MEETING IDEAS
For Positive Youth Development

AGRICULTURE
☐ Growing and Marketing of Crops
☐ Types of Fertilizer
☐ Small Engines
☐ Packing Plant tour
☐ Soil Conservation: Filter strips & terraces
☐ Types of fertilizer
☐ Hold a plant sale/plant give-away
☐ Soil Tillage
☐ How plants reproduce
☐ How to plant rose bushes
☐ Missouri Swine or Poultry industry
☐ Turkey production
☐ Identifying types / grades of meat
☐ What a meat inspector does
☐ Why agriculture is important
☐ Visit by Veterinarian –weird stuff found in cattle stomachs
☐ Livestock judging tour
☐ Tour a local Seed or Chemical Service Company or similar farm supplier
☐ Growing and cooking with herbs

CITIZENSHIP
☐ Collect money for county 4-H program
☐ Collect money for trophies
☐ History of Voting
☐ 4-H Citizenship Trip
☐ Visit local representative office
☐ Tour Jefferson City
☐ Rights of Children with Disabilities: OFA
☐ How School Board members are elected
☐ Have soldier home on leave attend meeting; Desert Storm, Iraq
☐ Operation Christmas Child
☐ Place Flags on graves of veterans
☐ Interview veterans & tell their stories at special meal for Veterans day
☐ The importance of jury duty
☐ Voting procedures
☐ Rate your 4-H Club meeting
☐ Attend officer training workshop
☐ Make floats promoting 4H in parades
☐ How to fold American Flag
☐ Carry flags for Ball games
☐ Collect and hold Flag disposal ceremony
☐ Attend city council meeting
☐ Interview a court judge
☐ Court stenographer
☐ Invite states attorney to meeting
☐ Civil war re-enactors
☐ Rights of American Citizens
☐ Conduct a public candidate forum and invite candidate to speak
☐ Invite Chamber of Commerce to meeting
☐ Invite Kiwanis/Rotary President to preside at your club meeting to teach parliamentary procedures
☐ Invite mayor to club meeting
☐ How to be a good citizen
☐ Attend city’s Veterans Day program
☐ How school board elections are run
☐ Send letters to active servicemen
☐ Have police dog program

AWARDS
☐ Club Achievement program following Achievement Night
☐ Conduct an officer installation ceremony
☐ Conduct a welcoming ceremony for new members

CAREER STUDY
☐ Finding the right career
☐ Careers helping others
☐ Career at Toyota
☐ Healthcare careers
☐ Master Gardener Program
☐ Recycling
☐ Career as probation officer
☐ Using your volunteer hours on your resumes
☐ Security officer
☐ Careers with junior college degrees
☐ Job as County Sheriff
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION
- Pull weeds at Nursing Home
- Pull weeds at the Extension Office or Fair grounds
- Clean parks
- Decorate empty storefront windows
- Plant flowers at school/church

COMMUNITY SERVICE
- Painting for Historical Society
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Story Hour at the Library
- Public Service Announcements for 4-H
- Flag Etiquette signs at parades
- Angel Tree
- Food Baskets
- Stocking for the military filled.
- Sponsor International Student
- Chili Cook-off
- Packages to Soldiers
- Scarves for Special Olympics
- Valentines for disabled home, senior citizens, community residents
- Child Guardian Center
- Provide drinks/food for auction buyers
- Provide cookies to County Extension Council or local school board
- Buy Christmas presents for area families
- Provide trash cans at City Park; paint clovers on cans
- Donate to food pantries
- Donate to Children’s Hospital
- Operation Shoebox Christmas for soldiers
- Collect coats for children
- Collect school supplies for children
- Fill ice/water at nursing home once a month
- Make handmade cards for nursing home
- Invite nursing home residents to the 4-H show
- Donate items to Women Centers
- Hold a bowling fundraiser for 4-H
- Care packages for soldiers
- Hold raffle/auction during 4-H events for community service projects
- Cook a complete Christmas dinner for family
- Help local Pets At Risk/ Pet shelters
- Hold a pet adoption day
- Trained dogs to be adoptable at pet shelters
- Make “Welcome to ______” signs for the edge of communities
- Have mentoring program with young readers/young children at risk/new members
- Provide a decorated Christmas tree for a family in need
- Play Bingo with the residents at nursing home/senior center
- Clean cemeteries
- Provide care packages for members with joy/sorrows in their family
- Honor leaders during National Volunteer Week
- Sponsor free movie for children
- Collect Toys for Tots
- Sponsor “Make a Difference Day” activity
- Hold community rummage sale to benefit group/4-H
- Donate gently-used books to library/children’s home
- Sew lap blankets for nursing home
- Hold “Hearts for Haiti” concert (or concert for other disaster victims)
- Used phone drive for battered women

