



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

April: Club Manager's Checklist

- Enroll new 4-H members and leaders.
- Discuss District entry deadlines (ie: 4-H Round-up, Share the Fun, Horse Quiz Bowl, Consumer Decision Making, Fashion Show, Judging Contests -these contests will vary by District).
- Nominate club officers and leaders
- Promote District Leadership Lab
- Announce District Horse Show entry deadline
- Recognize participants/winners in recent County and District events and stock shows
- County Council Delegates give report from meeting
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects

After Meeting

- Turn in attendance sheet & report
- Turn in 4-H member and leader enrollment forms

Club Manager Minute (stuff for you)

Ever wonder how your schools are doing. Ever wonder how you can help. Find out the answers to these and many other questions regarding public education at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/>

One For Fun

Let's face it, kids think they are smarter than we are.... and in some cases they are right. Here is our chance to show them we can be smart, if not a little mysterious. Let them try to figure out this trick.
<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/mindread/psychicSparkle2.swf>



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April: Recreation

Listen Carefully

Materials Needed:

none

Time:

5 minutes

Set up:

none

Instructions:

Tell the participants to listen carefully and to follow the directions. Then read the following at a normal pace at first and then increase the speed as you go.

Listen Carefully - Everyone stand please. Everyone wearing green sit please. If you are wearing black shoes, clap once. Everyone with brown hair stand please. All black haired people please sit. If you are wearing white stand please. Everyone with blue eyes wave please. Everyone wearing red sit please. If you have brown eyes please stand. Everyone wearing blue sit please. If you are wearing uncomfortable shoes sit please. If you were born in December stand please. If you are happy shake your right hand please. If you are wearing rings please sit. If you are very smart please stand. If you are wearing yellow clap please. If you know a good joke call out Ha Ha please. If you have green eyes whistle. If you have red hair please sit and stamp your feet. If you are getting tired, sit please. Everyone stand please. If you are glad this is over please clap.



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April: Community Service

Feed the Volunteers

April is Community Cleanup Month. Nearly all communities have sponsoring agencies that combine to designate a day for the community to come together to clean up. Have your 4-H Club be the club to fix the hot dogs and serve the drinks. This serves a purpose, and may be more appealing than the actual picking up litter.



April: Flag Ceremony

Your Flag and My Flag

Your flag and my flag,

And how it flies today

In your land and my land

And half a world away!

Rose-red and blood-red

The stripes forever gleam;

Snow-white and soul-white -

The good forefathers' dream;

Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars to gleam aright -

The gloried guidon of the day, a shelter through the night.

~Wilbur D. Nesbit



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April: Ice Breaker

Airport

Everyone makes a paper airplane and writes their name, nickname, something they like or dislike, 4-H projects, etc on the plane. On cue, everyone throws their airplane around the room. If you have an airplane you get to pick up and keep throwing it for 1-2 minutes. At the end of the game, everyone must have one airplane. Unfold the airplane and find out who it belongs to. This is the person they must find and introduce to the group.



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April: Inspiration and More

Nails in the Fence

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

The little boy then understood how powerful his words were. He looked up at his father and said "I hope you can forgive me father for the holes I put in you."

"Of course I can," said the father.

So when you choose to say hurtful things in anger to others, remember the holes that you will leave behind!



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April: Program Idea

Communicating with one another is a very important component of the Leadership Life Skills 4-H teaches. Program ideas on communication can be found in the Leadership curriculum, Putting The Pieces Together, at the County Extension Office. Speech teachers at the high school are also good sources for activities and programs.