

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAYS:

*Inspiring 4-H leaders of today to make
a difference for the leaders of tomorrow*

Nonformal Teaching Methods

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I'm Not a Teacher, What Can I Do?

- You have unique experiences
- You bring life experience

Fun in Learning

- Help youth to learn
- Variety of creative teaching methods
- Multiple senses

Fun in Learning

“What a person hears, he will probably doubt.
What a person sees, he may possibly doubt.
But what a person does for himself, he cannot
possibly doubt.”

Seaman A. Knapp

Ways to Learn

- The Edgar Dale Cone of Experience
 - Learners Retain:
 - _____ % of what we read
 - _____ % of what we hear
 - _____ % of what we see
 - _____ % of what we see and hear
 - _____ % of what we say and write
 - _____ % of what we do

“Learn by Doing”

- Core 4-H philosophy
- Experiential learning
 - “Experimental Education takes place when a person involved in an activity looks back and evaluates it, determines what was useful or important to remember, and uses this information to perform another activity.” (John Dewey, 1938)

Experiential Learning

- Put experiential learning diagram here

Advantages of Experiential Learning

- More fun – discovery
- Gives youth a voice
- Empowering
- Fosters belonging
- Like play

Principles of Teaching

- Youth learn best in an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance (belonging).
- Youth want to be actively involved in setting their own goals and in planning their activities (independence).
- Youth have different abilities, they learn at their own rate, and yet they want to be challenged (mastery).

- Youth have knowledge and wisdom to share.
- Youth respond to both self-motivation and external motivation.
- Self-evaluation is the most meaningful kind of evaluation.

Learning Preparation

- What do you want to accomplish?
- What is the size and age range of the group?
- Is the atmosphere conducive to learning?
- Know what equipment and other materials you will need. Make sure they are in working order.
- Know the subject you will be teaching.
- Be comfortable.

Teaching Methods

- Educational Games and Simulations
- Experiments
- Field Trip or Tour
- Identification/Matching
- Skill-a-thons
- Role-playing
- Skits

- Collage/Bulletin Board/Graffiti Mural
- Group Discussion and Questioning
- Debate
- Brainstorming
- Buzz Session
- Demonstrations
- Presentations
- Guest Speaker/Panels
- Lecture

Choosing a Method

- Purpose of program
- Number of participants/space available
- Age(s) and interests of participants
- Equipment, materials, assistance, funds available
- Time available

Developmental Characteristics

Don't forget:

- Be prepared by planning ahead
- Choose methods appropriate for audience
- Practice!
- Involve group members – both in planning and delivery
- Use an action-oriented approach

Summary

- Catch interest of members
- Focus their attention on the subject
- Establish a rapport
- Recognize and reward positive behaviors
- Be enthusiastic and have sense of humor!
- **HAVE FUN!!!**

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4-H Recreation & Team Building Ideas

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Recreation

- Recreation= A Recipe for Success
- Fun filled activities help provide enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout the club meeting.

What does Recreation accomplish?

- From the group standpoint, recreation can help to create a favorable atmosphere, increase participation, facilitate communication, set group standards, and develop leadership.

When to use Recreation

- In a newly formed group
- The arrival of the first members
- During the meeting to shift from the general “gab session”

Why is Team Building important?

- Skills learned are important to personal and group development.
- Communicating with others.
- Work towards a common goal.
- Being an effective team member or team leader they develop confidence in their own abilities.

2 things we learn from Team Building!

- 1. How to work with others.
- 2. Communication skills.

Ideas

- Activity 1: 4-H Pledge Scavenger Hunt
- Let's take a minute to complete the activity!
 - Other Ideas Include:
 - 1. The Human Knot
 - 2. The Name Game

Skills Built!

- Ability to work together toward a common goal.
- The work or job becomes easier because they are working together.
- When a team works together everyone in the group wins.
- Emphasize cooperation and collaboration, not competition.
- The skills learned are necessary for positive action in everyday.

Skills Built!

- Team building activities can help children develop the following skills:
 - Problem solving
 - Communication
 - Cooperation
 - Listening
 - Self-esteem
 - Idea exchange
 - Working with others and different groups
 - Leadership
 - Creative thinking
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Targeting Life Skills Model for 4-H



Questions?

