



Purpose:

To show the importance of how we talk about 4-H experiences.

Suggested Format:

For larger workshops group individuals in smaller groups of 4-5 and have each group make a mask

For smaller workshops allow each individual to make a mask

Materials Needed:

You will need enough materials for each individual or group

- Colored paper
- Transparency sheets
- Permanent markers
- Mask template
- Scissors

Prepare Ahead:

- Make an example of the project mask and life skills mask
- Place materials at each group table or at a central location for individuals to access easily

Approximate Time:

30 minutes

MASKS OF 4-H

DO

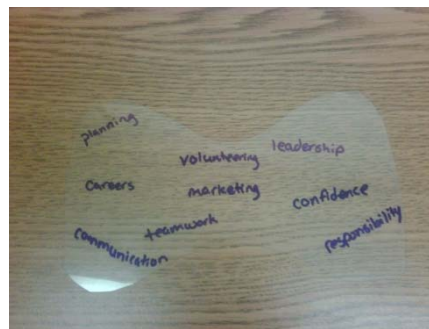
Pass out or have individuals get the materials needed to complete their masks

SAY

In this activity you will create a mask on colored paper that shows your 4-H project areas (show example)



You will also create a mask using transparency sheets that shows the life skills that you have gained through your 4-H experience (show example)



DO

Have a volunteer from each group or individual volunteers come up to the front of the room with the two masks that they have made

SAY

*What happens when you put the mask with the projects in front of the skills mask?
(ask for responses from group)*



- *You can only see the projects.*
- *You can't see the skills that are learned through the projects.*
- *The public only sees the 4-H project, not the skills youth learn.*

*What happens when you put the skills masks in front of the project mask?
(ask for responses from group)*



- *You can see the skills and the projects.*
- *You can see that skills are learned through 4-H projects.*
- *The public can see that 4-H teaches important life skills through 4-H projects.*

SUMMARY

This activity illustrates two ways we can tell our 4-H story

1. Talk about the projects we do first—in this case, this is all the public will see. Eventually, this all some of us will also see.
2. Talk about the skills learned through the projects. Putting emphasis on what skills/lessons are learned through different 4-H projects shows the values of 4-H and the valuing of 4-H projects.