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THE CHARLOTTE CHATTER: FOCUS ON THE 4-H FAMILY

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TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH



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National 4-H Week, held in the first full week of October, celebrates the positive impact of the youth development program, 4-H. It brings together millions to recognize achievements and promote values like leadership and community service. The week is marked by various events showcasing the skills and talents of 4-H members.




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Service learning is a powerful way to express gratitude while making a positive impact in our communities. By actively engaging in projects that benefit others, we not only acknowledge the support and opportunities we've received but also pay it forward. This hands-on approach not only fosters a sense of gratitude but also instills empathy, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to giving back.

SHOWING GRATITUDE THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Social Media Spirt Days

-  **MONDAY:** Post a collage that shows off all that you do in 4-H.
-  **TUESDAY:** Wear your 4-H shirt or green today!
-  **WEDNESDAY:** Share your favorite 4-H memory.
-  **THURSDAY:** Post a picture of your first year in 4-H.
-  **FRIDAY:** Post a picture of your favorite 4-H project.



4-H SCAVENGER HUNT



Scan this code to get started. Explore Charlotte County and collect all 5 gnomes. Exchange the gnomes at the 4-H Office for a prize!

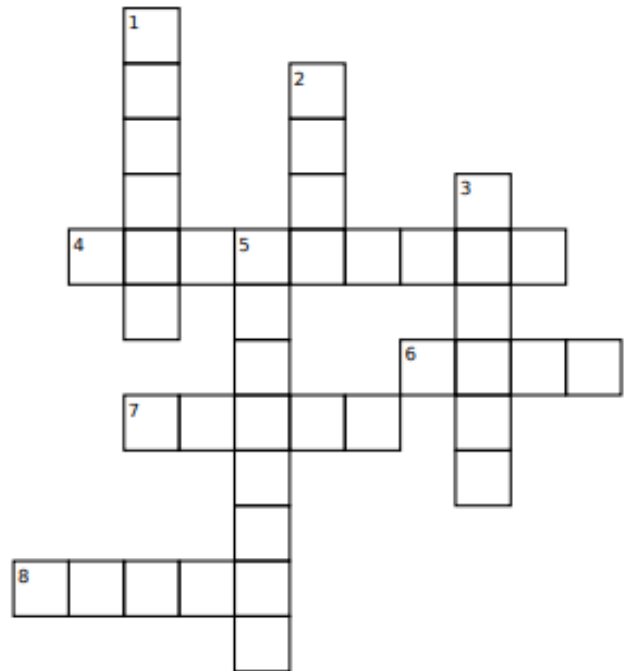


FINDING FAIR INFORMATION

Log on to the Charlotte County Fair website:
thecharlottecountyfair.com

Click on Agriculture on the top of the page.

Find fair rules, entry forms and the schedule.



Down

- 1. The 4-H emblem is a ___
- 2. How old must you be to start 4-H?
- 3. I pledge my ___ to better living.
- 5. I pledge my head to clearer ___.

Across

- 4. The 4-H year starts each year in ___
- 6. I pledge my head, heart, hands, and health for my ___, my community, my country, and my world.
- 7. I pledge my ___ to larger service.
- 8. The 4-H colors are white and ___



BUDGETING FOR SUCCESS

Embarking on a 4-H project is an exciting endeavor that offers a wealth of learning opportunities. One essential skill that will serve you well throughout this journey is budgeting. Understanding how to manage resources wisely ensures that success and sustainability of your project. In this article, we'll explore practical tips and provide real-life examples to help you become a budget-savvy 4-H member.

1. **Define Your Project Goals:** Clearly outline the objectives of your project or what you want to achieve. This could involve raising an animal, cultivating a garden, or undertaking a community service initiative. Understanding your project's purpose will help you determine the necessary resources and allocate your budget effectively.
2. **Create a Detailed Budget Plan:** List all of the items that you will need for your project, along with their respective costs. This could include supplies, equipment, feed, or any other essentials. Make sure to carefully think through your estimation and consider any expenses that may occur yet may not be planned for.
3. **Prioritize Essential Expenses:** Identify the core items that are crucial for your project's success. These are non-negotiable items that should take precedence in your budget. For example, if you are raising a pig, quality feed and shelter are essential for its well-being.
4. **Seek Cost-Efficient Alternatives:** Explore ways to minimize expenses without compromising the quality of your project. Consider options like borrowing equipment, using recycled materials, or sourcing items at discounted prices rather than buying everything new all at once.
5. **Record and Track Expenses:** Maintain a detailed record of all expenses related to your project. This will help you stay on track and make informed decisions about future purchases.

