



4-H Citizenship



In helping young people complete 4-H records, one of the most frequently asked questions is about citizenship activities. 4-H citizenship should involve government or governmental processes in some way. The following list includes many of the ways our 4-H'ers are excelling in this area:

- Leading the Pledge to the American Flag
- Touring a government building, institution, or monument
- Visiting with an elected official - city, county, state, or federal
- Attending a seminar or town meeting presented by an elected or appointed official
- Attending a public hearing
- Attending a city council meeting or county commissioner's meeting
- Attending a school board meeting
- Participating in a town hall meeting at 4-H Congress or elsewhere
- Observing a day in court
- Observing a day in the state or federal legislature
- Following the issues in a local, state, or federal election
- Encourage adults to vote in an election
- Helping with an election campaign - County Council, Local, State, or Federal, etc.
- Learning how city, county, state, and federal governments operate
- Studying the constitution and law-making processes
- Learning to use Robert's Rules of Order
- Participating in student council at school
- Speaking at a public hearing
- Writing, sending E-mail, or phoning elected officials about issues
- Signing petitions to bring about public change
- Voting in elections if age eligible
- Learning how international treaties are negotiated

This should provide you and your 4-H'ers with lots of options and perhaps some inspiration for doing excellent citizenship activities. Some of these suggestions can be accomplished at club meetings. Good luck, and remember, 4-H Citizenship activities are not as hard to accomplish as you may think.

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