



# Teen Leadership 20

## Older 4-H Youth Opportunities

### Intended Audience:

- Teens

### Lesson Objectives:

Participants will:

- Understand state 4-H teen opportunities.
- Know where to get additional information to sign up or apply for the opportunities.

**Time:** 20 minutes

### Equipment and Supplies:

- Writing Utensils (one per person)
- Crossword puzzle (see addendum)
- Answer key for crossword puzzle

### Do Ahead:

- Review lesson.
- Gather equipment and supplies.
- Make copies of crossword puzzle (see addendum).

### BACKGROUND

4-H offers a wide variety of opportunities for teens to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for adult success.

The beginning point for teens to become involved in all 4-H opportunities is through local 4-H clubs. Through these clubs, they have the opportunity to participate in activities that could include projects designed especially for teens, community service and citizenship activities. After that there are many leadership opportunities at the county and state levels including numerous boards, committees, and camping opportunities. Opportunities may vary by county, but are similar in scope. The requirements to be involved in these programs differ from county to county, as well.

### WHAT TO DO

#### Activity:

- Discuss benefits of being involved in multiple avenues in the 4-H program and beyond the club/county level.
- Distribute crossword puzzle and writing utensils to each participant.
- Allow time to complete the crossword puzzle.
- Share answers with the group.



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**TALK IT OVER****Reflect:**

- What is one activity/event you had not heard about prior to this event?
- What activities have you been involved with?
- What is one thing that surprised you during this activity?
- How do you plan to become involved with one of the activities/events?

**Apply:**

- When planning activities for the upcoming year's program refer back to the opportunities. Encourage youth to apply for and try additional activities.
- After participating in the event/opportunity, have youth share experiences with other youth in the county.

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

- State 4-H website listing teen opportunities: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/teens>.
- Please contact the county extension office to get additional information about any of the programs in which you are interested. (<http://countyname.osu.edu>, such as <http://franklin.osu.edu>)

Please take time to complete the Participant and Facilitator evaluations, found online at [go.osu.edu/TeenLeadership20](http://go.osu.edu/TeenLeadership20).

**Considerations for Conducting Virtually:**

- Send crossword to participants via email or as a document in the chat box.  
OR
- Put the crossword on a shared screen and use the annotate features while the groups complete the crossword together

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The crossword puzzle grid consists of 25 numbered starting points for clues:

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- 2: Across, 18th column, 1st row.
- 3: Down, 18th column, 1st row.
- 4: Down, 4th column, 1st row.
- 7: Across, 18th column, 10th row.
- 8: Down, 8th column, 1st row.
- 9: Down, 9th column, 1st row.
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- 21: Across, 21st column, 10th row.
- 22: Across, 22nd column, 10th row.
- 23: Across, 23rd column, 10th row.
- 24: Across, 24th column, 10th row.
- 25: Across, 25th column, 10th row.

A single black square is located at the intersection of the 10th row and the 10th column.

## WORD BANK:

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SEACAMP  
OHMILITARYKIDSCOUNSELOR  
OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD  
OHIO FORESTRY CAMP  
OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE  
NATIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE  
LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS  
LEADERSHIP CAMP

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES  
CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS  
CARVING NEW IDEAS WORKSHOP  
CARTEENS  
CAPITOL CHALLENGE  
CAMP COUNSELOR  
BUCKEYE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP  
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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## ACROSS

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**Older 4-H Youth Opportunities Addendum**

The following items were inputted into a crossword puzzle.

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