



Strengthening 4-H Clubs





Types of 4-H Clubs

- Community Club
- Project Club
- School Club
- After School Club
- Military Club





Minimum Requirements for Clubs

- Enrollment of at least 5 members, at least one club manager and as many volunteers as needed
- Enrollment of as many project and/or activity leaders as required
- Elected officers
- Holds regularly scheduled or monthly meetings
- Conducts project meetings as needed
- Conducts a service learning and/or community service project





Benefits of Club Experience

“High Impact”

Long-term involvement

Sequential project learning experiences





Benefits of Long-Term Involvement

Life skills

- Responsibility
- Communication
- Decision Making
- Record Keeping
- Goal Setting
- Acceptance of others
- Teamwork

Leadership

- Teaching others
- Public Speaking

Citizenship

- Concern for others/the community
- Serving others/the community





What is a 4-H Project?

A 4-H Project has 4 components.

- Five (5) or more sequential learning experiences at least 30 minutes in length
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Exhibition of Project Work





Think of the 4-H Project as...

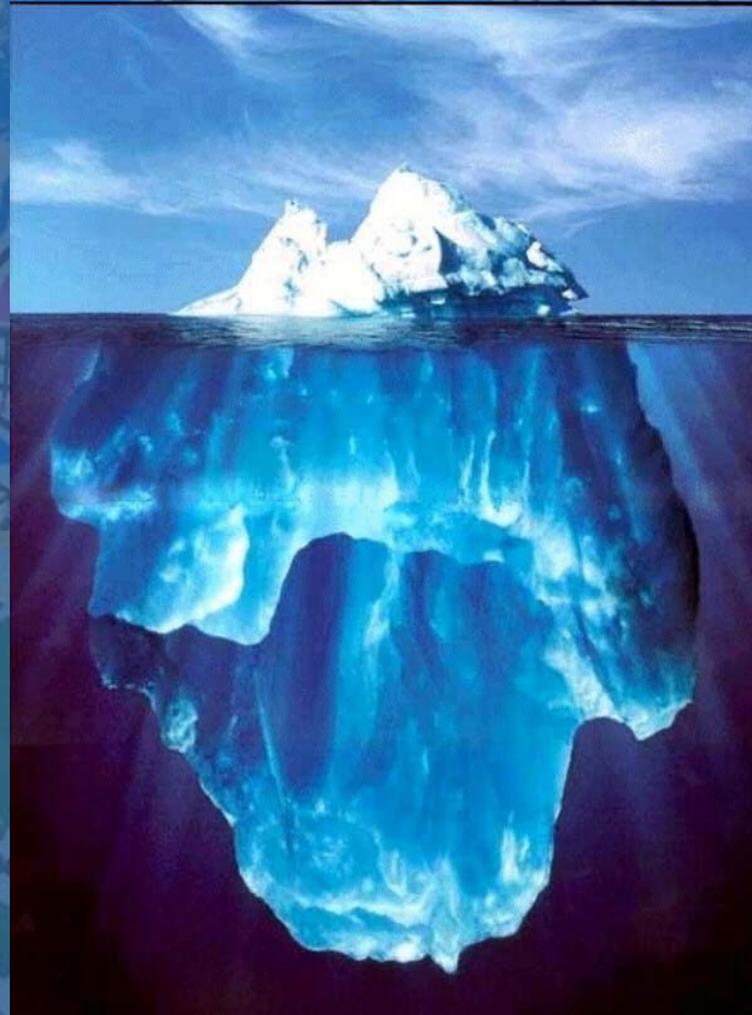
A College Major (The Project) with a course of study (the project experiences that make up the project)

As an Architectural Structure (must have all the components of a structure for it to be sound – walls, floor, ceiling, roof, windows, utilities, etc)





Or think of it as....





