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4-H recreation unit II

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PROJECT OUTLINE . . .

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Parent's Name ................................................................

Name of Club ..................................................................

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
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Introduction

Getting the most out of living within yourself and with your friends and family is what this project is about. Oftentimes the things you do to fill up vacant hours do not give a feeling of achievement. So, let's learn to develop interests which will help you enjoy your leisure time. Interests you develop now may be carried on and enjoyed during adult life.

Wouldn't you like to learn more about helping others have fun? Make homemade games? Build models? Make candles? Build an aquarium or terrarium? Plan a picnic? Start a new collection or add to one you have? Even a small collection can open up a new world of enjoyment to you. This project offers many kinds of recreational activities you can do alone, with your family, your friends, or your community. Let's enjoy our Leisure Time and Share our Fun!

What You Can Do In This Project

There are SEVEN areas in this Junior 4-H Recreation project. They are:

I. Social Recreation
II. Music and Drama
III. Arts and Crafts
IV. Sports and Outdoor Recreation
V. Nature Lore
VI. Hobbies
VII. Talent

Each of these areas is further divided into sections called ACTIVITIES. To complete this 4-H Recreation project you must do the work set up in TWO or MORE ACTIVITIES. The two or more activities do not have to be from the same area. You may, for example, choose one activity under Social Recreation and another under Hobbies.
Area 1 - Social Recreation

Wouldn't you like to learn more about helping others have fun? Here is a chance for a few members in any club to take a project so everybody can have more fun. It will give some of the boys and girls a chance to grow as leaders in recreation. It will help others to find wholesome leisure time activities. It will give you an opportunity to learn how to get along with others, and to serve by sharing fun with others in your own club and community. If you are interested in social recreation, you might want to do work in one or more of the activities given below.

Activity 1: Learn and lead at a club or community meeting at least FOUR of the following:

**Your First Year**
- Action songs
- Tricks or catches
- Singing games
- Folk dances
- Stunts
- Games for 4-H Meetings

**Your Second Year**
- Group singing
- Relays
- Circle games
- Square dances
- Leader stunts
- Games for 4-H Meetings

Make a looseleaf notebook that contains the title and words of each song, game, dance, stunt, or other activity you do. Be sure to give complete instructions on how to do each of the things that you have listed. Keep a record of how many times you led these, where, and how many people participated.
Activity 2: First Year — Make the following: TWO or MORE homemade puzzles such as a lapel needle, shifting blocks, lie detector, or eight point star.

Second Year — Make the following: TWO or MORE homemade equipment games such as the dancing man, dart target, ring toss, or checkerboard.

Write a short article telling how each puzzle or game was made, how long you took to make them, the pleasure you got from making them and the kind of wood used. Write about the help you received from other people and how your games or puzzles have been used. Show and tell (demonstrate), 4-H members and others how you made your games or puzzles.

Helpful Tips

* Show kindness, courtesy, and consideration when leading games.
* Go over game or stunt to be sure you know how to do it. It is good to write down what you are going to do or say.

* Have on hand any equipment needed in your activity.
* Give clear, simple, and correct instructions.

Where You Can Get Help

* Talk your project over with your parents. They may know some good games or puzzles.
* Your library has many books, pamphlets, and magazines that can help you in these activities.
* Look at home in newspapers and magazines for suggestions.
* Talk to other people who are interested in the same thing. Get their ideas.
* Ask your local 4-H leaders for help.
* Talk to your County Extension Agents about your project and ask for their help.
* Mimeographed material has been prepared by the Agricultural Extension 4-H Club Staff. It is available free to you through your County Extension Agents.
Area 2 - Music And Drama

Can you play a musical instrument, lead group singing, do a puppet show, or tell a folk tale? If so, maybe you would like to take part in this activity. It would mean more fun for you and more fun for your club and community. It will give you an opportunity to gain skill and to serve by sharing fun with others. You’ll have a good feeling when you have shared your skill with others!

