



# ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

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

- Enroll any new members or leaders.
- Discuss Club holiday gathering.
- Prepare participants for County and/or District Food Show.
- Discuss upcoming contests (ie: 4-H Round-up, Share the Fun, Quiz Bowls, Consumer Decision Making -- these contests will vary by District).
- Announce District Gold Star and Outstanding Leader Recipients.
- Announce Major Show swine validation Date/Time/Place.
- Remind Participants of the Major Show entry deadlines and/or entry nights.
- Recognize participants/winners in recent County and District events.
- County Council Delegate give report from meeting.
- Plan and implement Community Service Projects.

### **After Meeting**

- Turn in attendance sheets & reports.
- Turn in any new enrollment forms for members and leaders.

### **Club Manager Minute (stuff for you)**

We all know how important it is to protect youth. We also know that dangers lurk in some of the least suspicious places. Here are a couple of links that will help you protect 4-H'ers. The first is a link to the Texas Department of Public Safety Sexual Offender data base. Find out where the offenders are in your community. <http://216.140.183.80/SOMAP/somapSearch.cfm>

The second is a link to Texas AgriLife Extension Youth Protection Standards. These standards outline the things we are doing in Texas 4-H to make sure our 4-H members are safe: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/adults/#yps> And <http://texasvolunteer.tamu.edu/yps.htm>

### **One For Fun**

Paper dolls aren't just for girls anymore. For that matter we can do a lot more with paper than make dolls, and some of it is to fun to leave just for the kids. Check out this unique resource for crafty hands on ideas: <http://www.papertoys.com/>



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## **November: Recreation**

# Welcome to the Zoo

**Materials Needed :**

None

**Time :**

10 -15 minutes

**Set up :**

None

**Instructions :**

This is a noisy activity. Tell the group they are at the zoo. Then you start by saying I have a owl at my zoo. Then make the owl sound (who, who). Now each of you must pick a different zoo animal to be today. Once you tell who you are you continue to make that animal sound. It is difficult to keep making your sound heard and continue without making your neighbors animal sound. Keep this up till everyone is playing and before you know it they will all be laughing and the ice will be thoroughly broken.



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## ***November: Community Service***

### **Holiday Visits**

Many times we think that giving things is the real way to serve our community, but really people want others to spend their time. Search out a need and schedule the community service to have people who need time be the service your 4-H members give. Nursing homes, children's ward in hospitals, meals on wheels recipients would be starting places.



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## ***November: Flag Ceremony***

# **Stars and Stripes - Our American Heritage**

### **Supplies needed:**

3 bandanas

1 flashlight

### **Opening:**

Member stands blindfolded, gagged, and bound before the audience.

### **The Reader says:**

"This is an American boy/girl. The American Revolution won him/her freedom.  
(helper unbinds him/her)

The Constitution guarantees him/her free speech.  
(remove the gag)

A free education gives him/her the ability to see and to understand.  
(remove the blindfold)

Let us help 4-H to teach him/her to preserve and enjoy his/her glorious heritage and to become a good citizen.

Turn off lights, spotlight American Flag, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.



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## ***November: Ice Breaker***

### **People Bingo**

Instead of creating a Bingo board with numbers, create a Bingo board of things anybody could have done or might have in their possession. Give each player a copy of the board and get them to go around asking the other players if they match any of the details on the squares. If a player does they have to sign their name in that square/s (For example, one square can be, "Find a person with 3 brothers & 2 sisters," another can be, "find someone who forgot to brush their teeth hair"). Give players a time limit. The winner is the first person who gets a row or at the end has most names. Different Bingo games can be played. IE. Blackout, 4 Corners, etc.



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## ***November: Inspiration and More***

### **Be Thankful!**

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.  
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,  
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.  
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,  
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,  
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.  
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,  
because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.  
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who  
are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.  
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,  
and they can become your blessings.

-Author Unknown



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## ***November: Program Idea***

### **Politics - November is Election Month**

Local, County, State, National elections are held in November. With citizenship, everyone should know about their government. Ask an elected official to come speak about how they do their job. Also have them speak on the structure and history of their branch of government.