

Virtual Recreation Resource

Recreation and social activities are an important part of every 4-H club meeting. It is important for clubs to continue these parts of their meeting even in a virtual environment. This resource was compiled for 4-H Volunteers and Recreation Officers to use during virtual club meetings.

These activities can be used with groups of all sizes, though some may be more successful using a breakout room feature. Be creative and adapt these activities to fit your club's needs.

Activities include:

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Alphabet Scavenger Hunt

Preparation: Create a word document or PowerPoint slide that can be shared on screen with the letters A-Z typed on it. You will fill in this document on screen as the game is played.

Object of the game: work as a club to find an item for each letter of the alphabet as quickly as possible. The club will set a time goal to try to beat. Time goals could be anywhere between 2 and 10 minutes.

Directions Script:

For recreation we are going to do an Alphabet Scavenger Hunt. The object of this game is to work together as a club to find an item for each letter of the alphabet as fast as possible. Items must be found in alphabetical order. When we are ready, I will start the timer. Then everyone needs to look around their space and try to find something that starts with A. You can leave your desk or chair, but keep in mind that might slow us down. Show the item on your screen or type it in the chat if you don't have a camera. I will then add it to our list, and we will move on to an item that starts with B. Before we can start, we need to set a time goal between 2 and 10 minutes. What do you think our time goal should be? [take suggestions]. Okay, our time goal will be _____. Does anyone have any questions about what you are supposed to do? [if yes, answer questions.]. Okay, remember our time goal is _____. Ready, set, GO!

Bigger challenge:

After your club has completed this task once, try to beat your time by playing again. The second time *cannot* include any of the items you had on the first list.



Dutch Auction

Preparation: Create a list of random items that members may have in the same room during the meeting. Assign an advisor or member without a camera to serve as the score keeper.

Object of the game: be the first person to show the item requested on your camera to get a point. The person with the most points at the end wins.

Directions Script:

For recreation we are going to have a Dutch auction. Before I give directions, I need someone to serve as our score keeper. If you don't have a camera this is a good job for you. [Select volunteer]. Thanks, [volunteer's name], all you need to do is write down how many points each person gets.

I am going to ask for a random item that you might have nearby or in your house. To get a point, you must be the first person to show that item on your camera. The person with the most points at the end wins. If you don't have a camera, I want you to be watching to help me judge who shows the item the fastest.

Item suggestions:

Green pen	Coloring book
The 4-H Clover	Calendar
Water bottle	4-H Family Guide
Stuffed animal	The Ohio State logo
Baseball cap	Hairbrush
Any type of ball	Your pet
Your 4-H project book	Mouse pad
Notes from the meeting	Flip flops
Banana	Flash drive



Two Truths and a Lie

Preparation: none

Object of the game: get to know your fellow club members by guessing which of their facts is a lie.

Directions Script:

Today's recreation game is called Two Truths and a Lie. This game will help us get to know each other a little bit better. We will all take turns telling each other three interesting facts about ourselves. Two of the facts will be true and one of the facts will be false. The group will then have to decide which statement is false. Take a couple minutes to think of two interesting facts about you and one interesting lie. It is important to think of things that few other people in our group will know about you.

[Give time to come up with facts]

Okay, now that we've all thought of our facts and lies, we will take turns sharing and guessing which is not true. I will go first...

Considerations:

1. If you have a big group, you may want to use breakout rooms to do small group sharing and save time.
2. Encourage everyone to share, but don't force members who may not feel comfortable sharing in a virtual format



Minute Mysteries

Preparation: none

Object of the game: Using 'yes' or 'no' questions, the club tries to figure out the answer to the riddle(s).

Directions Script:

For recreation today, you are going to play the role of a detective solving a mystery. I will give you a scenario of what has happened, and club members will take turns asking 'yes' or 'no' questions to figure out what happened. I will only answer your questions with a YES or NO. You can ask questions out loud or in the chat box.

Note: the activity leader ONLY shares the CLUE and only shares the answer when it is correctly guessed by a member.

Mystery 1:

Clue – A man is found dead in the middle of the desert, lying on a rock. There are no footprints. What happened?

Answer – The man is Superman. The rock is Kryptonite. No footprints because he was flying when we collided with the kryptonite.

Mystery 2:

Clue – A man pushes his car in front of a hotel and yells "I'm broke and I'm out!" What is happening?