Activity 1: Learn and do at a club or community meeting at least TWO of the following:

**Your First Year**
- Lead group singing
- Participate in musical group
- Play an instrument
- Sing a solo

**Your Second Year**
- Lead group singing
- Participate in musical group
- Play an instrument
- Sing a solo
- Tell about and sing a folk song or ballad

Write a short story about your experiences in this activity. Make your story complete. Tell what you did and such things as size of group worked with, when and where, and reactions from group.
Activity 2: Do at least TWO of the following:

**Your First Year**
- Take part in a play
- Tell a folk tale
- Take part in a radio or TV program
- Prepare and present a stunt or skit. (You may get others to take part in this but you must plan, direct, and take part in it.)

**Your Second Year**
- Do a monologue
- Do a book review
- Plan a radio or TV program
- Dramatize a song or story (You must plan and direct this but you may use other people in it.)

Write a short story about your experiences in this activity. Make your story complete. Tell what you did and such things as size of group worked with, when and where, and reactions from group.

**Helpful Tips**

- Choose something that you are capable of doing well.
- Gain skill by practice.
- Use good techniques to present your activities.
- Make the story of your experiences in the activity neat and attractive.

**Where You Can Get Help**

- Ask your mother and father to help you.
- Consult your library for materials.
- Ask your County Extension Agents for help on your project.
- Talk to your local 4-H leader about your project.
Area 3 -
Arts
And Crafts

Let's have fun with Arts and Crafts! Everyone enjoys making things with their hands. The things you create yourself have a more personal meaning than things you buy. Why not try making something? It might open a door that would bring you much enjoyment for the rest of your life. There are many crafts that provide you an opportunity to express originality and creative ability. You will be proud of anything you make in this Area.

Activity 1: Make at least THREE articles in TWO of the following fields.

Your First Year
Drawing, sketching, painting
Weaving
Stenciling
Candle making
Wood carving
Metal craft
Basketry
Creating with paper
Model building
Woodworking
Other (name)

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Your Second Year
Drawing, sketching, painting
Weaving
Homemade Christmas cards
Christmas decorations
Wood carving
Metal craft
Leather
Linoleum block printing
Model building
Woodworking
Shell work
Other (name)

____________________________________________________________________
Exhibit your articles at a club, library, fair, or in store windows.
Write a short story telling how you made the articles, your experiences in making them, their uses, where and when display-
ed, and the enjoyment that you and others may have received from making and using them.
Show and tell (demonstrate) 4-H members and others how to make one article.

Helpful Tips

* Do your own work—don't copy others.
* Make useful and attractive articles.
* Avoid using kits that are too simple; use your own ideas.
* Be skillful—you'll enjoy crafts more if you do your work neatly and gradually progress to more advanced work.

Where You Can Get Help

* Look in magazines for ideas.
* Your library has books on arts and crafts; consult them.
* Ask your mother and father for help.
* Secure help from other people who have some knowledge of the craft you want to do.

* Consult your local 4-H leader for help.
* Ask your County Extension Agents for their help.
* Mimeographed material has been prepared by the State 4-H Club Staff. It is available free to you through your County Extension Agent's office.
Area 4 - Sports And Outdoor Recreation

Do you have fun on a picnic? Wouldn't you like to be able to plan games to play on a picnic? It would be fun for you and fun for the others too. You would be serving by sharing your knowledge and fun. How would you like to build an outdoor grill or a croquet court? That could be part of your project, and your family and friends could enjoy it too.

Activity 1: Build ONE of the following for use by the family, club, or community.

Your First Year
Croquet court
Outdoor grill
Other (name)

Your Second Year
Picnic table and benches
Two pieces of play ground equipment such as see-saw, swing, sand box, etc.
Other (name)

Write a story telling what you built, how you built it, how long it took you, who uses it, cost, what it is made of, and pleasure you and others have received from its use.

