic, tables, chairs)
- Supplies (pens, calculators, clipboards)
- Contest forms (certificates, worksheets)
- Water for contestants
- Optional, Snacks (intermissions)

## Communications

- Confirm Judges
- Confirm Students



Presenter: Mary

Present possible contest locations for zone, region contests

# Your Contest: Day of & Follow-up

## Contest Day

- Agenda
- Judges orientation
- Identify Contest Personnel
- Certificates for Students
- Acknowledgements
- Student scholarship checks prep & available
- Next contest info to winner

## Follow-up After Contest

- Complete contest documents and submit to next level contest chair
- Follow-up with your contest winner
- Thank you letters to judges
- Other

Presenter: Mary

# Judges Worksheet

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Lions Student Speaker Contest. In order to assist you, we offer the following guidelines:

## I. Specific Procedures

- This Judges Worksheet shall be used.
- The judges must sign their worksheet before giving it to the teller.
- Judges should not sit together and must not confer with anyone during or after the contestants' speeches before submitting their reports to the tellers.
- This applies to all contestants.

## II. Score Analysis

The Lions student speakers committee, working in close cooperation with the teachers of the speech within the participating high schools, have developed a standard of evaluation, which includes the many points that should be developed in both preparation and delivery of such a speech. These points should include:

- (1) The text alone (thought content)
- (2) Delivery alone
- (3) Effectiveness of the speech as a whole.

These three categories are then developed, with specific area weighted in points, in relation to their part of the entire speech.

## III. Scoring Procedure

In order that all judges may arrive at a common standard of judging, we suggest the following:

- (1) In an area that has a 10 point possible score, it is suggested that 6 be considered as average and the student graded up or down from that point.

- All scoring by the judges should be in whole numbers, not fractions.
- No penalty shall be attached in the event the competitor does not address the chair or give the topic title.
- Contestants may use notes in all contests, but above club level, such notes are restricted to one card not to exceed 3 x 5 inches in size; braille equivalent - 6 1/2 x 11 inches.
- The judges must score all contestants. The chairperson will impose any disqualification. The use of a microphone and speaker's stand is optional.

## V. Purpose of the Contest

The contest provides an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students, who reside in the Multiple District Four, on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole - to stimulate self-expression and independent thinking - to present to the public through the contest, some of the problems surrounding the maintenance of this country as a free nation - to consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

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Multiple District Four  
California Lions

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California Lions Clubs  
Student Speakers Contest

JUDGES  
INFORMATION  
and  
WORKSHEET

2020-2021

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Lions Club  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter: Mike

Are there questions about how to use the judges worksheet?

# Judges Worksheet



**Multiple District Four  
California Lions  
2020-2021  
Student Speakers Contest**

Dear Judge,  
Thank you for helping the Lions Clubs of California by judging the Student Speakers Contest this year.

The enclosed material will help you understand how the contest is judged and scored. Please take the time to review the materials.

The topic this year is:

**"Distance and Online Learning:  
Pros and Cons."**

The contest chairperson will be contacting you soon. If you need additional assistance or clarification, please contact the chairperson or call the Multiple District Four office at (800) 546-6634, (805) 963-6681, or e-mail us at: [admin@md4office.org](mailto:admin@md4office.org). Additional information and updates can be found on our website: [MD4lions.org](http://MD4lions.org).

Sincerely,  
Lion Mary Manning, Chairperson

LIONS STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST JUDGE'S WORKSHEET										
JUDGE NO. _____										
Judge's Signature Required _____										
STANDARD OF CRITICISM In judging this contest, the judges will keep in mind the following factors:	Max Score	SPEAKERS								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>1. THE TEXT ALONE (Thought content)</b>										
Did the speaker present important ideas?										
a. Originality.	10									
b. Did speech adhere to subject title?	10									
c. Main points supported by evidence.	10									
d. Conclusion was clearly presented.	10									
<b>2. DELIVERY ALONE</b>										
Did the speaker give a formal public speech?										
a. Emphasis, voice control.	10									
b. Enunciation, pronunciation.	10									
c. Sincerity, enthusiasm, poise.	10									
<b>3. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE OVERALL EFFORT</b>										
a. Was the speech a well rounded cohesive effort?										
b. Did it have logic and organization?	10									
c. Was the speaker persuasive?	10									
<b>JUDGES TOTAL SCORE</b>		100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>DO NOT GIVE TWO SPEAKERS THE SAME SCORE!</i>										
<b>THIS SPACE IS FOR TELLERS ONLY.</b>										

