

Four FUN things on the Fourth

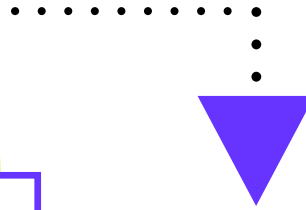
1. Rethink your Schedule

Before your first club meeting, reevaluate your club schedule. Have you always wanted to add a field trip? Is your February meeting always boring and needs something new? Have too many or too little meetings?

Start planning now!
If you need help from our office – ask!

Ideas:

- Field Trip to local small business (Bakery) or small trip to Airstream or Wilson Ball Factory
- Bowling or Putt-Putt
- Tour local farms or Industries
- Community Service at Nursing Homes



2. Volunteers and Advisors

Now is this time to add more adults to your team. Think about the parents that attend every meeting and seem motivated to be involved. Ask them to join your team.

Many people are afraid to become volunteers because they do not want to become over-committed.

Delegate jobs! Ask each advisor to take responsibility of one role – pie fundraiser, booth set-up, demonstrations.

By assigning jobs, no one person gets burnt out.

Have new volunteers reach out to our office to start the paperwork process!





3. Mentor Program

We can not all be experts for all the variety of projects that are offered in 4-H. For new families in 4-H or a child taking a whole new project– it could be overwhelming to navigate a project. Maybe it would be helpful for them to have an “expert” or mentor to help guide them. Have advisors and older teens take responsibility to help and guide members in particular project areas. At meetings give times for members to visit their mentors to ask questions. These mentors can also review project requirements and give mock interviews before judging to help prepare the members.

4. Barnyard Center

Deputy Wynn and K-9 Franko from the Mercer County Sheriff's office attended the Barnyard Center 4-H Club at Centerview Park in Neptune. K-9 Franko showed off his sniffing abilities.