Activity 2: Make a program plan for ONE of the following:

Your First Year
Family picnic
Club picnic
Community or other group picnic

Your Second Year
Family picnic
Club picnic
Community or other group picnic
Prepare a scrapbook (looseleaf) on your program. Give complete instructions for each game chosen. Any special directions on how to lead a certain game should be included.

Helpful Tips

* Select an activity you are capable of doing.
* Make pictures of anything you build in this Area. Include them with your story.
* When you are planning a program for a picnic, select games that are fun to do and that will fit the age of group.
* Be sure to describe the games selected and give complete directions on how to play them.

Where You Can Get Help

* Consult your library for books, pamphlets, and magazines for pictures and instructions.
* Talk to your local 4-H leader.
* Ask your father and mother for help in planning your activity.
* Ask your County Extension Agents about available bulletins and materials.
Area 5 - Nature Lore

Anyone can see a beautiful sunset or a lovely rose in bloom, and don't we enjoy them? These things are not with us all the time, but there is beauty around us at all times, if we will only look for it. Nature is full of lovely and mysterious things that can give us much pleasure. Let's train our eyes to see and really enjoy nature! Did you see that bird feather in the path as you came to school this morning? Where do you think that cardinal has traveled that lost that feather from his wing? Did you see that funny looking rock that was by the side of the road? Who knows, it may be a piece of a fallen star! Let's investigate.

Activity 1:  Enlarge a collection or start a new collection of ONE of the following:

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<td>Moths and butterflies</td>
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Exhibit your collection at a club, school, library, or fair, or in store windows.
Show and tell 4-H members and others about your collection.
Write a short article describing your collection. Tell number of articles in it, how you got interested in your collection, the pleasure it gives you, how long you have been working on it, where and number of times displayed.
Activity 2: Keep a notebook on ONE of the following during your first or second year, or both.

TWELVE or more birds identified and studied (habits, food, range, calls, color markings, picture, etc.)

Activity 3: Equip and maintain ONE of the following:

Your First Year
Aquarium

Show and tell (demonstrate) how to build an aquarium or terrarium.
Write an article describing it. Tell about the things you have in it and how you ac-

Activity 4: Build the following:

Your First Year
Two bird houses (different patterns)
One bird bath

Show and tell (demonstrate) 4-H members and others how to build a bird house, bird bath, or bird feeder.
Write a story about your experiences in building the articles. Go into detail on such

TWELVE or more ferns and mosses identified and studied (description, size, where found — highlands, lowlands, streams, etc.,—specimens, pictures, etc.)
TWELVE or more wild flowers identified and studied (size, color, range, picture, dried specimens when possible, etc.)

Your Second Year
Terrarium

quired them. Tell how long you have had your aquarium or terrarium, its cost, and the pleasure it has given you and others. If you were helped with construction or gathering materials, tell about this.

Your Second Year
Two bird houses (different patterns)
Two bird feeding stations (different types)
One bird bath

things as type, color, and materials used. List the different kinds of birds seen using the bath and feeding stations.
Tell what kind of birds have nested in your houses.

Helpful Tips

★ Make your notebook neat and orderly.
★ Use pictures to illustrate your story if possible.
★ Do your own work; don’t copy others.
★ Make your work neat and attractive.
★ Label each article clearly.

Where You Can Get Help

★ Consult your library for help in identifying and mounting items collected.
★ Ask your mother and father for help.
★ Seek out people in your community who have made nature lore collections.
★ Consult your local 4-H leader for help.
★ Ask your County Extension Agents for help on your subject.
Area 6 - Hobbies

Develop a hobby! Select one you will enjoy doing. The hobby you start now may be fun for you the rest of your life. It could become your vocation; it has for many people.

Activity 1: Select ONE hobby to work on. You may enlarge one you already have or choose a new one. The following list is given as suggestions. (Specimens must be mounted, classified, and identified).

