WHAT IS IT?

As a 4-H leader you have probably used some of the skills youth develop as they use “Public Adventures.” Public Adventures is a tool to help youth and their helpers successfully engage in active citizenship. Active citizenship is what we do to address concerns and make changes in our communities. The freedom to affect our community is one of our rights living in a democracy. Public Adventures helps youth identify and address issues in a productive and public forum while developing strong leadership and communication skills.

HOW IT WORKS:

The Public Adventures’ Helper’s Guide and Adventure Kit provide tools and the framework to become active citizens using Seven Steps:

**STEP 1: Establish a Group**
- Decide how decisions will be made
- Establish rules
- Identify roles and structure for meetings
- Evaluate effectiveness of group process

**STEP 2: Identify a Real Issue**
- Understand the difference between public and private
- Map your community
- Explore the media
- Identify and choose an issue of concern

**STEP 3: Identify a Project Goal**
- Explore the idea of personal and public interests
- Choose a project
- Set a goal
- Write a mission statement

**STEP 4: Engage the Community**
- Explore the concept of power
- Identify community power holders
- Interview community power holders
- Align your project with the community

**STEP 5: Create an Action Plan**
- List the steps required to reach the goal
- Delegate responsibilities

**STEP 6: Strategize for Success**
- Identify strategies to involve the public
- Deal with obstacles and setbacks
- Practice on-going evaluation and problem solving
- Monitor morale

**STEP 7: Reflect on the Experience**
- Reflect in a personal way about your experience
- Evaluate the success of your efforts
- Celebrate your successes and challenges with others
- Consider the sustainability of your effort.

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