



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

March: 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).
- Survey members on their 4-H leadership interests (ie: what offices would they be interested in serving for the coming year).
- Survey adults on their 4-H volunteer interests.
- Appoint Nominating Committee to develop slate of officer candidates & leader positions.
- Announce District Rifle & Shotgun entry deadline
- 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.
- Not all your 4-Hers are coming back next fall. Make a plan to honor graduating Seniors.

After Meeting

- Turn in attendance sheet & report
- Turn in 4-H member and leader enrollment forms
- Compile member & leader surveys with nominating committee & work with them to develop slate of officer & leader candidates.

Club Manager Minute (stuff for you)

When it comes to finding volunteers, the best way to find one is "be one". The "Points of Light Foundation" offers unique opportunities for volunteers to share their talents and collaborate on projects. To find your local "Points of Light" organization go to: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/>

One For Fun

Up for a challenge. At this site spacial orientation matters. Give it a try, with a little imagination this could become your newest 4-H Club Meeting ice breaker.

<http://www.gieson.com/Library/projects/games/matter/>



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March: Recreation

In the Water, On the Shore

Materials Needed :

None

Time:

10-15 minutes

Set up:

Open space for total group

Instructions :

Make a mark or place an object down the center of the floor where the group is standing. Tell the group this is like Simon Says. The left side of the room is "in the water" and the right is "on the shore." When you call out "in the water" everyone should move to the left side. When you call out "on the shore", they should move to the right side. The person calling needs to keep people moving and jumping from one side to the other. They may call out the same thing twice. The goal is to get participants mixed up and on the wrong side compared to what has been called out. The last one remaining in is the winner. Choose someone who speaks distinctly and quickly.



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March: Community Service

Community Garden

Locate a vacant lot, and contact the owner for permission to plant a garden. Have the members bring seeds for vegetables. Plan out the garden layout. (County Extension Agent and/or Master Gardeners can help) Plan a day to go clean and cultivate. A date to plant the correct seeds. Post a sign that this is a community garden, open to everyone sponsored by the 4-H Club. Assign members different days to water (bring their own water unless the owner will let the club use water on the property), and cultivate. Once fruit is ripe, anyone in the community can pick their own or members can pick the garden and donate produce to needy families.



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March: Flag Ceremony

Flashlight Flag Ceremony

Equipment/People Needed:

Narrator (one, or more if your club is large)
Four Flashlight Bearers (candles may be substituted)
Flag Bearer and Color Guard(s)

Color Guard advances with Flag and posts Colors. Lights are turned out so that the room is in total darkness. Flashlight bearers turn on flashlights (or light candles) and direct light toward flag.

NARRATOR: What you see here tonight represents the past, present, and future. The stripes of Old Glory stand for the original thirteen colonies. The stars represent the present 50 states. The light and warmth of the four lights you see shining remind us of the four great freedoms - Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Religion. Eliminate any one of these freedoms and our world would become darker and colder.

(Narrator calls out the four freedoms slowly. As each is called a flashlight is turned off until the room is again in total darkness.)

Freedom of the Press
Freedom of Assembly
Freedom of Speech
Freedom of Religion

NARRATOR: In this world of potential cold and darkness, of rule by a few, stands the United States of America. Here the Four Freedoms do exist and are an example of warmth and light for all. Will you please join us in the salute to our flag? (Turn flashlights back on and direct light toward flag)



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March: Ice Breaker

Guess the Picture

Collect a set of pictures of your town / locality / personalities etc. and display them on the wall with a number. The guests have to identify them and write the name on a sheet of paper. The winner is the one with the highest score.

Note: This activity could be a great lead in to a program on the history of landmarks in your community. Invite a guest speaker from the historical society or plan a tour to some of the local historical sites!



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March: Inspiration and More

The Cleaning Lady

by Joanne C. Jones

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'Hello!'"

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.



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March: Program Idea

Cabin Fever

March is known as Cabin Fever month. Do a program of how to keep your mind off being inside.

Ideas:

- Build log cabins, etc. out of toothpicks and glue.
- Use your video camera (or borrow one!) to make your own funny commercials, news shows, or movie spoofs.
- Record your own educational video sharing what you've learned in different areas!
- Make family goals and create a banner to reflect this year's goals. Hang it in your kitchen or family room as a reminder.
- Make a family tree to hang up in your family room.
- What are some of the things that have been invented in the last ten years? Twenty years?, etc. Find out about how they were invented. Get creative! What would YOU like to invent?
- Have a family science fair! Each member of the family chooses a scientific topic to research and share his or her findings with the others.
- "What do you want to be when you grow up, dear?" Let the kids research different jobs and the requirements necessary!