

Service Project Focus Group Questioning Route for 4-H Leaders & Parents

Intended Audience:

- 6-10 4-H leaders and parents
- Top preference given to adults who had, or their children had, moderate to extensive involvement in the overall service project

Timeframe: 60 minutes

Question Route:

- I. Introduction: Explain your table tent (Your name and two things you enjoy about 4-H)

- II. Community Need
 1. As a service project, your club provided meals for the hungry. How did you choose this activity?
Probes (If Needed):
 - Whose idea was it?
 - How did you select this service project?
 - How did you know it was needed?

- III. Youth Involvement
 2. Reflecting back on the service project, how were youth involved with this service project?
Probes (If Needed):
 - What roles did youth have in this project?
 - What decisions did youth make?

 3. Describe how you were involved with this service project?
Probes (If Needed):
 - What are some things that you did to help the youth with this service project?
 - What decisions did adults make?

 4. Explain to me how your group decided what to do and how to go about doing the project.
Probes (If Needed):
 - Can you give me an example?
 - Who helped make the decisions?

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5. From your experiences, what are some ways to get youth involved in service projects like this in the future?

Probes (If Needed):

- How did you get youth active in your club?
- How can you help youth take ownership over the project?

6. How can parents and 4-H leaders help members plan and do similar projects in the future? (i.e. bring ideas, make contacts, provide transportation)?

IV. Link to Learning

7. Thinking back to before this project and comparing it to what your members know now, what do you think youth learned by working on this project?

Probes (If Needed):

- Did any of the members have to learn or practice anything before beginning the project?
- Have you scene any change in members' behaviors or attitudes?
- Was there anything they experienced for the first time?

V. Reflection

8. Did you or your club do anything after the service project to reflect on the experience?

Probes (If Needed):

- Did you talk to anyone about what you did (i.e. in car ride home, at next meeting, to radio)?
- Did you have to write thank you notes, a project summary, or a newspaper article?

VI. Conclusion

9. What advice do you have for other clubs that want to conduct valuable service projects?

10. Summary of questions 1-9

11. Is there anything else about service projects that you would like to talk about?