



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

January: Club Manager's Checklist

- 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).
- Discuss 4-H Record Book Preparation
- Recognize participants/winners in recent County and District events and stock shows.
- County Council Delegate give report from meeting.
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects.

After Meeting

- Turn in attendance sheets & reports



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January: Recreation

GOT IT

Equipment:

Stick on name tags, writing utensil, sheet of paper

Challenge:

Individuals write their nick name on the name tag. If they do not have a nick name, they are to make something up that they may like to be called. Do not show anyone the name tag. Form a circle and have each person stick the name tag on their own back. Within a fun amount of time, the object is to list as many names on the paper as you can while not letting others get your name on their list. When time is called, find out how many names each person got on their list.

Could do this several times by listing nick names, dog's names, grandparent's name, etc. If the meeting room is large, play area may have to be designated.

Refreshment:

Pretzel sticks



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January: Community Service

- Provide help and hugs for homeless animals by contacting a local animal shelter. (<http://www.h4ha.org/shelters/USA/Texas/1-44-0.html>) . This link identifies Animal Shelters across the state by area code. Projects could include collecting pet food, improvement projects at the shelter, sponsoring a fund raiser, as well as many other opportunities.
- If you meet the age requirements, volunteer at your local animal shelter.
- Consider adopting a homeless animal through an area shelter. REMEMBER, this is a FAMILY decision.
- Volunteer to bathe, walk or help an elderly or physically challenged individual with pet care.
- If you are ready for the BIG TIME, look into being a partner in the training of animals to assist the physically challenged.



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January: Flag Ceremony

THIS IS YOUR FLAG

This is your flag! It was first raised on June 14, 1777.
It is far more than a piece of cloth having a design of stars and stripes.
It symbolizes the greatest nation on earth.
It has been the refuge of millions of oppressed people from everywhere.
It has stood for freedom from want and fear .

Lifted high, it has ever been an emblem of inspiration.
For this flag the American patriots gave their lives and their fortunes.
Following this flag, our sons and brothers have marched into battle from Valley
Forge to the muddy swamps of Vietnam.

Underneath this flag came your silent, honored dead to their final resting place. This flag has flown in both
peace and war, bitter strife, and fruitful prosperity; For almost 200 years it has been loved and respected.

As "Old Glory" ripples from her standard, look at her with renewed allegiance. Honor her, respect her, and
defend her - if need be, with your lives and fortunes. Never let her enemies, from without or within, tear her
down in shameful defeat, lest she
never rise again.

Kindle anew those fires of patriotism which are born of the spirit of democracy. Place God first and others
second; Then our nation will remain the bulwark of peace, freedom, and equal opportunity for all mankind.

This is YOUR flag. Let your heart salute her!

Kindle anew those fires of patriotism which are born of the spirit of democracy.
Place God



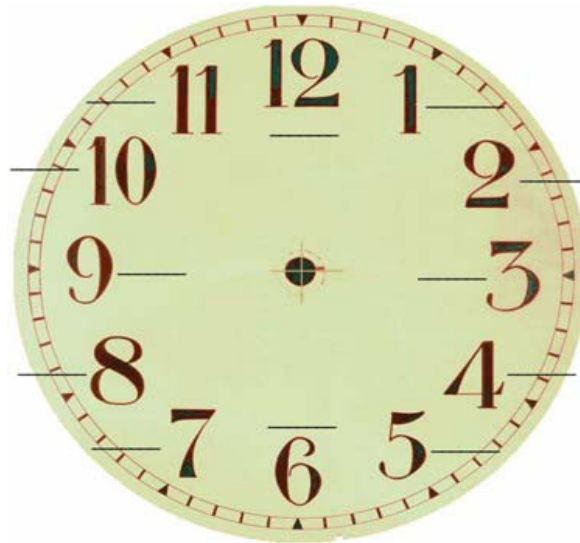
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January: Ice Breaker

MAKE A DATE

Icebreaker

Give each participant a paper plate. Have them draw the face of a clock on their plate with a line next to each number (no digitals!). Then have participants walk around and make a “date” for each hour, writing their date’s name by the hour. The catch is no one can make a “date” with more than one person per hour. After everyone has made their dates, speed up time and allow 1-3 minutes for each hour. The facilitator then asks a question for discussion on each date. The pairs will have a chance to get to know one another.





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January: Inspiration and More

CHANGE YOUR WORLD

by Brian Tracy

You cannot change the world, but you can present the world with one improved person, yourself.

You can go to work on yourself to make yourself into the kind of person you admire and respect.

You can become a role model and set a standard for others.

You can control and discipline yourself to resist acting or speaking in a negative way toward anyone for any reason.

You can insist upon always doing things the loving way, rather than the hurtful way.

By doing these things each day, you can continue on your journey toward becoming an exceptional human being.



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January: Program Idea

January is traditionally known as the kick-off of “stock show season,” with major shows starting and many getting ready for their county show. “Quality Counts” is a curriculum that was developed and designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects and in every aspect of their lives, also helping youth and adult leaders learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved. Invite a 4-H adult leader or experienced 4-H member to present a program on Quality Counts and what a 4-H member’s responsibility is in regard to this quality assurance, character education program.

Remember all those photos taken over the holidays? Have 4-H members each bring a favorite photo they have recently taken and have your club’s own photography display. You can have someone there to critique the photos, pointing out the positive qualities of the photograph and teach the 4-H members how to improve them. A professional photographer may also be willing to give a presentation on how to take good photos and how the developing process works. A 4-H member may also be able to give a presentation on cameras, how to use them, and what to focus on in taking pictures. This is also a good opportunity to promote the 4-H photography project and contest.

The contest rules can be found at:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography/index.htm>.