



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

November: Club Manager's Checklist

- Enroll any new members or leaders.
- 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.
- Turn in any new enrollment forms for members and leaders.

Celebrate the Texas 4-H Centennial!

This year marks the 100 anniversary of Texas th 4-H and we will be celebrating all year! Make a point to celebrate the Centennial each month! An idea or two be provided on each Club Manager's Checklist.

- Sponsor a community service project called "100 Cans for 100 years". Members work in teams to collect in their community or neighborhood 100 non-perishable food items to donate to local food bank to be used during the holidays. The club may also choose to create their own baskets to donate to families in their community.
- Enter a 4-H Float in the Veteran's Day Parade to promote the Centennial Celebration.



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November: Recreation

SHIP AHOY!

Number of Players:

5 to 50+

Safety Instructions:

Remind players to look after one another when they have to run in a certain direction to avoid running into someone going the wrong direction. For commands where physical contact is required, make sure the group is comfortable with doing this, or find a way that is acceptable (instead of holding hands in "shipwreck," for instance, players can take hold of a sleeve with their hands.)

Age Level:

For any age. For younger players, start with few commands and add new commands as the group feels comfortable.

Equipment Needed:

None necessary, Markers of some kind to designate forward, aft, and sides of the ship outside are useful, but can be improvised.

Description of Game:

One player is designated the caller for the rest of the players. A "ship" is defined with boundary markers; this could also be the walls of a room, if played indoors. The caller give different instructions to the players, and the group must respond quickly. If a player is slow or gives the wrong response and is seen by the caller, that player changes places with the caller. Also, for certain calls players will need to run to one place or another on the "ship." If the caller can catch someone before that person gets to his destination, the person caught becomes the new caller.

The caller can make these commands:

- "Ship Ahoy!" where all players put both hands up over their eyebrows as if to shade their eyes from the sun.
- "Scrub the decks!" means everyone must get on hands and knees and pretend to scrub the floor / ground.
- "Captain's coming!" causes players to stand up straight at attention and give a right-handed salute.
- "Forward" means all players must go to the place identified as the front of the ship.
- "Aft" means everyone goes to the back of the ship.
- "Port" means all players go to the left side of the ship.
- "Starboard" means all go to the right side of the ship.

Later, as players learn these commands, others can be added:

- "Man overboard" means everyone pretends to throw a life preserver to the person who when overboard.
- "Shipwreck" causes everyone to gather in groups of three, with one person in the middle and the other two holding hands around him to form a lifeboat.

As players become familiar with these commands, they can make up additional commands. If they can stand any more, that is.



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November: Community Service

- Help cook and/or serve a meal at the local homeless shelter.
- Assemble fruit baskets (along with homemade goodies) and give to shut-ins.



November: Flag Ceremony

FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag on special days, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day, and is sometimes used at retirement ceremonies.

How to fold the Flag:

- Step 1 To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.
- Step 2 Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.
- Step 3 Fold the flag again lengthwise with the blue field on the outside.
- Step 4 Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.
- Step 5 Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.
- Step 6 The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.
- Step 7 When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.

Typical sequence of the reading: Begin reading as Flag Detail is coming forward.

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

(Wait for the Flag Detail to unravel and fold the flag into a quarter fold--resume reading when the Flag Detail is standing ready.)

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."



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The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

(Wait for the Flag Detail to inspect the flag--after the inspection, resume reading.)

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

The Flag Folding Ceremony above is from the US Air Force Academy



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November: Ice Breaker

MUMBLE JUMBLE

(Mixer)

Supplies:

Pictures copied or glued on cardstock and cut into approximately 5 large pieces like a puzzle. Create enough pictures so that every participant will receive a puzzle piece.

Laminate pieces to be able to re-use.

Box, hat or other container to draw from

Place all of the puzzle pieces in a box, hat or other container. Have each participant draw a piece of the puzzle. The group members will keep their puzzle piece to themselves until the leader says, "GO!"

Instructions that the leader will give is for participants to circulate and find the other people in the group who have the other pieces of the corresponding puzzle to form complete pictures. Once the groups are formed and puzzles are complete, Have each group member share with their group information about themselves from the list of topics below:

- Where were you born?
- What has been your favorite family vacation?
- How many pets do you have?
- What is your favorite food?
- Who is the person that you admire the most?

Create other questions as you wish.



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November: Inspiration and More

Success Tip: Start at the bottom and work up.

Fun Fact Trivia:

Which Texas county has more species of birds than any other area in North America?

Brazoria County

What Texas county was the location for the filming of the 2003 movie, Second Hand Lions?

Comal County



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November: Program Idea

Many local, state, and national elections take place on Election Day, which is always the first Tuesday in November. This is the perfect opportunity to expose youth to government and citizenship and their role in this process. Program ideas include:

- Have local government leaders present a program on their role in the city and county government.
- Have each 4-H member “shadow” a local elected official and all report back to the group on the role of that office/leader and what “a day in their life” is like.
- Arrange to have the County Judge or other elected officials do a presentation for the group and then take them on a tour of the courthouse
- Utilize the Texans Building Character curriculum to teach about citizenship, what makes a good citizen, and the role of community service in citizenship