



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

September: Club Manager's Checklist

- Have new/old members and leaders complete enrollment forms and collect
- Introduce new and old members
- Introduce club managers/leaders
- Discuss projects offered in club/county
- Review 4-H Club Bylaws/Budget and approve
- Pass out 4-H member County Handbook
- Distribute County 4-H Calendar
- Discuss National 4-H Week activities for October
- County Council Delegate give report from meeting
- Present the Club Charter
- Distribute M.A.P. (Member Achievement Plans) and explain how they are used to keep records for their 4-H projects
- Promote UpcominFall District Events/Trainings
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects
- Show members 4-H Connect and discuss the need for a profile

After Meeting

- Turn in all member/leader forms
- Turn in copy of Bylaws to CEA
- Turn in copy of Budget Proposals and Club Fund-Raiser Request Forms
- Turn in monthly attendance sheet & reports
- Determine new project interests

Club Manager Minute (stuff for you)

In order to have a vibrant active 4-H club it takes more than the effort of a Club Manager, it takes dedicated volunteer and parent support. Learn more about working with volunteers and expanding your efforts at INVEST, a website dedicated to the support of Extension Volunteers
<http://texasvolunteer.tamu.edu/>

One For Fun

Do you think Science is Cool? Some of your kids do, too. Here's a web site that makes learning science fun.
<Http://www.freesciencelectures.com>



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September: Recreation

Clock Talk

Time Estimate:

Takes 15-20 minutes to meet and secure the 12 names. Then 2-5 minutes each time you utilize the activity during the workshop or meeting.

Materials Needed:

pencil and paper

Set up:

Any style will work, but works best in class room set up.

Instructions:

Take a piece of paper, and draw the face of a clock. Show them an example. Then have twelve spaces or lines at the bottom with each hour listed : 1:00 _____, 2:00 _____, etc. through 12:00.

Next have everyone get up and find twelve new people they have not met yet. At each time slot they should write a new person's name down on their sheet. Likewise the other person put's their name in the same time slot. Don't double book. This continues till all twelve hours all are full.

During the remainder of the day or workshop a meeting time will be called out. Example 6:00. You would find the person you have written down at that time (this should create groups of two). At that time give them one thing they should find out about the other person. Example : What's your favorite food? What do you like best about your 4-H projects? And the question can focus on the theme of the workshop or conference.

This works about 3-4 times during a meeting to keep them mixing and getting acquainted.

Reflection: What did you learn about yourself when meeting others today?



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September: Community Service

Emergency Preparedness Kits

Emergency Preparedness Kits for people can be life-saving! Have your members take flyers that include the essential items that every family should have on hand in the event of an disaster. They can distribute them to their classmates at school. Post on the bank bulletin board, and at stores that carry the items. Maybe even make posters to inform the public about emergency preparedness.



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September: Flag Ceremony

The Flag and 4-H

(as adapted from the US Scouts website www.usscouts.org)

The flag of the United States is a symbol of our country and all it represents. One of the many great things our flag represents is 4-H. Let's look at the flag from our 4-H viewpoint. The white stripes are all 4-H members with their clean, fresh desire to learn, be with the best of others, and still stand out in their own individuality.

The red stripes can represent the parents, who have given their children the blood of inheritance, the closeness of constant support, the brilliance of visible good example and distinction of encouraging selfreliance.

The blue field represents the 4-H organization with it's broad principles and high ideals bound together with sound practices serving a teaching and supporting background.

The white stars are leaders - County Agents, Club Managers, Project Leaders, and Officers. All those who assume the responsibility and interest of the 4-H program and its members, guide them in self- leadership, brighten the way of their growth, and illuminate the goals to constructive adulthood, that basic ingredient that supports our country and earns our Flag it's most distinctive honor - RESPECT.



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September: Ice Breaker

Memory Game

Supplies:

Subjects for memory, paper and pencil

Players:

Small groups

Pick a subject like foods you would eat or crave. Lay them all in a tray for viewers to see and have participants pass tray around. Remove tray from sight and have participant's list what was on tray. The person that lists the most objects is the winner. You can give extra points or break ties by asking specific questions like what flavor sucker and so on.



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September: Inspiration and More

Start with Yourself

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country.

But, it too, seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: If I had only changed myself first, then by example I would have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world.



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September: Program Idea

Emergency Preparedness

4-H has just begun the new 4-H year. September is also the month of the attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane crash in Pennsylvania by terrorists. Safety and Disaster Preparedness for the upcoming winter months can be the focus of this month's program. Invite a official who works with emergency preparedness or a first responder to come and share about their job and how we can help in an emergency. Another topic might be building a family emergency kit.