Example:

Livestock Project (Lamb)

Feed: \$200.00

Housing & Bedding: \$100.00

Vet Care: \$50.00

Miscellaneous Supplies: \$30.00

Contingency Fund (10%): \$38.00

Total Budget: \$418.00

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

- Register on 4-Honline by October 1, 2023
v2.4honline.com
- Attend at least 70% of your primary club's meetings. *You must select your primary club when enrolling in 4Honline.
- Complete and submit at least 1 Charlotte County 4-H Record book to the 4-H Office by Friday, April 5, 2024.
- Complete the final record of Member in Good Standing requirements with your record book by Friday, April 5th.



NAVIGATING YOUR 4-H RECORD BOOK

Completing your 4-H record book is a requirement to keep your 4-H member in good standing status. A record book is a tool that helps you track your progress, set goals, and reflect on your accomplishments. Use these valuable tips to get started and maintain your record book throughout the year.

➤➤ TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR RECORD BOOK

- 1) **Organize your materials.** Gather all necessary documents, including project guidelines, forms, and any record you've already kept. Having everything in one place will make the process much smoother.
- 2) **Set clear goals.** Establish specific, achievable objectives for your projects. Whether it's raising a pig, growing a garden, or leading a community service initiative, clear goals will guide your efforts.
- 3) **Familiarize yourself with the record book rubric.** Found at the back of the record book, the rubric explains the different sections of the record book and will give you an overview of what will be expected when the record book is graded.
- 4) **Be consistent.** Make it a habit to record information regularly. Whether it's daily observations, expenses, or project milestones, write them down promptly to avoid forgetting important details.
- 5) **Capture photos and visuals.** Visuals provide powerful documentation of your journey. Take pictures of your project at different stages, events you attend, or activities you lead. These images can be a valuable addition to your record book.
- 6) **Seek guidance.** Don't hesitate to reach out to your 4-H leader or mentors for assistance. They can offer valuable insights and help you navigate any challenges you encounter.
- 7) **Stay organized.** Use dividers or sections to keep different aspects of your record book neatly organized. This makes it easy to find specific information when needed.



➤➤ WRITING SMART GOALS

Specific (S): Make your goal clear. Example: Learn to multiply double-digit numbers.

Measurable (M): Track your progress. Say, "practice for 15 minutes every day."

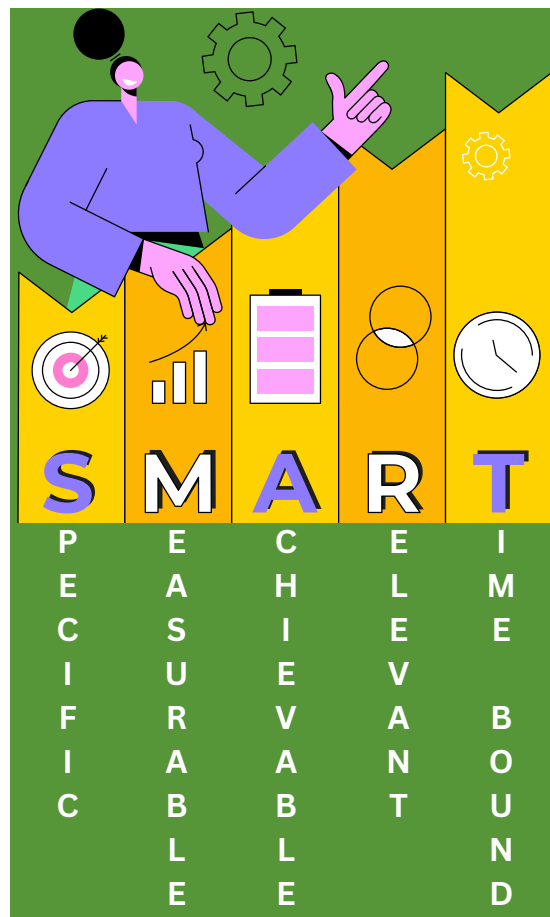
Achievable (A): Make sure it is doable. Adjust your goal to fit what you can do.

Relevant (R): Choose a goal that matters to you. If you care about it, you'll work harder.

Time-Bound (T): Set a deadline. "Learn in one month."

Example:

"I want to learn to multiply double-digit numbers. I'll practice 15 minutes every day for one month."





FOSTERING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN YOUR 4-H MEMBER

IN THIS EDITION, WE DELVE INTO A TOPIC THAT LIES AT THE HEART OF 4-H: LEADERSHIP. NURTURING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN OUR YOUNG MEMBERS IS A CORNERSTONE OF THE 4-H EXPERIENCE. IT NOT ONLY PREPARES THEM FOR SUCCESS IN THEIR PROJECTS BUT EQUIPS THEM WITH INVALUABLE LIFE SKILLS THAT WILL SERVE THEM WELL INTO ADULTHOOD. IN THIS ARTICLE, WE'LL EXPLORE PRACTICAL WAYS TO FOSTER LEADERSHIP IN YOUR 4-H MEMBER.

1. ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBILITY:

ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS IN DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IS INSTILLING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. ASSIGNING SPECIFIC TASKS RELATED TO THEIR 4-H PROJECTS, SUCH AS ANIMAL CARE, PROJECT PLANNING, OR EVENT COORDINATION, EMPOWERS YOUTH TO TAKE OWNERSHIP AND BUILDS THEIR CONFIDENCE IN MAKING DECISIONS.

2. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECISION-MAKING:

INVOLVE YOUR 4-H MEMBER IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. ENCOURAGE THEM TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS, WEIGH PROS AND CONS, AND HELP STEER THE DIRECTION OF THEIR PROJECTS. THIS NOT ONLY HONES THEIR DECISION-MAKING ABILITIES BUT ALSO INSTILLS A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP AND PRIDE IN THEIR WORK.

3. FOSTER COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IS A KEY COMPONENT OF LEADERSHIP. ENCOURAGE YOUR 4-H MEMBER TO ARTICULATE THEIR THOUGHTS, IDEAS, AND CONCERNS. THIS COULD BE THROUGH PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENTS, PROJECT PRESENTATIONS, OR EVEN REGULAR FAMILY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THEIR 4-H ENDEAVORS.

4. EMBRACE COLLABORATION:

LEADERSHIP DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN LEADING FROM THE FRONT. IT ALSO INVOLVES THE ABILITY TO WORK WELL WITHIN A TEAM. ENCOURAGE YOUR 4-H PARTICIPANT TO COLLABORATE WITH FELLOW MEMBERS ON GROUP PROJECTS OR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES. THIS FOSTERS COOPERATION, ADAPTABILITY, AND A DEEPER SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

5. PROVIDE MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

PAIRING YOUR 4-H MEMBER WITH AN OLDER, EXPERIENCED 4-H PARTICIPANT CAN OFFER INVALUABLE MENTORSHIP. THIS ALLOWS THEM TO LEARN FROM THEIR PEERS, GAIN INSIGHTS, AND OBSERVE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES IN ACTION.

6. ENCOURAGE GOAL SETTING:

HELP YOUR 4-H MEMBER SET CLEAR, ACHIEVABLE GOALS FOR THEIR PROJECTS. THIS FOSTERS A SENSE OF PURPOSE, DETERMINATION, AND THE DRIVE TO SEE TASKS THROUGH TO COMPLETION. CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESSES AND GUIDE THEM IN LEARNING FROM ANY SETBACKS.

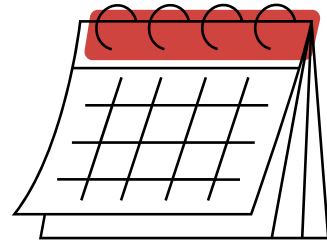
FOSTERING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN YOUR 4-H PARTICIPANT IS AN INVESTMENT IN THEIR FUTURE SUCCESS, BOTH WITHIN 4-H AND BEYOND. BY INSTILLING RESPONSIBILITY, ENCOURAGING DECISION-MAKING, NURTURING COMMUNICATION ABILITIES, AND PROMOTING TEAMWORK, YOU'RE SHAPING THEM INTO CONFIDENT, CAPABLE LEADERS. TOGETHER, LET'S WATCH OUR 4-H MEMBERS GROW AND THRIVE!





UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pig & Lamb Tag-In** - October 1, 2023
- National 4-H Week** - October 1 - 7, 2023
- Poultry Seminar** - October 29, 2023 (1-5 pm)
- Officer Training** - October 30, 2023 (6-8 pm)
- Small Animal Paperwork Due** - November 2, 2023
- AgFest Show** - November 18, 2023
- Ethics Seminar** - November 30, 2023



CLUB LISTINGS



- 4-H Page Turners - Book Club**
- ARBA Club - Show Rabbit Club**
- Art Club**
- Beaks n Bills - Poultry Club**
- Citrus Club**
- Cloverbud Club**

- Cooking Club**
- Cows n Plows - Livestock Club**
- Drive It stick It - Livestock Club**
- Fast & Furriest - Rabbit & Cavy**
- Four Paws & A Tail - Dog Club**
- Homeschool Club**

- Horse of Course - Horse Club**
- Outdoor Adventures**
- PG Ranchers - Livestock Club**
- Teen Leader**

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