



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

November: Club Manager's Checklist

- Discuss Club Holiday gathering.
- Prepare participants for County and/or District Food Show.
- Discuss upcoming contests (ie: 4-H Round-up, Share the Fun, Quiz Bowls, Consumer Decision Making -- these contests will vary by District).
- Announce District Gold Star and Outstanding Leader Recipients.
- Announce Major Show swine validation Date/Time/Place.
- Remind Participants of the Major Show entry deadlines and/or entry nights.
- Recognize participants/winners in recent County and District events.
- County Council Delegate give report from meeting.
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects.

After Meeting

- Turn in attendance sheets & reports.



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November: Recreation

MAGIC CARPET

Equipment: Single piece of tarp, plastic cloth, or sheet. Other options include a plastic shower curtain, plastic tablecloth or blanket. For groups of 8 to 12 participants, the “magic carpet” should be approximately 4 feet by 5 feet.

Challenge:

The group is on a magic carpet ride high above the country when someone realizes that the group is going the wrong direction. Then you notice that the carpet is upside-down. Since you are no longer touching the ground, you must turn the carpet over without stepping off the carpet.

In order to limit the risk in this activity, request that all participants must maintain contact with the carpet at all times. This eliminates the option of carrying participants on shoulders and other balance related concerns.

Refreshment: Apple slices



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November: Community Service

- Volunteer at a local food bank or food pantry. Projects could include painting, stocking shelves, sorting incoming foods or putting together food boxes. The site listed will help you locate a food bank near you.
<http://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- Locate a gleaning program in your area and make plans to be part of helping provide emergency hunger relief to those in need. <http://www.secondharvest.org/>

4-H MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE SUGGESTIONS

- Contact the local Meals on Wheels, or a similar organization, to see if they take donations for holiday desserts, or make table decorations to be delivered with the Thanksgiving meals.



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November: Flag Ceremony

HELLO! REMEMBER ME?

Some call me Old Glory, others call me the Stars and Stripes. I have also been referred to as the Star Spangled Banner. But, whatever they call me, I am your flag—the flag of the United States of America. There has been something that has been bothering me, so I thought that I might talk it over with you today.

I remember some time ago, (I think it was Memorial Day or was it Veterans Day?) that people were lined up on both sides of the street for the parade. A High School band was behind me—naturally, I was leading the parade. Folks used to be so attentive when I passed by and saluted just like a soldier! That made me very proud to see that kind of patriotic display as I went by.

But what has happened? Have some people forgotten what I stand for? I'm still the same old flag. But now, I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street some people just stand there with their hand in their pocket and give me a small glance and then look away. I see children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am.

Have they forgotten all the battle fields where men have fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until another one like me will be coming down your street again. So, when you see it, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll see it waving back—that's my salute to you. And then I'll know that you remember who I am.

YOUTH: What state was the forty-eighth star?

FLAG: That was Arizona in 1912.

YOUTH: Tell me more.

FLAG: What do you want me to tell you?

YOUTH: Tell me about your history.

FLAG: Okay. When the colonists came I was the Queen Ann Flag...all red with a Union Jack. Then I changed to the Grand Union Flag and my red changed to seven red stripes and six white stripes, making thirteen stripes; but I still had the Union Jack. I was first raised over General George Washington's headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in January, 1776, as the standard of the Continental Army.

After our country became a new nation, I changed to Old Glory and still had the thirteen stripes but added a circle of thirteen stars on a field of blue in place of the Union Jack.

From 1794 to 1818 I had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes and was called the Star Spangled Banner, when Francis Scott Key wrote our National Anthem. Then years rolled along and in 1818 the stripes were reduced to the thirteen and from then on a star was added for each new state that joined the Union, until there are fifty stars today.

YOUTH: What a wonderful story!

Please rise while we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country.



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November: Ice Breaker

THE SHAPE OF THINGS!

Mixer

Show pictures of four basic shapes. A square, a circle, a triangle and a squiggle (or curly cue). Ask members of class to select the shape to which they best relate.

Have individuals form a group with others who selected the same shape.

Have individuals introduce themselves to others in their group. Ask individuals in each group to give reasons why they selected that shape.

Next, tell the entire class what each shape represents.

A square is someone that does things the same way. They are very methodical and dependable.

A circle is a person that keeps coming back to the same place to regroup. Circles are very inquisitive people, likes to talk and ask questions. These thinkers may not be considered by some as the most productive.

A triangle represents someone that gets things done. They are very direct and organized.

A squiggle represents a very creative person who is often sociable. When describing this person, some might go so far as to say that "the lights are on, but nobody's home" at times.

Afterward, state: These suggestions are NOT scientifically based and are just for fun. However, there probably is an underlying tie between those of you that chose each shape.

Goal: Have people see that there are different personality types. Certain personality traits or common experience link people together. Perceptions of "linkages" may be very different, even within a group.

(Womack, 1998)



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November: Inspiration and More

THE OPTIMIST CREED

by Christian D. Larson

Be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

Talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

Make all your friends feel there is something in them.

Look at the sunny side of everything.

Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

Give everyone a smile.

Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others.

Be too big for worry and too noble for anger.

What choice will you make today? Will you choose to be an optimist and make our world a better place?



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November: Program Idea

The fall is definitely here and many youth and adults are geared up for some hunting! This is a great time to focus on hunting and shooting safety. Invite a 4-H member to give a talk on gun/shooting safety. You can also invite a Texas Parks and Wildlife representative to talk to your 4-H club members about the rules and regulations involved in the hunting of various animals.

November, around the Thanksgiving holiday, is usually a popular time of giving. Invite a representative from your local food bank or Salvation Army to talk to your 4-H club members about their operation, who they serve, and the manpower it takes to run such a service. In turn, your 4-H members can then assist the organization through community service after learning more about it.