Presenter: Mike

# Tellers

REPORT OF CONTEST CHAIRPERSON	CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS ON THE CONTEST	Multiple District Four California Lions Clubs Student Speakers Contest OFFICIAL TELLERS WORKSHEET
<p><b>FIRST PLACE</b></p> <p>Name _____            Address _____            City _____            Phone _____            E-mail _____            Sponsor <u>Redwood Shores</u> Lions Club            School _____            Coach _____            Prize Award _____</p> <p><b>OTHER CONTESTANTS</b></p> <p>1. Name _____            School _____            Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions</u></p> <p>2. Name _____            School _____            Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions Club</u></p> <p>3. Name _____            School _____            Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions Club</u></p> <p>4. Name _____            School _____            Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions Club</u></p> <p>5. Name _____            School _____            Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions Club</u></p> <p>6. Name _____            School _____            Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions Club</u></p> <p>7. Name _____            School _____            Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions Club</u></p>	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Name <u>Mary Carbullido</u>            Address <u>777 Marinique Drive</u>            City <u>Redwood City, California</u>            Phone <u>650 863 0589</u>            Home Club <u>Redwood Shores Lions Club</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Club    <input type="checkbox"/> Zone    <input type="checkbox"/> Region  <input type="checkbox"/> District    <input type="checkbox"/> Area    <input type="checkbox"/> MD-4</p> <p>Please place this record and the judging sheets, and your comments on the contest in envelope, and mail IMMEDIATELY to the next level Student Speakers Contest Chairperson.</p>	<p><b>PROCEDURE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check for judges' signatures.</li> <li>2. Check judges' figures to see that none are more than the allotted score.</li> <li>3. Check judges' additions and be sure that they are correct. In case of error return to judge for correction.</li> <li>4. No two students are to receive the same score from the same judge.</li> <li>5. Deduct any penalties.</li> <li>6. Determine net score and place earned.</li> <li>7. Use work sheet inside to determine winner.</li> </ol> <p><b>THE WINNER IS</b></p> <p>Speaker _____            Attested by Teller _____            Attested by Teller _____            Verified by _____</p> <p>CONTEST CHAIRPERSON: COMPLETE FULLY YOUR PORTION OF THIS WORK SHEET</p>

Presenter: Mike

Are there questions on how to use the tellers worksheet?



# Tellers

NOTE: In all competitions a penalty of 2% of each judge's score shall be imposed for each minute or fraction thereof by which the speaker's talk is less than 5 minutes, or more than 10 minutes.

Example: Time 10 minutes and 45 seconds. Judges score 80%  
 $80 \times .02 = 1.60$   $80 - 1.6 = 78.4$  net score.

**TEST NO. 1**

		SPEAKERS									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
USE PLACES EARNED ONLY	JUDGE No. 1										
	JUDGE No. 2										
	JUDGE No. 3										
	JUDGE No. 4										
	JUDGE No. 5										
Total number of first places											

In the above square insert the place earned (1, 2, 3, etc.) by each speaker, taking results from the judges' reports. The speaker with the majority of first places (more than 50%) is the winner.

**TEST NO. 2**

If Test No. 1 does not produce a winner - use

		SPEAKERS									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
USE PLACES EARNED ONLY	JUDGE No. 1										
	JUDGE No. 2										
	JUDGE No. 3										
	JUDGE No. 4										
	JUDGE No. 5										
Total of all place points earned $1 + 2 + 3 + 5 =$		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

In the above squares enter the place earned (1, 2, 3, etc.) for each tied speaker, taking the results from the judges' worksheets.  
 Speaker with the lowest total of places earned is the winner.  $1 + 2 + 2 = 5$

**TEST NO. 3**

If Test No. 2 does not produce a winner - use

		SPEAKERS									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
USE TOTAL SCORES ONLY	JUDGE No. 1										
	JUDGE No. 2										
	JUDGE No. 3										
	JUDGE No. 4										
	JUDGE No. 5										
Total scores of tied speakers (less penalties)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

In the above squares enter the total scores for each of the tied speakers (less time penalties, if any). Add the net scores. The speaker with the highest total score is the winner.

If Test No. 3 does not produce a winner - use  
**TEST NO. 3**  
 USE TIME  
 SCORES ONLY

In the event they also tied with the same scores, the tie shall be settled by using the timers sheet and awarding the contest to that speaker who comes closest to, without going over, the maximum 10 minute limit. That person shall therefore be declared the winner of the contest.

The official time shall be the average of three timers worksheets.

Presenter: Mike  
 Are there questions on how to use the tellers worksheet?

# Timers

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**OFFICIAL TIMERS WORKSHEET**

Contest: Redwood Shores Lions Club Date: March 2, 2021

(Circle one) Club Zone Region District Area MD-4 Final

TIME: Minutes & Seconds

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
TIME STOP:										
TIME START:										
NET TIME:										

Timer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: 1. Penalty shall be 2% of each judge's score for each minute or fraction thereof by which speaker's talk is less than 5 minutes or more than 10 minutes.  
2. Timing shall start when the speaker first speaks, not at the conclusion of his/her salutation to the chair and audience.  
3. There shall be no warning signal given to speakers by timekeepers or others.

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Presenter: Mike

Q&A  
Comments  
Suggestions



Presenters: Mary, Mike, Jack, Rich

## Next Steps

- Pay \$100 to District 4C4 (Club level)

Mail check to: District 4C4 Attn: Student Speaker  
Contest. P.O. Box 25301, San Mateo, CA

- Recruit Students
- Recruit Judges
- Secure Location, Date, Time
- Post Contest on Thread
- Inform District Contest Chair

### Questions & Support:

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Lion Mike sclionmike@yahoo.com

Lion Rich rpicchi@comcast.net

PDG Lion Jack jackusf74@comcast.net

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Reach out to schools/youth groups before holiday break  
Give students plenty of time to prepare



## Thank you!

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Thank you for creating an opportunity for youth development in your community.

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