



Idea for Strengthening Project Committees

Offering 4-H youth hands on learning opportunities is important to their project development and helps build mastery. We currently have various project committees. Some are active, some are not.

Strengthening our current project committees and making the opportunity for new ones to form will help fill project learning gaps by:

1. Offering youth guidance on how to set goals within their project
2. Reviewing youth goals and provide at least one county-wide educational activity. This could be in person, a Zoom or even a recorded video teaching a specific skill. *Flexibility is key to success*
3. Offering youth guidance with fair prep and project reflection

Potential Educational (Project) Committees

* depicts educational project committees that currently exist of 2 or more people

Youth	Leaders	Project
49	11	Youth Leadership (*Ambassadors, YAC)
11	3	Service Learning / Citizenship / International
66	6	Cloverbuds
196	17	Beef/Sheep/Swine
85	6	*Dairy
73	8	Cats/Small Animals/Pets/Exotic
27	4	Goat
55	8	Poultry
69	7	*Rabbit
39	6	*Dog
276	17	The Arts (Communication, Visual and Performing)
182	7	Photography
53	3	Family Home & Health / Consumer Ed
154	16	*Foods & Nutrition
61	10	*Sewing
54	3	Crocheting / Knitting
87	5	Mechanics / Electricity
118	4	Woodworking
60	5	STEM (Aerospace/Rocketry/Computers/Robotics/LEGO/Chemistry/Physics)
28	12	*Shooting Sports / Natural Resources / Adventures
188	6	Crops / Fruits / Vegetables
41	2	Veterinary Science (combine with another group?)



What Could the Committees Look Like?

- Volunteers who sign up as a project leader (club, resource, key) would automatically be a part of the project committee.
- Volunteers can decide how active they want to be within the committee, but the goal is to have active committees planning educational activities for the youth.
- Ideally, each committee could organize in late fall to choose a chair(s) and create an action plan for the year ahead. Committees could have more than 1 chairperson. The committee votes on who the chair(s) will be.
- **Committee meetings do not have to be in person.** Options are Zoom, email threads, group apps, phone conferencing, etc. Each committee can determine what works best for them.
- Each committee should have at least 1 youth on the committee. This is important! The purpose of this is to allow the youth to have a voice and provide input on planning.
- Each committee should provide a summary of what was discussed and/or activities planned. These do not have to be formal minutes. Forward the summaries to Dana so she can share the info with the Leaders' Association, help get the word out about any activities planned and help find resources needed for the committee to carry out the activities.
- County wide educational activities can take place at many different places (i.e. JPCC, other public places, parks, etc). Educational activities can take place at a leader's farm or residence with the understanding they accept liability and make accommodations if special needs are requested. Safety is always first.
*This does not include clubs. Clubs need to meet at a place that is ADA accessible
- What are your suggestions?