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NORTH CAROLINA 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The 4-H Community Service Program encourages and promotes 4-H groups to plan and conduct service-type projects and activities for the welfare of the community.

It provides opportunities for girls and boys to learn and use the principles of group action. It emphasizes attitudes which reflect citizens' concern for the community's human and natural resources.

OBJECTIVES

4-H Groups to:

- Encourage and recognize good citizenship activities.
- Learn the art and value of group action to accomplish results beyond the reach of any one individual.
- Develop a concern for the community and its people.

- Provide information and arouse appreciation for opportunities and responsibilities among individuals within a community.

- Appreciate the social and economic values of the natural and human resources of the community and the nation.

REQUIRED OF PARTICIPATING GROUPS

- Any organized 4-H group is eligible to participate in the 4-H Community Service Program.

- Conduct two or more community service projects or activities during the current club year.

- Enter record of accomplishments on attached Community Service report form.

- Submit report form to local county Extension agents at a time designated by them.

- Attach to the report form supporting materials such as news clippings and pictures to further tell the story of your work.

REQUIRED OF COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

- Screen local participating groups.

- Select top four entries to receive certificates.

- * Submit county's one best entry to State 4-H Office by September 15.

AWARDS

County: Special certificates to a maximum of four clubs or groups conducting a 4-H Community Service Program worthy of a blue award rating.

State: \$50 cash award to each of the top six clubs or groups in the state, preferably one to each Extension District (if quality permits).

HOW TO GET STARTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

(A guide for Extension agents and leaders to use in planning with 4-H Groups.)

1. FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

- Look at your community as it is
- Gather all the facts you can about your community.
- Decide what are the major needs in your community.

2. PLAN YOUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS

- Decide, together in your group, what you would like to do for your community.
- Find people or agencies that can work with you to get action started.
- Plan with fellow members on how you can use these resources to get what you and others want for your community.

3. BEGIN ACTION

- Carry out activities that will make your community what you want it to be.
- Start with a small project first.
- Assign specific responsibilities.
- Report regularly to your club and community.

4. PICK AN AREA. HERE ARE SOME PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Local hospitals
- Local orphanages
- Local convalescent and "Senior Citizens" homes
- Athletic programs for young children and teenagers
- Recreational activities and facilities
- Community beautification
- Health and nutrition
- Study groups on county, state or national government; current events and other educational conditions
- Civil Defense
- Conservation and use of natural resources
- Safety education
- Sanitation
- Teenage summer employment
- Newcomers
- Youth and adult cooperation
- Quality of the environment



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REPORT ON 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

To be filled out by local 4-H club or group and submitted to county Extension agents.

NOTE: The term "program" includes both projects and activities.
The term "club or groups" may be the entire 4-H Club, project group, or special interest group.

COUNTY _____

Area(s) of Community Service Program (examples: health, safety, recreation, etc.):

Name of local club or group _____

Names and addresses of local 4-H Leaders _____

Number of 4-H members in club or group: Boys _____ Girls _____ Total _____

Number of meetings or work sessions in which program being reported was included _____

What community needs or problems did your group identify? _____

List the problems on which your group decided to work: _____

What did your group plan to accomplish? (List goals.) _____

What projects and/or activities did your group conduct? Tell how many were involved and specifically describe what was done.

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Describe cooperation with other community organizations, agencies, individuals, and groups.

What were the results of your Community Service Programs?

To the group? _____

To the community? _____

What are your plans for continuing this program?

Signature of local leader

Date: _____

Signature of local Extension agent