



Optimist Club of Bixby

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Local Optimist Club to Sponsor Oratorical Contest for Students

Bixby, Oklahoma – The Optimist Club of **Bixby** is encouraging area students to speak their minds about the topic of “Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?” as part of the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for 2010.

The Optimist Club will judge the local students’ speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive **awards** and the winning speeches will be sent to the zone level, and possibly the district level for the opportunity to win college scholarships.

Students under the age of 16 as of December 31, 2009, are eligible to participate.

“As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions to an audience,” Club President **Sean Spellecy** said. “The Oratorical Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an opportunity for scholarships. In this way, our club hopes to bring out the best in each of them and help them achieve their goals for the future.”



The deadline to hand in speeches is [March 12, 2010](#). Students wishing to participate in the oratorical contest can find out more about the contest by contacting the club at [Susan Bevard, \(918\)366-0215](#).

The Optimist Club of [Bixby](#) has been participating in the Optimist Oratorical Contest for [several](#) years and has been active in the community since [1974](#). Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include [the fishing derby, Miss Bixby Scholarship Pageant, Essay Contest, Safe Fair, Green Corn Festival and many other activities](#).

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with 107,000 adult and youth members in 3,400 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is one of the organization's most popular programs, with more than 2,000 clubs participating annually. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at www.optimist.org.

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