

Texas 4-H **CLUB ED**

May: Club Manager's Checklist

- Enroll new 4-H members and leaders
- Hold elections for new officers and leaders.
- Remind 4-H members of final Leadership Lab deadline.
- Remind 4-H members about State 4-H Round-up entry deadline
- Remind 4-H members about County Record Book deadline
- Discuss County Award application deadlines
- Recognize participants/winners in recent County and District events
- County Council Delegates give report on meeting
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects

After Meeting

- Turn in attendance sheet & reports
- Turn in 4-H member and leader enrollment forms
- Send results of elections to County Agents' office
- Plan dates for officer team to meet and plan club meeting agendas for coming year

Club Manager Minute (stuff for you)

How are we doing as a nation when it comes to raising kids? If there is any doubt that the nation and your community need you to continue doing what you're doing, the Josephson Institute for Ethics will dispel the notion. Now more than ever we need people like you doing the things you do. To review the 2006 Josephson Report Card on American Youth Ethics go to:
<http://www.josephsoninstitute.org/reportcard/>

One For Fun

Summer is finally here and the annual summer vacation looms large. Do you ever feel like you need another SUV just to carry the luggage. Maybe this site can help. At Frommers, you'll find check lists for planning your vacations and tips on how to close the lid on your teenage daughter's suit case.
http://www.frommers.com/tips/packing_tips/



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May: Recreation

Count the F's

Materials Needed:

Pencils
Handout with the statement typed on it – one copy per person

Time:

5 minutes

Set up:

none

Instructions :

Pass the statement out to everyone face down. Then tell everyone to turn it over and count the number of F's on the paper. Allow only one minute to count and tell them to stop. Ask how many of you have the sheet with three F's, who has four F's, how about 5? Does anyone have 6? (About 50% of the group will see three F's and approximately 10% will see all 6)

Statement:

FEATURE FILMS ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS

Reflection:

Why couldn't all of us initially see all 6 F's? (The F in the word "of" sounds like a "V".)



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May: Community Service

Be Kind to Your Meeting Room

You have been using the same room all year for your 4-H Meetings. Look around....what is needed to be repaired, built, supplied, or just spruced up. With the current interest of redecorating and the do it yourself craze, have the members decide on a service activity to do something for their meeting room.

Of course it will have to be approved by the management of wherever you meet, but the idea is to give back to the community that has helped the club.



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May: Flag Ceremony

Explanation of the Pledge

We often recite the Pledge of Allegiance without really listening to or understanding the meaning of the words we are saying. Lets take a moment to really think about the words and what they mean:

I - Me, an individual, a committee of one

Pledge - Dedicate all of my worldly possessions to give without self pity

Allegiance - My love and devotion

To the Flag - Our standard - Old Glory - a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts "Freedom is everybody's job!"

Of the United - United - that means we have all come together

States Of America - States - individual communities that have united into fifty great states - fifty individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united in a common purpose - love for country.

And to the Republic - Republic, a state in which power is given to representatives chosen by the people to govern; and the government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For Which it Stands - This is what our Flag stands for - Our United States

One Nation Under God - meaning so blessed by God

Indivisible - Incapable of being divided

With Liberty - Which is freedom - the right to live one's own life without threats or fear of retaliation.

And Justice - The principle or qualities of dealing fairly with others.

For All - For all - which means, boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, it's as much your country as it is mine.

- adapted from a recording by Red Skelton



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May: Ice Breaker

A to Z Freeze Game

Ask participants to recite the alphabet in unison. Let them go on for a while until you yodel "Stop." At that point identify the letter they stopped on and ask a few to share something they are looking forward to in 4-H that begins with that letter. For example, if you stop on the letter "C" some may say camps, cooking, canoeing, etc. After a few have shared, begin the alphabet again. Stop on a different letter. Ask participants to share a personality trait for a leader that begins with that letter. Come up with different questions for each letter. The number of letters you stop on can be determined by the group size and how many share ideas on each letter. Play until everyone that wants to share has the opportunity to do so.



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May: Inspiration and More

Always Aim Higher

by Edmund O'Neill

Always aim higher than you believe you can reach. So often, you'll discover that when your talents are set free by your imagination, you can achieve any goal.

If people offer their help or wisdom as you go through life, accept it gratefully. You can learn much from those who have gone before you. But never be afraid or hesitant to step off the accepted path and head off in your own direction if your heart tells you that it's the right way for you.

Always believe that you will ultimately succeed at whatever you do, and never forget the value of persistence, discipline, and determination.

You are meant to be whatever you dream of becoming.



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May: Program Idea

Plan the Year

With the closing of the 4-H year, the next is just around the corner. Have the members evaluate this past year - their likes and dislikes - and have a different group plan a month for next year. This will give the members ownership and get them excited about the upcoming 4-H Year.

