

Green² Troops: Cadette Public Speaker Badge

Purpose: Build confidence in speaking to an audience while keeping your activities low-waste, tech-savvy, and environmentally friendly.

Overall Green² Strategies

- Materials: Go fully digital for scripts, cue cards, and notes.
 - Props: Use items the troop already owns or can borrow.
 - Venues: Choose spaces with existing sound equipment and seating to avoid rentals.
 - Promotion: Share invitations and recordings online rather than printing.
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Step 1 – Get to Know Your Audience

Goal: Understand how to connect with the people you're speaking to.

- Conduct a quick online survey or poll instead of handing out paper questionnaires.
 - Practice speeches for small groups at troop meetings, schools, or libraries.
 - Keep audience research notes in a shared digital document.
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Step 2 – Choose a Topic You Care About

Goal: Select a topic that excites and inspires you.

- Focus on eco-friendly themes (waste reduction, pollinator gardens, green energy).
 - Research using online sources or library books instead of buying new materials.
 - Discuss topic ideas in a troop "round table" without printing handouts.
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Step 3 – Write an Engaging Speech

Goal: Create a speech that's well-organized and memorable.

- Draft speeches on a computer or tablet—no paper needed.
 - Rehearse with a buddy for feedback rather than printing multiple versions.
 - Incorporate digital visuals instead of physical props when possible.
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Step 4 – Polish With Practice

Goal: Rehearse until your speech feels natural.

- Use troop meeting time for practice rather than traveling to multiple locations.
 - Record practice sessions on a phone or tablet to review performance.
 - Reuse any stage or podium equipment from previous troop events.
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Step 5 – Put It Into Action

Goal: Deliver your speech to an audience.

- Present at a troop, service unit, school, or community meeting.
- Invite your audience digitally and livestream if possible.
- Share the recording online to reach more people instead of hosting multiple events.

At-Home & Family Connection

- Practice your speech for family members and ask for feedback.
- Share your final performance video with relatives who live far away.
- Encourage your family to reduce waste by adopting a tip from your speech.

Waste-Free Wrap-Up

- Reflect as a troop: What strategies helped you speak confidently?
- Compile a digital collection of troop speeches for future reference.
- Pass along tips to younger Girl Scouts earning similar badges.

