

Ideas for 4-H Club Meetings

Use these ideas creatively and expand upon them to make your 4-H meeting interesting and exciting. More ideas can be found in your 4-H Volunteer Guidebook.



January

Business

- Discuss plans for club programs
- Plan ways to finance club activities
- Outline potential community projects
- Plan Valentines party
- Discuss how to get parents involved
- Reorganize club and elect officers

Demonstrations or Talks

- Geology talk
- How to make firebreak
- How to press wool
- Gun Safety
- Feeding birds
- History of country
- Clothing choices

Other Education

- Speaker on Character

Social-Recreational

- Knot-tying contest
- Storytelling
- Games and songs
- Story of Martin Luther King

February

Business

- Discuss improving 4-H projects
- Plan a club health program
- Discuss ways of “pepping up” 4-H club work
- Plan a club share-the-fun contest
- Review how to keep good 4-H records

Demonstrations or Talks

- First-aid kit for gardens
- How to select colors to fit you
- Plant foods – soil science
- Youth opportunities in Arkansas
- The role of fire in forestry
- The story of our community or club

Other Education

- Program by County Agent

Social-Recreational

- Puzzles
- Pancake supper
- Treasure Hunt
- Stories of Presidents
- Inside game tournament

March

Business

- Make plans for spring project tour
- Discuss suggestions for improving club meetings
- Make a list of prospective club members
- Reports on progress members are making in projects
- Plan for county O-Ramas
- Discuss special activities such as camps and conferences

Demonstrations or Talks

- Safety in the home
- Better lighting
- How to get the most from 4-H work
- Highway courtesies
- Treating vegetable seeds
- Cleaning silver/metals
- Celebrate archeology month

Other Education

- Speaker on Conflict Resolution

Social-Recreational

- Stunts and Tricks
- Homemade Games
- Carnival Riddles



April

Business

- Training for judging and demonstration activities
- Plan a club tour to visit member projects
- Discuss county 4-H activities and make plans to participate

Demonstrations or Talks

- Well-equipped sewing boxes
- Making a rope halter
- County, State, and National 4-H activities
- How to keep 4-H Records Showing appreciation as a club to communities

Other Education

- Speaker- Law enforcement representative

Social-Recreational

- Nature hike
- Original skits
- Arbor Day program
- Mother's Day program
- April "shower" for recreation equipment

May

Business

- Plan a club picnic
- Organize for conducting a community safety campaign
- Plan to visit another club
- Discuss 4-H awards

Demonstrations or Talks

- How to make a leaf and twig collection
- Gun safety
- Money management
- Citizenship
- Hobbies for 4-H members
- What to eat for breakfast?
- Tips on good manners

May (cont.)

Other Education

- Speaker – County elected official

Social-Recreational

- Hot dog roast, campfire cooking
- Picnic and hike

June

Business

- Discuss District O-Rama
- Discuss plans for 4-H camp
- Plan a special meeting for parents

Demonstrations or Talks

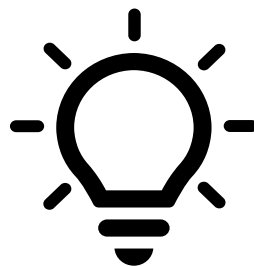
- Preparing fruits and vegetables for freezing
- 4-H work makes better citizens and leaders
- Talk on good sportsmanship
- Setting up a website

Other Education

- Invite a local artist or craftsman to share their talent

Social-Recreational

- Outdoor games
- Evening campfire
- Musical program
- Potluck dinner
- Hog-calling contest



July

Business

- Discuss exhibits at community and county fairs
- Plan watermelon feast
- Reports on conferences and special 4-H activities
- Discuss State O-Rama

Demonstrations or Talks

- Grading eggs
- Taking soil samples
- Canning and freezing vegetables
- Reports on O-Rama, camps, and other 4-H activities
- How to make an insect collection
- Protecting wildlife in county

Other Education

- Speaker on Hiking the Natural State

Social-Recreational

- Marshmallow roast
- Swim party
- Scavenger Hunt

August

Business

- Discuss awards for 4-H work
- Plan a club tour of a place of interest
- Stage a model club meeting
- Plan to ask outstanding leaders in the community to speak with 4-H club

August (cont.)

Demonstrations or Talks

- Environmental stewardship
- Dangers of drugs and alcohol
- Digital photography
- Report on State O-Rama
- Value of having a hobby
- How to make a leaf collection

Other Education

- 4-H Skillathon (share projects)

Social-Recreational

- Ice Cream Social
- Folklore stories
- Watermelon party
- Lemonade party for 4-H supporters

September

Business

- Plan a club banquet for October or November
- Make plans for National 4-H week
- Plan a club or community exhibit for fair

Demonstrations or Talks

- Technology in the home
- State Game and Fish regulations
- Hunter safety
- Most interesting 4-H activity of the year

Other Education

- Speaker on Opportunities in 4-H (state officer/ambassador)

Social-Recreational

- Hayride
- New games
- Horseshoe pitching
- Autumn hike
- Song practice

October

Business

- 4-H Month Activities
- Plan a “Get Acquainted event for members and families
- Work on fair events
- Plan banquet for county level

Demonstrations or Talks

- Safety on the internet
- Good manners pay dividends
- Proper lighting of our homes for safety and security
- Most enjoyable hunting or fishing experience

Other Education

- Parent sharing about their favorite hobby

Social-Recreational

- New Games
- Folk Games
- 4-H Science Game

November

Business

- Plan special event to honor parent’s role in 4-H
- Discuss recreation kits for clubs
- Continue planning of banquet
- Plan event to share 4-H with quorum court and community leaders

November (cont.)

Demonstrations or Talks

- Bicycle safety program
- Wood science activities
- Art projects
- What was learned from county fair?
- How to keep healthy

Other Education

- Volunteer Leader shares a hands-on project

Social-Recreational

- Folk Games
- Parents’ Night
- Banquet

December

Business

- Discuss club activities for next year
- Share reports on club accomplishments
- Recognize leaders and others assisting in 4-H work
- Plan photography exhibit
- Discuss record book finalization

Demonstrations or Talks

- Conserving electricity
- Adopt-a-Grandparent
- Writing a 4-H story
- How to make introductions
- Giving an elevator speech

Other Education

- Speaker from Red Cross or other community group

Social-Recreational

- Caroling
- Hobby showcase
- Box supper