



# ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

## **March: Club Manager's Checklist**

- Discuss District events (ie: 4-H Round-up, Share the Fun, Fashion Show, Quiz Bowl, Judging Contests, etc.– these contests will vary by District).
- Survey members on their 4-H leadership interests (ie: what offices would they be interested in serving for the coming year).
- Survey adults on their 4-H volunteer interests.
- Appoint Nominating Committee to develop slate of officer candidates & leader positions.
- Announce District Rifle & Shotgun entry deadline
- Recognize participants/winners in recent County and District events and stock shows.
- County Council Delegate give report from meeting.
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects.

### **After Meeting**

- Turn in attendance sheet & report
- Compile member & leader surveys with nominating committee & work with them to develop slate of officer & leader candidates.



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## ***March: Recreation***

### **PLUMBER'S CHALLENGE**

**Equipment:**

2 toilet plungers per group, 1 medium size rubber ball per group, 1 9 to 11 inch balloon per group

**Challenge:**

Form two groups from the membership for the relay. Distribute to each team 2 plungers and 1 ball or 1 balloon. Object is to pass the ball/balloon up and down the team using the plunger without handling the ball/balloon with hands.

**Refreshment:**

Grapes



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## ***March: Community Service***

- Plan a community clean-up or landscape day, or assist at a community garden.  
<http://www.communitygarden.org/>
- Weed a flower bed or plant flowers for someone who is unable.
- Flowers do brighten the world. Take a plant to a nursing home or hospital patient.



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## ***March: Flag Ceremony***

### **UNITED STATES FLAG**

I am the flag of the United States of America. I am whatever you make me, nothing more. I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what a people may become.

I live a challenging life, a life of moods and passions of heartbreaks and tired muscles. Sometimes I'm strong with pride, when workmen do an honest piece of work. Sometimes I droop, for then, purpose has gone from me, and cynically I play the coward.

But always, I am all that you hope to be and have the courage to try for. I am strength and fear, struggle and panic, and enabling hope. I am the battle of yesterday, and the mistake of tomorrow. I am the mystery of the men who do without knowing why.

I am no more than what you believe me to be, and I am all that you believe I can be. I am what you make me, nothing more. I wave before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of all that makes this nation great.

My stars and stripes are the dream of your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, and firm with faith - because you have made them so, out of your hearts.

As long as men cherish liberty more than life itself, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.



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## **March: Ice Breaker**

### **HUMAN KNOT**

Problem Solving

**Goal:**

Problem solving, communication, and teamwork

**Materials:**

None

**Group size:**

At least five, no more than ten

**Directions:**

The group forms a circle. Each person holds out their right hand and grasps another hand as if shaking hands. All then extend left hands and grab another left hand. They should not have both hands of the same person or hands of the people on either side of them. The goal is to then untangle themselves into a single circle without releasing hands.



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## ***March: Inspiration and More***

### **USE YOUR IMAGINATION TO FIND SUCCESS**

Visualize what you want.  
See it, Feel it, Believe in it.

Your mind is a mental workshop.  
You can build anything in it.  
Make your mental blueprint,  
And begin to build.

The beginning is in your imagination;  
First think, then organize your thoughts into plans  
Then transform your thoughts into reality by taking some positive action.

Use your imagination to perceive your reality,  
Even when it is not fully materialized.

You must first see it clearly in your mind  
Before you can do it.

First visualize and then actualize your way  
To success.

You really can live your dreams.  
All you need to do is try.



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## ***March: Program Idea***

Now that 4-H members have been given the opportunity to learn how to keep records in their project areas, it is time to put those records into the format of a 4-H Recordbook. At your March meeting, have a county Extension agent, adult leader, or experienced 4-H member talk to your club members about putting a 4-H Recordbook together for competition. This is also a good time to let your 4-H members know what awards are available in your county and how to apply for them (i.e. Gold Star, Silver Star, Bronze Star, etc.)

Leadership is one important skill that is emphasized and taught throughout all facets of the 4-H program. Have a 4-H member or adult leader talk to your 4-H club members about the many leadership opportunities available through the 4-H program, including the many opportunities available to youth in the summer (4-H Center activities, Leadership Lab, Texas 4-H Congress, etc.). "Putting the Pieces Together" is a leadership curriculum that is also available at each county Extension office and contains many activities and teaching points that focus on leadership development.