Volunteer Research, Knowledge, Competency (VRKC) Taxonomy for 4-H Youth Development

4-H National Headquarters Volunteers for the Next Generation



Organizational Skills: Service to Community

"I Pledge... my hands to larger service..."

Community service projects are an opportunity for youth to develop a sense of pride and ownership for the community in which they live.

Youth learn to value helping others.



Five Keys Elements

- 1. Meet "real" community needs
- 2. Careful planning and preparation
- 3. Meaningful action
- 4. Reflection
- 5. Evaluation







Nine Steps to Success

- 1. Determine needs in your community
- 2. Determine interests and abilities of 4-H members
- 3. List all suggested projects/activities
- 4. Develop a plan to conduct project





Nine Steps to Success

- 5. Prepare members for project & tasks
- 6. Carry out project
- 7. Document efforts
- 8. Plan for reflection
- 9. Summarize group's efforts





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Thank You

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Volunteer Research Knowledge Competency Taxonomy



