

Going Virtual: Programs and Service



It is a challenge to have meaningful interactions with our 4-H youth while restricted from face-to-face contacts, but with today's technology, our clubs can continue to be active and productive!

Program Ideas

- Project Demonstrations—Take this time to have youth practice giving presentations on their project work.
- Arts & Crafts Workshop — Send out supply list ahead of meeting, and work together on an art project. Pull from videos, Pinterest, etc to find inspiration.
- Virtual Camps — Pick a topic and have youth plan 3 days worth of activities. Invite other county youth to participate in a week of fun virtual camps
- Club Challenges — Arrange to meet with another club remotely to share your activities, projects, or simply have a friendly competition/game meeting.
- Scavenger Hunts — Provide lists of items and challenge youth to find as many as they can in a given time frame (example: 5 minutes)
- Book Club— Challenge youth to read the same book and discuss as a group during the meeting.
- Practice Judging/Oral & Written Reasons — Brush up on your presenting reasons with a virtual workshop.

Service Learning

- Thank You Notes — Take this time to write Thank you notes to those people who help make the best better in your life. Recognize businesses, stakeholders, and community leaders who have helped 4-H.
- “Drive By Shout Outs” — While we can't meet in person, stage a parade where you celebrate somebody special in your community that might be feeling lonely and isolated. Work with local nursing homes, schools, community centers, or day care centers.
- Essential Worker Recognition — From grocery stores to Doctors offices, people are still having to go to work daily in spite of the current pandemic. Take a moment to write a letter of appreciation to those that are keeping our communities open.
- Individual Service — Take to your sewing machine to make masks, help 4-Hers with technology, record yourself reading books and share with clover buds in your community. Whatever your talent, use it to help somebody in need remotely.

Check out Nebraska's 366 service learning ideas:
<https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/serviceideas.shtml>

For More Information on Virtual Club Meetings check out Arkansas 4-H at:

<https://4h.uaex.edu/volunteers/club-resources.aspx>