

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



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Fun in Learning

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



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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



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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



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“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)



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Experiential Learning

- Put experiential learning diagram here



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Advantages of Experiential Learning

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



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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).



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- 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.



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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.



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Teaching Methods

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



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



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Choosing a Method

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



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Developmental Characteristics



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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



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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.



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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.



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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”



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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.



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2 things we learn from Team Building!

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



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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



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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.



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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



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