

2025 – 2026 Oratorical District and Area Contests

District	Date	Time	Contact Info	Location Info
1	12/14/2025 Snow Date: 1/11/2026	2:00 PM	Roger Hopwood (641) 990-7968 rog hopwoodwindstream@gmail.com	Marengo American Legion 1669 Court Ave Marengo, IA 52301
2	1/10/2026 Snow Date: 1/11/2026	9:00 AM	Don Thiltgen (563)-659-9582 mrtillie@mchsi.com	DeWitt City Hall 510 9 th Street DeWitt, IA 52742
3	1/4/2026 Snow Date: 1/11/2026	1:00 PM	James E Sanders (319) 389-8521 james@thesanders.com	American Legion George G Luckey Post 0057 105 N R Ave Vinton, IA 52349
4	1/3/2026 Snow Date: None Reported	1:00 PM	Jeffrey L Hughes (757) 752-0600 jeffhughes1725@gmail.com	Trinity Lutheran Church 116 W. Wilbur St Hawkeye, IA 52147
5	12/20/2025 Snow Date: 12/27/2025	2:00 PM	Darin Alderson (641)660-0527 darin.alderson3@gmail.com	American Legion Post #34 302-High Ave E. Oskaloosa, IA 52577
6	1/4/2026 Snow Date None reported	2:00 PM	Matthew Harvey (515) 991-3195 meharvey@iastate.edu	Fort Des Moines Museum 75 East Army Post Road Des Moines, IA 50315
7	1/4/2026 Snow Date: None reported	2:00 PM	Mitch Brahms (712) 310-5598 mitchbrahms@gmail.com	Griswold American Legion 515 Main Street Griswold, IA 51535
8	1/4/2026 Snow Date: 1/11/2026	2:00 PM	Gary Schmitz (712) 830-3072 schmitzga@gmail.com	DMACC Campus 906 N Grant Rd Carroll, IA 51401
9	1/11/2026 Snow Date: 1/18/2026	2:00 PM	James Kessler (712) 330-1738 jmkessler71@gmail.com	Harris/Lake Park Community School 905 South Market Street Lake Park, Iowa 51347

Area	Date	Time	Contact Info	Location Info
I (Districts: 1 , 5 & 6)	1/11/2026 Snow Date: 1/18/2026	2:00 PM	Roger Hopwood (641) 990-7968 rog hopwoodwindstream@gmail.com	Marengo American Legion 1669 Court Ave Marengo, IA 52301
II (Districts: 2, 3 & 4)	1/17/2026 Snow Date: None Reported	1:00 PM	Jeffrey Hughes (757) 752-0600 jeffhughes1725@gmail.com	Zion Lutheran Church 402 E Charles St. Oelwein, IA 50662
III (Districts: 7, 8 & 9)	1/25/2026 Snow Date: 2/1/2026	2:00 PM	Gary & Ann Schmitz (712) 830-3072 schmitzga@gmail.com	DMACC Campus 906 N Grant Rd, Carroll, IA 51401 Enter the north parking lot