



# ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

## PROGRAM IDEAS

### SET 1

<b>Month 1</b>	<p>College Savings Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>September is College Savings Month. Have an educational program on money management. This program topic might also be well suited during the time when 4-H members are receiving checks for stock show projects.</li></ul>
<b>Month 2</b>	<p>Positive Attitude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>October is Positive Attitude Month. Invite a speaker to provide a motivational talk for youth or just to make them laugh. Challenge members to go share something funny or motivational with 10 other people that they learned from the program.</li></ul>
<b>Month 3</b>	<p>Role Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>November is National Inspirational Role Models Month. Invite a speaker that is a good youth role model. This might even be another young person, a local business person, a local sports or entertainment figure. Focus the program on positive character traits that a role model possesses.</li></ul>
<b>Month 4</b>	<p>Safe Toys and Gifts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month. Have the Blue Santa or a program of this type come speak to the 4-H members about donating toys as community service for the holidays. The speaker could cover toy safety as well as information on the program. Turn the club meeting into a service project and ask members to bring a toy for the program and then make Christmas cards to attach with each toy.</li></ul>
<b>Month 5</b>	<p>Chinese New Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>January 29 is the Chinese New Year. Have a program on Chinese culture and heritage. Promote books, movies, and activities inspired by Chinese heritage. Host a program on Chinese paper arts or a discussion on China's unique political history. Have arts and crafts books, zodiac books, Asian cookbooks, and books on Eastern religions, folklore, and traditions.</li></ul>
<b>Month 6</b>	<p>Groundhog Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>February 2nd is Groundhog Day. Hold a contest with your members at the January meeting and ask them to predict whether or not the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, will see his shadow on February 2. At the February meeting, have a program on the history of Groundhog day. Why does it exist? Have the predictions of the groundhog in past years held true? Provide recognition for those who made the correct prediction!</li></ul>
<b>Month 7</b>	<p>Go Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Instead of celebrating St. Patrick's Day, go "green" instead and have a program on ways that we can conserve energy and resources. Invite a speaker who is knowledgeable on this concept to be the guest speaker. Below are some websites with some great ideas that youth can also explore.</li><li>Host a "Go Green" poster contest for the club and have members create posters that promote conservation. Display posters in a local bank or other business.</li></ul>
<b>Month 8</b>	<p>Earth Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>April 22 is Earth Day. Continue to expand on the "Green" theme and focus this month's program on recycling.</li></ul>
<b>Month 9</b>	<p>Limerick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>May 12th is Limerick Day. What is a limerick? A limerick is a five-line poem that has this pattern – aabba. This means that lines 1, 2 and 5 are rhyming and lines 3 and 4 are rhyming. Here's an example:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There was an Old Man with a beard,</li><li>Who said, 'It is just as I feared!</li><li>Two Owls and a Hen,</li><li>Four Larks and a Wren,</li><li>Have all built their nests in my beard!</li></ul></li><li>How many limericks can your teens come up within a half hour that relate to 4-H and their 4-H projects? Have groups of members test their rhyming skills by coming up with as many limericks as they can. Have each group perform their best limerick before a panel of judges. Present awards for humor, corny-ness and subject matter!</li></ul>