Learning Experiences

Examples of Learning Experiences

Educational Tours

Workshops

Clinics

Contests

Demonstrations

Interviews of
Experts

Educational
Presentations

Exhibits

Expos

Speeches

Videos/DVD

Television shows

Bowls

Self-study: Magazines,
internet research





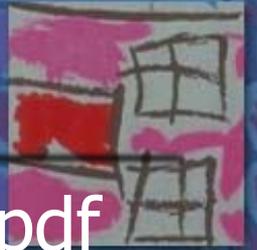
Community Service

Examples of Community Service Projects

Definition: helping others and your community

Community Service Guide

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2012/01/
community_service_oneday_serviceprojects.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2012/01/community_service_oneday_serviceprojects.pdf)





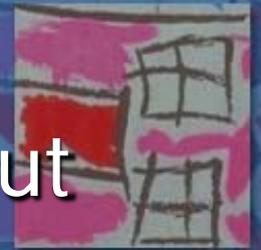
Community Service Vs. Service Learning

What's the difference?

Moving beyond "make it, take it" to kids being involved in identifying needs, making a plan, and evaluating the project

Service Learning expands the level of involvement and learning for youth

Service Learning gives youth an opportunity for more creative input





Leadership

Examples of Leadership

Definition: help other people achieve goals through guidance; teaching or leading others.

Teaching/Guiding others
Conducting a workshop
Organize a group activity
Share information with others

Demonstration/speech
Assist an adult
Plan a tour
Junior/Teen Leader
Lead an activity





Exhibit Project Work

Share what you have learned with someone else

Contest

Livestock show

Educational presentation

Speech

Fair

Demonstration

Project meeting

On-Line?





Timeline for a 4-H Project

- Projects can take place any time of the year
- Each project has its own timeline
- Some projects' timelines are designated by contests or exhibitions. Some include:

Foods & Nutrition

Clothing & Textiles

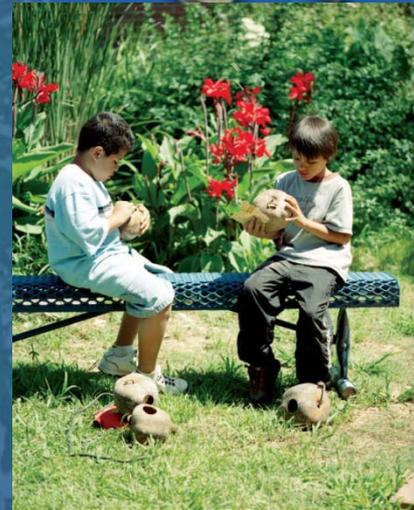
Livestock projects

Horse





Create a blue ribbon child, not a blue ribbon project





Make a Plan for 212° (the extra degree)

Listen

Educate

Market

Communicate

Empower





Listen/Support

What are the needs of:

- club members
- volunteers/parents
- club managers
- others





Education

- Family Guide
- New Family Orientation
- 4-H Clover
- Project One pagers (new)
- Record Keeping Tools (MAP etc...)
- Others?





Marketing

Promotional Materials

- General 4-H promotional piece
- 4-H Club promotional piece
- Enrichment curriculum promotion
- Volunteer promotional piece

Audiences to promote to....





Communication

- Club manager training and support
- Monthly/bimonthly 4-H Newsletter
- Club Manager Newsletter
- Ask directly....how is it going?
- Others?





Empowerment

Mentors (group new members with current members)

Email, blogs, web sites, wiki's

Welcomed and wanted!





County Exercise

Quality 4-H Club Plan





Resources – TX 4-H Mgt. System

Membership Units

Defining and Organizing 4-H units

Leadership Opportunities in clubs

4-H Club Chartering and By-laws

Planning and conducting 4-H club meetings

Parliamentary Procedure

Community Service





Resources – TX 4-H Mgt. System - TOOLS

Annual 4-H Club Planning Worksheets

Annual 4-H Club Planning Form

Sample letter to parents

Parent interest form





Club Ed.

8 years of Resources http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_clubed/

1. Club Activities
2. Club Managers Checklist
3. Community Service Activities
4. Flag Ceremonies
5. Ice Breakers
6. Parent Opportunities
7. Program Ideas
8. Officer Installation Ceremonies





In the works.....

- Series of 4 club manager & office trainings
- Create club manager training agendas and support pieces
- Conflict resolution for club managers
- Project development - integrating SET Abilities
- Resources for project planning/ starting clubs/ and committee development
- Integrating the overall program development as a Scientific Process

Much more...