**Your First Year**
- Rock collection
- Stamp collection
- Insect collection
- Matchbook collection
- Cartoon collection
- Crafts
- Fly tying
- Other (name)

**Your Second Year**
- Butterfly collection
- Stamp collection
- Insect collection
- Money collection
- Collection of riddles
- Crafts
- Fly tying
- Other (name)

Show and tell (demonstrate) 4-H members and others about your hobby. Exhibit your collection at a club, school, fair, library, or in a store window.

Write a story about your hobby telling why you like to do it, size of collection, the pleasure it has given you and others, and how long you have had this hobby.
Helpful Tips

* Select a hobby that you have an interest in.
* Make your collection attractive.
* Never complete your hobby.

Where You Can Get Help

* Consult your library for information on hobbies.
* Talk with your mother and father about selecting a hobby.
* Talk to other people who have a similar hobby and get ideas from them.
* Consult your local 4-H leader for help.
* Talk with your County Extension Agents about selecting a hobby.
Area 7 - Talent

You may have special abilities in the field of entertainment. This ability is not worth much to you unless you share it with others. Working in this area will help you develop your talent and will give you a chance to present your number in public. Wouldn't you like to have more fun with your talent by sharing it with others?

Activity 1: Prepare a Talent Number.

It may be instrumental, vocal, a dance or a miscellaneous number such as a reading or pantomime. You should try to find the opportunity to present your number several times before groups of people such as your local 4-H Club, home class room, P.T.A, civic clubs, Farm Bureau, and Community Development Club.

Write a story about the type of entertainment you are presenting. Tell how much time you have spent in practicing, the groups you have presented your number before, size of group, where, when. If a special costume or stage setting is used, include a picture if possible.

Check your talent act by the following:

... Does your act show good taste in entertainment?

... Does your act have audience appeal?

... Is your costume appropriate and does is strengthen your act?

... Is your act original?

... Have you practiced so that your act will run smoothly without slip-ups?

... Do you speak clearly so you can be heard by everyone?

... Do you use good techniques in gesturing, sitting, standing, moving, and keeping the stage balanced?
4-H Recreation Record

For Year 19___

Unit II Report For First Year

County ..........................
Name .............................................. Boy ........................ Girl .............
Address .............................................................................................................
Age ........................ Date of Birth: Month ................................ Day ........................ Year .............
Parent’s Name .................................................
Number of years in 4-H work........................................ Grade in school .............
Check the area or areas that you did work in this year:
Social Recreation.......... Music and Drama.... Arts and Crafts .... Nature Lore ......
Sports and Outdoor Recreation .. Hobbies .... Talent .....
List what you did: ........................................................................................................
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Did you teach (demonstrate to) others something that you learned in this project? Yes ..... No........

Give the following information about what you taught or demonstrations you gave:
Title of Demonstration Where Given To Whom To How Many People
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Did you make an exhibit of things made in your recreation project? Yes ..... No......
What?........................................ Where? ........................................ When?.................................
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Where did you get help with your 4-H Recreation Project?

Write a short story on what you learned, whom you taught, and how you have enjoyed your 4-H Recreation Project. (Use a separate sheet of paper and attach.)

Attach any special stories or other information that would help tell the story of what you have done in the 4-H Recreation Project.
4-H Recreation Record
For Year 19

Unit II Report For Second Year

County..............................................................................
Name .............................................................................. Boy .......... Girl ............
Address..............................................................................
Age ................ Date of Birth:  Month ... Day ... Year ..........
Parent's Name ......................................................................
Number of years in 4-H work................................................ Grade in school..........

Check the area or areas that you did work in this year:
Social Recreation .... Music and Drama .... Arts and Crafts .... Nature Lore ....
Sports and Outdoor Recreation .... Hobbies .... Talent ....
List what you did:................................................................
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Did you teach (demonstrate to) others something that you leaned in this project?
Yes .... No. ........

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Did you make an exhibit of things made in your recreation project? Yes .... No......

Where did you get help with your 4-H Recreation Project?

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Attach any special stories or other information that would help tell the story of what you have done in the 4-H Recreation Project.
4-H Club Pledge

I Pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living for
My Club, My Community, and My Country.