



2022-2023 Ozaukee County Youth Advisory Council
Ideas to Increase Participation in 4-H Clubs & 4-H Groups

1. Using themes for meetings or giving award prizes for participation during meetings are both ways to engage and involve members.
2. Break club projects down into smaller parts and encourage members of all ages to take a part of the project and work together to complete the bigger project.
3. Ask someone who has shown they are really good at something to oversee that part of a project.
4. Start a mentoring program and pair new families with families that have 4-H experience.
5. Promote what 4-H has to offer outside of Agriculture. (e.g., educational travel opportunities, scholarships, events).
6. Have club member demonstrations at meetings to show projects that members could join.
7. Have an activity members can do at home that connects to the next meeting. Club example, take still life photos, share out photos, member vote between meetings and the winner is announced at the next meeting. Create Valentine boxes to be auctioned off at the next meeting.
8. Cloverbuds lead the pledges at the beginning of the meeting
9. Randomly assign PenPals between older youth and younger youth and they call, email, or send a card between meetings to each other.
10. Field trip/tour local places together as a club.
11. Community service projects - ask for the youth's ideas and vote on it as a club.
12. Jenga game or other board games modified with a 4-H twist and played at meetings.
13. Find games or activities you can play as a group during the recreation portion of the meeting that are fun and include everyone.
14. Gauge the length of the business part of the meeting to the average age of club members.
15. Keep the meeting fun and members will participate.
16. Hold Cloverbud and Exploring meetings during the business part of the meeting.
17. Have a project or part of a project members can work on during the meeting. For example making cards to mail to veterans, civil service workers, long term care facilities, etc.
18. At the beginning of year practice Robert's Rules by making trail mix. This engages members and gets them excited about making motions and voting during meetings.
19. Ask members to share projects, unique talents, interests outside of 4-H, etc. This helps members learn about each other's lives outside of 4-H.
20. Hold a member orientation where members with their parents/guardian are present to meet each other and understand expectations.
20. Ask youth for ideas and implement them when planning the meeting, events, and activities.