

# Tips & Tricks

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# Community Engagement

#### **Boost Morale**

We are all feeling the effects of the pandemic in our communities and there are simple things your members can do to boost morale. Examples: Sidewalk chalk messages or messages on signs in your window or yard.

#### **Family Involvement**

Our family is our closest community, especially in these times. Try to incorporate activities that the whole family can be involved in. For example: Have members plan and prepare a Mother's Day or Father's Day brunch.

#### Focus on the Environment

Our communities depend on their citizens to help protect the environment. Plan a socially distant garbage clean up at a park or green space in your community. Alternatively, members can clean the ditches or an area individually where they live.

#### Raise Awareness

Have members submit a write up or article for the local paper about an important community issue or about how your 4-H project is helping the community.

#### **Virtual Volunteering**

Encourage youth to seek out ways that they can volunteer virtually. Try a quick google search to see what is available in your community.

# Participate in Virtual Competitions

Many organizations such as Agricultural Societies are offering virtual competitions for the community. Incorporate these into your project work.

## Parter with Another Service Group

Collaborate on a joint project that will benefit your community or a project that may benefit their work.

#### **Get Creative**

As a club you can bake, sew, knit or craft to create items that can be donated to organizations in need. Example: Sewing blankets for the NICU.

#### **Online Communities**

In today's day and age, many youth are making connections and building relationships online. Focus on giving youth ideas how to use social media for good and creative ways to build their community online.

### Think Globally

Our communities can span as far as we want to. While running virtual projects, we have a great opportunity to engage speakers and guests from afar! Think about inviting 4-H connections from other associations, provinces, or countries to talk about their 4-H experiences.

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