



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

October: Club Manager's Checklist

- Enroll new members
- Celebrate National 4-H Week and Club promotion ideas (First full week is October)
- Remind 4-H club of the major show lamb and goat exhibitors county validation time/ location/date
- Distribute County Food Show information
- Discuss upcoming contests (ie: 4-H Round-up, Share the Fun, Quiz Bowls,
- Consumer Decision Making – these contests will vary by District)
- Appoint new leaders for new project areas (Leader needs to be enrolled and approved by the County Extension Office)
- County Council Delegate give report from meeting
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects

After Meeting

- Turn in enrollment forms.
- Turn in monthly attendance sheets & reports



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October: Recreation

WALK ACROSS TEXAS

Equipment: None

Challenge: To encourage members to exercise. Walk around the block, school, track, etc.

Refreshment: Ice cold water



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October: Community Service

- Sponsor a Bicycle Safety Check-up Event in your community.
http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/passenger_safety/pdf/bicycle_safety_fact_sheet.pdf
<http://www.be-safe.org/>
- Distribute Halloween Safety Tips to children in your community.
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4-H MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE SUGGESTIONS:

- Volunteer to change smoke alarm batteries for elderly family members or those who might need assistance.
- Conduct a home safety inspection.
http://fcs.tamu.edu/housing/housing_safety/home_safety_checklist.php
<http://www.nsc.org/pubs/fsh/archive/spr00/homcheck.htm>
http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/family/home-safety/t_home-safety.htm



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October: Flag Ceremony

THE FLAG SPEAKS

- PERSONNEL:** "Talking" American Flag and One Youth
- EQUIPMENT:** American Flag and if possible, two microphones connected to a PA system.
- ARRANGEMENT:** Place American flag on stage with microphone nearby. A young person acting as voice of flag is located off stage with a second microphone.

(Youth strolls on stage, passes by flag; as the Flag speaks, youth slowly turns to look at Flag)

FLAG: Hello, young lady(man).

YOUTH: (Acts surprised and looks around.) Who said that?

FLAG: I, the Flag of your country.

YOUTH: A talking Flag? That's new.

FLAG: Of course I can talk. I've always been able to talk, but you couldn't hear me.

YOUTH: Oh! What have you been trying to tell us?

FLAG: For one thing, how proud I am of my fifty states. What states added my last two stars?

YOUTH: Alaska and Hawaii.

FLAG: Right! History was made in your parent's and grandparent's time.



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October: Ice Breaker

FUNNY FACE

Mixer

Materials: none

Funny Face is an initiative that produces some of the most grotesque facial contortions experienced since the third grade. Split a large group into smaller encounter circles with about five or seven in each silly set. The rules state that after the GO signal everyone in the circle tries to make the other members smile. If you slip and show the slightest smile you are eliminated, and can then step back and watch the experts do their thing. A participant is not allowed to touch another player and all eyes must stay open; otherwise anything goes.

Reference: Silver Bullets



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October: Inspiration and More

A NEW DAY

This is the beginning of a new day. I have been given this day to use as I will.

I can waste it, or use it. I can make it a day long to be remembered for its joy, its beauty and its achievements, or it can be filled with pettiness. What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes this day will be gone forever, but I shall hold something which I have traded for it.

It may be no more than a memory, but if it is a worthy one I shall not regret the price.

I want it to be gain not loss, good not evil, success not failure. What will you do with your new day?



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October: Program Idea

Recordbooks are usually focused upon in the spring. However, many 4-H parents say they wish they knew what is necessary to complete a recordbook prior to a couple months before the due date. So, October is a great time to have a program on record keeping skills. Have a 4-H club leader, or teen leader, give a presentation on how to keep records, the different methods involved, and what records need to be kept for the purposes of completing a 4-H Recordbook.

Since National 4-H Week is celebrated this month, have some 4-H members present their illustrated talk from the “promote 4-H” category. It is okay if the presentation they use was one they competed with the previous year! Invite a county 4-H Ambassador to your 4-H club meeting and have them give a 4-H promotion presentation. You can also set up a 4-H Fact Quiz Bowl. Let your 4-H members form teams of four and run a small tournament. Information on the history and facts of 4-H can be found on the online 4-H management guide at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/mgtguide>. This also gives 4-H members the opportunity to learn about quiz bowls. The 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide can be found at <http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/publications/4h32030.pdf>.