



Civic Engagement & Service



Are you willing to serve?

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Preparing 4-Hers to compete in a world that demands more than just basic skills

- Community Engagement
- Service
- Civic Education
- Personal Development
- Youth & Adult Partnerships

Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Communication

- Give a presentation on the service opportunities found in your county.
- Speak to a local council about your 4-H experiences.

Citizenship

- Plan and conduct a club service project.
- Volunteer at a local community event.
- Organize a 4-H Day Camp.

Leadership

- Lead a lesson during your 4-H Club meeting.
- Teach a class on the history of your community.
- Apply for a service grant through 4-H Issues Conference.

4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership citizenship and life skills.

Here's what you can do all year!

Awareness

Suggested Ages 9-11

- Learn your address.
- Learn who your community partners are.
- Join a 4-H Club and be engaged!
- Learn how to be a digital citizen.
- Complete a 4-H Project.
- Learn about your likes & dislikes.
- Talk to your 4-H Agent about opportunities.
- Stay up on current events.

Exploration

Suggested Ages 12-14

- Participate in 4-H Speech & Demonstrations.
- Explore Youth voice.
- Practice informed decision making.
- Learn about civic responsibility.
- Research global engagement.
- Talk to someone about social justice.
- Volunteer at a local organization.

Application

Suggested Ages 15-18

- Learn government principles, processes and structures.
- Research local history and cultural heritage.
- Relate to a global context.
- Find your personal roles and responsibilities.
- Practice critical thinking and problem solving.
- Practice civility.
- Shadow local leaders who are engaged and serve.

Learn more at www.kentucky4h.org or contact your county extension office.





Expand what you know!

Here are some other opportunities in Kentucky 4-H you might be interested in exploring:

- Enter an exhibit in county and state fair.
- Compete in the 4-H mock interview contest.
- Attend the KY 4-H Issues Conference.
- Shadow a local leader.
- Volunteer at a local non-profit organization.
- Compete in the 4-H Citizenship Bee.
- Design and lead your own service project with your local 4-H Club.

Resources

National 4-H Youth Development Civic Engagement Framework
<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/4-h-citizenship>

Kentucky 4-H Civic Engagement Curricula Pieces (Agent-Developed)
Agent Resource Guide> Leadership> Citizenship

I Am From ... <https://youtu.be/ZdnHlyWldQ>

Commonsense Media <https://www.commonsense.org/education/>

iCivics <https://www.icivics.org/>

Kentucky-4-H Citizenship Bee <https://www.uscis.gov>

Exhibit Ideas

*Who are your community partners?

*What is the history of your community?

*What did you learn from your service project(s) this year?

*What did you learn from shadowing a local leader?

*What did you learn from studying the 100 Questions from the NCIS?



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