

Planning Your Club Year

Planning is one of those things that many of us never seem to get around to. The new 4-H year is always a busy time; re-enrollment is due, county recognition events are coming up and new members are joining our groups. Taking time to plan the entire year's activities may seem silly, but it can pay big dividends in the long run. Involving members in planning and designing club activities and events helps to build leadership in youth and increases commitment to carrying out the plans. 4-H clubs and groups are excellent places for children to build leadership skills. Planning, implementing and evaluating group activities throughout the year are great ways for children to practice their leadership skills.

The following tools can help your group think about the coming year and make it the best one yet! Remember, the community service is an emphasis for Michigan 4-H Programs for the coming year. How can you make sure your club has something going on each month in community service?

Club Activity Checklist

Please check the club things you would like to see our club do.

Educational Topics

- Parliamentary Procedure
- Career Night
- Natural Resources Programs
- Films/Videos
- Project Workshops
- Increasing Self-Esteem
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Effective Communication with Others
- Public Speaking/Demonstrations
- Tips and Ideas
- Making Meetings Fun & Useful
- Leadership Skills
- Setting Goals
- Exploration Days - promotional
- Time Management
- Dealing with Stress
- Dealing with Peer Pressure
- County and State Award Program
- Money Management
- Dating, Marriage, Parenting
- County Commissioner/Township
- Official Visit
- Babysitting Workshop
- Veterinary Science
- Plant Science/Horticulture

Club Fun

- Halloween Party
- Christmas Party/Caroling
- T-Shirt Night
- Ice/Roller Skating
- Family Camping Trip
- Family Picnic/Potluck
- Costume Party
- Softball Day
- Bowling
- Hayride
- Club "Talent" Night
- Swim Party
- Dance
- Canoe Trip
- Overnight Swim/Gym Party
- "Parents Are Special" Night
- Winter Party (skating, sledding, etc)
- Cookout
- Parade, Float
- Trips
- Frankenmuth
- Cedar Point
- Zoo
- MSU/Children's Garden
- Mackinac Island