



# Hendricks County 4-H Leader Newsletter

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## Supporting Our 4-H Leaders

### Words From the President

As we begin our 2023 4-H Season, the Hendricks County 4-H Leaders Organization would like to share information with all leaders through a newsletter. We will share meeting ideas, community service and program ideas. We will also include important upcoming dates and events for 4-H leaders/volunteers! We would love to hear from you on any ideas that you have to share that we could include in upcoming newsletters. Please email ideas to: [hendrces@purdue.edu](mailto:hendrces@purdue.edu). Thank you!

- Susie Truax, Leader President

### Program Ideas for Clubs

Remember, 4-H is a YOUTH Organization, so YOUTH should be involved in leading the club! While all clubs are encouraged to have President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, providing more officer positions in a club can provide greater opportunities to develop youth leadership skills. Consider adding one or more of these non-traditional club officers:

- **Service Officer:** report on and promote club service projects
- **4-H Opportunities Officer:** report on any upcoming 4-H county and state events, deadlines, etc.
- **Projects Officer:** Promote project work at each meeting or do a short "commercial" for a project at each meeting – see next page for example.
- **Technology/Social Media Officer:** helps create posts for club media, take pictures during meetings
- **Room Maintenance Officer:** Supervise meeting set-up, housekeeping, and tear down
- **Hospitality:** Perform general hospitality duties such as welcoming members



**A Newsletter  
FOR 4-H  
Leaders BY  
4-H Leaders!**

### Need some Community Service Ideas??

- Check with your local park! See if 4-H members can help with projects there.
- Collect items for a local organization such as nursing homes, Sheltering Wings, Humane Society, or even the Blessing Box at the fairgrounds!
- Have members make "Thank You" cards for local police/fire departments

# INSPIRE KIDS TO DO

In 4-H, kids roll up their sleeves and do with their hands. Their experiences grow the creativity they need for life and career.

SPARK DOING. GROW DISCOVERY AT 4-H.ORG

## Making Meetings Fun

**Mixer games at the beginning of a meeting warm up and also bring more cohesion to a group. Try one of these games at your next meeting!**

**Note:** These are games that a Recreation Officer or other club member could help lead!!

### This Or That?

A game with no wrong answers.

Identify two separated spaces or corners of the room as "A" and "B". Tell the youth that they will answer a this or that question by moving to either space "A" or space "B". Read the first this or that question and send the group to a space. Bring the group back to center of the room and follow with more questions.

**Example:** Would you rather ride a horse or play with a puppy? Would you rather play video games or play non-video games? Would you rather play sports or spend time on a hobby and a book? Would you rather eat at McDonalds or Chick-fil-a? Would you rather go to a 4-H meeting or go to a 4-H meeting?

### Group-It-Up

Form teams of equal or near equal numbers of players.

The goal is for teams to listen to a game leader who will tell them what kind of line to make. Then on "Go," each team forms into the kind of group that has been requested.

The winning team is the one who accomplishes this first. Repeat for several rounds.

Note: The youth will work out on their own how to arrange their line.

#### Example Directions:

- Line up by age – oldest to youngest
- Line up by birthday months - January first then February, etc.
- Line up by years in 4-H - most to least

### Project Commercial "Cheat Sheet" handout for the project commercial presenter:

Use this template to help members create a "commercial" for a 4-H Project:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for volunteering to present a brief 4-H Project commercial to our club on \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you please include the following?

- Briefly describe the project
- Explain the basic requirements for completing the project.
- If possible, show a fair exhibit or a project sample
- Tell why you like this project.



*Looking for some resources to help your club get going? Check out the next page for a sample Secretary's Worksheet!*



# 4-H Club Secretary's Worksheet

On \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club met at

\_\_\_\_\_.

The meeting was called to order by President (or V.P.) \_\_\_\_\_.

The pledges were lead by \_\_\_\_\_.

The minutes of the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting were read by Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_.

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_ gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Other Reports

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Old Business

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A motion to adjourn was made by \_\_\_\_\_.

The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. The motion was approved.

Report Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_