Answer – He is playing monopoly.

Mystery 3:

Clue – Two bodies are lying in a puddle of water and there is broken glass all around them. What happened?

Answer – The bodies are two fish whose tank fell off a shelf and broke.



Camping Trip Riddle

Preparation: none

Object of the game: Figure out the pattern of what can be packed for the trip.

Directions Script:

Today for recreation you are all going to help me make a packing list for my camping trip. I can only pack certain things and it is your job to figure out what the key is to the packing list. I will call your name and you will give me a suggestion of an item to pack. I will then tell you if I am allowed to take it on my trip or not and move on to the next person. We will continue suggesting items until someone thinks that they know the key. If you think you know the key, let me know and I will call on you. Instead of saying what the key is, you will make another guess that fits the key. For example, if the key was that I can only pack items that start with A then you might guess apples and I would tell you yes. The game will end when most of us are guessing correctly. I will start. I am going on a camping trip and I want to pack marshmallows. What do you think I should pack, [call a name].

KEY: Do NOT share this key until the game is over. The key is that you can only pack items that have double letters in them.

Example: You CAN pack a pillow but not a blanket
You can pack a marshmallow but not chocolate
You can pack apples but not pears

When a member guesses an item that has a double letter in its spelling, tell them "yes, we can pack that." If they guess an item that doesn't have double letters tell them "no, we can't take that." You may also take a turn sharing things that can be packed throughout the game.



4-H Project Scavenger Hunt

Preparation: none

NOTE: This activity is best suited for Cloverbuds or young members.

Object of the game: Introduce members to different 4-H projects. Members will be given 1 minute to find an item related to the project.

Directions Script:

We are going to learn about some different 4-H projects during recreation with a scavenger hunt game. I will tell you about a specific project and then when I say 'go,' you will have one minute to bring back the item I have asked for and show it on your camera.

In **4-H Food and Nutrition** projects, you learn basic cooking and baking skills. You will learn about kitchen equipment, food prep, measuring ingredients, and how to prepare yummy recipes. Bring me something that I could use to measure if I was making a recipe. [give one minute to retrieve item]

There are many **Animal** projects in 4-H, including rabbits, chickens, lambs, hogs, cows, goats, and horses to name a few. If you don't live on a farm, you can take a dog, cat, or pocket pets project. Bring me a family pet or stuffed animal! [give one minute to retrieve item]

4-H has several projects about **health and first aid**. You can learn how to keep your body and mind healthy and have fun learning to keep fit. We are using masks, hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, and a lot of soap during this this time to stay healthy. Bring me one of those items! [give one minute to retrieve item]

If you enjoy being outside, one of 4-H's many **natural resource** projects might be for you. You can take a project on fishing, insects, birds, or geology. An important part of being outside is protection from the sun. Bring me an item that might help protect you, like sunscreen, sunglasses, or a hat. [give one minute to retrieve item]

There are several **creative arts** projects in 4-H, like drawing, photography, cake decorating, and scrapbooking. All of these projects help you express yourself and get creative. Bring me an art supply that you have at home. [give one minute to retrieve item]

There are many **clothing projects** that teach you to sew. You could make your own skirt, top, or maybe a costume. You will learn to put together a total outfit by jewelry, hats, belts, and shoes. Bring me an accessory to go with your outfit. [give one minute to retrieve item]

You can also learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in 4-H by taking projects like robotics, rockets, welding, and woodworking. Bring me something that you could measure with if you were doing a woodworking project. [give one minute to retrieve item]



Other Recreation Resources

Preparation – visit websites before meeting and select appropriate games in advance.

Kahoot – visit create.kahoot.it to create an account and play trivia games live. There are thousands of trivia games to choose from OR you can create your own. Kahoot games can be played live, but players will need two devices: one to watch the zoom meeting and see questions and one to use as their controller to answer the trivia questions.

Sporcle.com – this website has thousands of trivia type games. You do not need an account to play. Facilitator can share their screen with the website pulled up and the club can play games together as a group. The other option is to share a game link with the club and ask everyone to play the game on their own and share their scores.

Myfreebingocards.com – this website allows you to create your own bingo cards for free. You can download your custom cards as a PDF and share with members to play together.

NOTE: These websites include user generated games and trivia. Best practice is to play the game on your own BEFORE you share with the club to check for inappropriate content. All websites listed may include on screen ads.

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