



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

January: 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).
- 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
- Turn in new 4-H member and leader enrollment forms

Club Manager Minute (stuff for you)

It's new year's resolution time and one of the more common resolutions is getting more organized. How about some help getting your 4-H Club organized. The tools are here. All you have to do is slow down, make a commitment and stick to it. For all the tools you need to plan for your 4-H Club go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/index.html> Once you are there scroll down to the club management section.

One For Fun

This site will make you look like an HTML junky even if you do not know what HTML is. If you are into scrapbooking and or sharing pictures, you'll fall in love with the possibilities. And lastly, if your 4-H Club needs a place to go to share information and you do not want to become a technical geek to support the effort, this site is for you. <http://stixy.com/>



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January: Recreation

Spotlight Solo

Materials Needed:

Have at least 3-7 blind folds. You can use a flash light, baton, wand, stick or just use your finger

Time:

10 minutes

Set up:

Circles of no more than 10

Instructions :

Form a circle of people you know. Blind fold one of the players and have him or her stand in the middle. They can hold a small wand, baton, stick or just use their finger. The individual in the center that is blind folded, names a popular music tune for everyone to hum along with that person. The group moves / dances around that person in the center as they hum. When the person in the center points their finger, wand, baton or other object at a person; everyone stops and that person they are pointing to must begin to sing the tune using words. The person blind folded must identify the person singing. If they do not, the game continues with a new tune and that person still in the center. If they guess that individual, then they assume their position in the circle.



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January: Community Service

Old Coat Collection

Just after Christmas, have the members bring their old coats to the meeting. They can be delivered after the meeting to the local community service agency for distribution to the needy.



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January: Flag Ceremony

Face the Flag

Face the flag of stars and bars
Of red and white and blue.
A flag that guarantees the rights
For a people like me and you.

Face the flag friends, read what's written there;
The history, the progress, the heritage we share.
Our flag reflects the past, but stands for so much more,
And in this age of Aquarius, it still flies in the fore.

It leads the forward movement, shared by all mankind;
To learn, to love, to live with peace of mind,
To learn the mysteries of space as well as those of Earth,
To love each person for what they are regardless of birth,

To live without the fear of reprisal for belief,
To ease the tensions of a world that cries out for relief.
Face the flag of stars and bars
Of red and white and blue.

A flag that guarantees the rights
For a people like me and you.
Face the flag friends, take a good long look,
What you see now can't be found in a history book.

It's the present, the future friends, its being written now,
And you're the ones to write it, and the flag can show you how.
Do you know what it stands for? What its makers meant?
To think, to speak, the privilege of dissent.

To think our leaders might be wrong, to stand and tell them so,
These are the things that people under other flags will never know.
But, responsibility, that's the cross that freemen must bear.
If you don't accept that, then freedom isn't there.

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Face the flag friends and face reality.
Our strength and our freedoms are based in unity.
The flag is but a symbol friends, of the world's greatest nation.

So do what "you got to do", but always keep in mind
A lot of people believe in peace, but there are the other kind.
If we want to keep the freedoms we may have to fight again,
God forbid. But, if we do, let's always fight to win.

The fate of a loser is futile, it's bare;
No love, no peace, just misery, despair.
Face the flag friends and thank God it's still there.

(modification of John Wayne's "Face the Flag My Son")



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January: Ice Breaker

Line Up Game

Get in groups of five to ten people each. First group that gets itself into order according to the category you name, wins. Examples first letter of middle name, shoe size, height, birth date, etc. Just be sure to pick subjects that people can line up easily.



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January: Inspiration and More

Steps to Happiness

Everybody should know:

You can't be all things to all people.

You can't do all everything at once.

You can't do all things equally well.

You can't do everything better than everyone else you're human, just like everyone else.

So:

You have to find out who you are and be that.

You have to decide what comes first and do that.

You have to discover your strengths and use them.

You have to learn not to compete with others because no one else is in the business of being you.

Then:

You will have learned to accept your own uniqueness.

You will have learned to set priorities and make decisions.

You will have learned to live with your limitations.

You will have learned to give yourself the respect that is due and you will be on the road to being the best "you" that you can be.

Dare to believe:

That you are a wonderfully unique person.

That you are the only one just like you in all of history.

That it is more than a right, it is your duty to be who you are.

That life is not a problem to solve, but a gift to cherish.

You will be able to stay on top of what used to get you down and achieve the impossible.

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January: Program Idea

Job Interview Skills

With the weather being unpredictable in winter, schedule something everyone can enjoy. Spring will be coming soon and kids may want to find a summer job. Personal presentation is everything. Do a program on Interview Skills.

Many people in the community can do this program. Have them address these topics:

- Person Appearance
- Meeting people
- Application Information
- Finding out about the job before interviewing

For the activity, the officers can interview the members.