



# ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

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

- 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
- Send results of elections to County Agents' office
- Plan dates for officer team to meet and plan club meeting agendas for coming year



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## ***May: Recreation***

### **BALLOON BURST**

**Equipment:**

Balloons, string/yarn (cut into yard lengths)

**Challenge:**

Distribute to each participant a balloon and a piece of string. Participants should fully blow up their balloon and tie it to the string and then tie the string around their ankle leaving some length of string so that the balloon trails behind them as they move. Participants gather in the play area and on “go” begin trying to pop everyone’s balloon while trying to keep theirs from being popped. The last person with an unpopped balloon wins.

**Refreshment:**

Ice cream/soda floats



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## ***May: Community Service***

- Plan a project for Make a Difference Day  
<http://usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>
- Tell five people how they made a difference for you! Better yet, send them a note!



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## **May: Flag Ceremony**

### **RAGGED OLD FLAG**

Written by Johnny Cash

I walked through a county courthouse square,  
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.  
I said, "Your old courthouse is kinda run down."  
He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town."  
I said, "Your flagpole has leaned a little bit,  
And that's a Ragged Old Flag you got hanging on it.

He said, "Have a seat", and I sat down.  
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"  
I said, "I think it is." He said, "I don't like to brag,  
But we're kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag."  
"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there  
When Washington took it across the Delaware.

And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key  
Sat watching it writing \_Oh Say Can You See\_  
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans  
With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams."  
"And it almost fell at the Alamo  
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on through.

She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville  
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.  
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg,  
And the south wind blew hard on that Ragged Old Flag."  
"On Flanders Field in World War I  
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.

She turned blood red in World War II  
She hung limp and low by the time it was through.  
She was in Korea and Vietnam.  
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam."  
"She waved from our ships upon the briny foam,



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### **RAGGED OLD FLAG, Continued**

**Written by Johnny Cash**

And now they've about quit waving her back here at home.

In her own good land she's been abused --

She's been burned, dishonored, denied and refused."

"And the government for which she stands

Is scandalized throughout the land.

And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin,

But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.

'Cause she's been through the fire before

And I believe she can take a whole lot more."

"So we raise her up every morning, take her down every night.

We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her up right.

On second thought I DO like to brag,

'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."



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## ***May: Ice Breaker***

### **COMIC STRIP CHAOS**

Mixer

Each participant takes a turn at picking a comic frame out of the large container. After the entire group has each chosen one, the participants begin to search for others with the same comic strip sequence. After the participants have found everyone in their group, they must arrange themselves so that the sequence of frames are in chronological order to form the comic strip correctly. Upon completion of sequence, the newly formed group sits down together. Great game to break large group into smaller groups.

<http://www.residentassistant.com/icebreakers/comicchaos.htm>



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## *May: Inspiration and More*

### **WINNERS ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOU**

Winners take chances.

Like everyone else, they fear failing, but they refuse to let fear control them.

Winners don't give up.

When life gets rough, they hang in until the going gets better.

Winners are flexible.

They realize there is more than one way and are willing to try others.

Winners know they are not perfect.

They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.

Winners fall but they don't stay down.

They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.

Winners don't blame fate for their failures, nor luck for their successes.

Winners accept responsibility for their lives.

Winners are positive thinkers who see good in all things.

From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.

Winners believe in the path they have chosen even when it is hard, even when others can't see where they are going.

Winners are patient.

They know a goal is only worthy as the effort that is required to achieve it.

Winners are people that believe in themselves.

They make this world a better place to be.



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## ***May: Program Idea***

Since 4-H members are gearing up for the summer, invite someone (nurse, lifeguard, etc.) to come talk to your 4-H club about sun safety, water safety, and/or first-aid. This is also a good opportunity to invite a representative from your local Department of Recreational Services or YMCA to talk about the local summer programs being offered.

Give a 4-H member a leadership opportunity and invite him/her to talk about the 4-H sportfishing project. They can turn it into a hands-on learning experience for 4-H'ers as they focus on fishing, safety when fishing, in addition to some rules and regulations in regard to fishing.