

# OKLAHOMA 4-H

## Civic Engagement Project



### 4-H GROWN

#### LIFE SKILLS

- Use critical thinking, problem solving and decision making to help you make good decisions about project management
- Practice resiliency through successes and challenges in your project

#### LEADERSHIP

- Organize the activities to complete a citizenship survey
- Help an adult lead a citizenship activity
- Volunteer to help with service learning and citizenship activities

#### COMMUNICATION

- Give a presentation on the importance of citizenship and community involvement
- Prepare a demonstration or presentation on your activities and involvement with citizenship



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The Citizenship Project encourages and empowers young people to be actively engaged in local, county and state government. Youth learn how to become involved in their communities and their world. These skills help youth grow into experienced leaders and responsibilities. Youth will:

- Explore relationships with others
- Take action to help others
- Show social responsibility and respect
- Respond to the needs, rights and responsibilities of others

### GROW IN YOUR CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

The activities below are ideas to inspire project development. This is not a complete list.

#### BEGINNER

- Get to know others in your club and their project interests
- Research the history of your club, school or community
- Tour your city or state's courthouse or Capitol
- Join a citizenship activity in your club or county
- Research the roles and responsibilities of local government

#### INTERMEDIATE

- Get to know your government and what its role is in your county
- Attend city council or county commissioner's meetings
- Lead a citizenship project
- Create awareness for a citizenship activity in your community through social media or a display

#### ADVANCED

- Conduct research and use additional resources for in-depth study of citizenship
- Shadow a local government official to learn the goals of your community and responsibility of their position
- Teach citizenship to other 4-H members through workshops
- Attend a national 4-H trip

# EXPAND YOUR EXPERIENCE

- Interview a county official about his/her roles and responsibilities
- Job shadow a state legislator and explore careers that interest you

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## CITIZENSHIP

- Complete a community service project that includes other project areas
- Adopt and maintain a local park or road in your community
- Develop a citizenship project that will help meet the needs of your community

## HEALTHY LIVING

- Serve at your local food drive or food pantry
- Teach others how to access community health services
- Organize a local food drive

## SCIENCE

- Collect data and report about the local not-for-profit needs in your county
- Use social media to gather information from surveys about the needs of the community

# RESOURCES

## 4-H CURRICULUM

- National 4-H: [www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/4-h-citizenship](http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/4-h-citizenship)
- 4-H Mall Curriculum: [www.4-hmall.org/category/4-h-curriculum-citizenship](http://www.4-hmall.org/category/4-h-curriculum-citizenship)
- Wisconsin Citizenship Curriculum: [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/citizenship](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/citizenship)

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Oklahoma 4-H citizenship/leadership trips: [www.4h.okstate.edu/events](http://www.4h.okstate.edu/events)

## RESOURCES

- Education World Teaching Good Citizenship's Five Themes: [www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/curr008](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr008)
- University of Illinois Character Development: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/character/>
- Good Character - Teaching Guide: <http://www.goodcharacter.com/teachingguides.html>

Learn more at: <https://4h.okstate.edu/projects/civic-engagement/index.html> or contact your county Cooperative Extension office.



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