EDUCATIONAL TOUR
- Old Historic Homes
- Tour power plant
- Tour local dairy farm
- Tour grain elevator
- Tour McDonalds / Pizza Hut
- Fire stations
- Police station & Police cars
- Tour Seed Corn Company Plant
- Tour Auto Body Repair shop
- Tour Implement dealership
- Tour courthouse
- Tour florist / greenhouse
- Tour funeral home to learn about death customs

ENERGY/CONSERVATION
- Recycling Ink cartridges
- Local Fish Hatcher or Conservation area tour
- Energy conserving light bulbs
- Wasted energy: phone chargers, etc.
- Wildlife conservation
- How electric cars work
- Types of energy
- Wind energy activities
- Oil spills
- Recycle cans/ paper etc.
- Energy conserving windows
- Ethanol production
- Water conservation
HEALTH
- Infection Control
- Disability awareness
- H1N1 virus
- First Aid Kits for families
- Radiology
- Learn about germs
- Do karate/taekwondo during club meeting
- Visit to Optometrist / Eye care safety
- Prepare care packages for children whose families are incarcerated
- Hand washing
- How to stretch before you run/exercise
- Signs of heat stroke
- Have local doctor/nurse talk about healthy hearts
- Host an American Cancer Society Blood Drive; make cookies, assist at drive, call donors
- Learn CPR
- Jump for Heart
- Medicine safety/Look-alike Poisons
- Red Ribbon campaign
- Good Character: Character Counts
- Anti-bullying campaign
- American Red Cross
- Personal hygiene
- Understanding the elderly program
- How to be a good friend
- Disability awareness
- Nutrition
- Get Moving Activities from Missouri 4-H

INTERCULTURAL
- Missionaries
- Spanish Christmas traditions
- Being a Spanish Interpreter
- Learn sign language
- Art
- Study different religions and tour houses of worship
- International adoptions
- Hold a Cinco de Mayo celebration
- Tutoring intercultural student
- English as a second language instructor

MUSIC
- Caroling at Nursing Home

PROJECT WORKSHOP
- Officer duties
- Rules for the 4-H Show
- How to complete awards
- Cooking workshops
- Photography workshops
- Work on records at same time during meeting
- Make crafts
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Scrapbooking/Stamping
- Train new members
- Public Speaking
- Activities from Leadership Skills You Never Outgrown manual

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY
- Fishing
- Museum Tours
- Swim parties
- Family Picnic
- Hold Christmas party where kids cook the meal; exchange gifts

SAFETY
- Farm Safety
- Welding Safety Demonstration
- Have DNR conservation officer talk at meeting
- Have safety demonstration by farm chemical company
- Cookout fire safety
- Password protection online
- Call 1-800-Dig-Rite or 811
- Hold a safety scavenger hunt at school/home
- Mapping out the sidewalks around nursing homes for potential danger
- Self Defense / Taekwondo
- MoDOT traffic safety
- Host car seat safety inspection with state police
- Invite police officer to fingerprint group; hold fingerprint workshop at neighborhood store
- Seat belt safety campaign
- Electrical safety in the home
- Boating safety
- Bicycle Safety Check/Bicycle Rodeo
- Swimming safety
- Hunting / Gun Safety

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