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Agriculture and Natural Resources | 4-H Youth Development Program

## Monterey County 4-H Program Emerald Star “wish list” 2016



This star rank is designed to help youth explore project planning, organization, and presentation. Youth are to develop an action plan for some type of service or an event that benefits the program and it's members.

Applicants must plan and present an idea before an Emerald Star review committee. If the plan is accepted, they are to organize, document, complete the activity and then present the results before committee. After completion and presentation of their project, they are awarded with the Emerald Star ranking.

### **Here are a few ideas to get started:**

1. Design, organize and put in a new display in the Ag Conference Center glass case. Use old photos, books, supplies or create a new theme.
2. Research, organize and produce a list of Monterey County agencies that 4-H clubs could work with for both Community Service and Service Learning activities. Should include name on non-profit, phone, web address, annual operating budget and what their mission statement is. May include categories such as animal, youth, health and environmental.
3. Organize the historical photos of Monterey County fashion revue. Research the names and dates of the photos on file. Possibly contact past contestants to get their story. Scan photos for historical purposes. Possibly create a display for a fair or even a reunion.
4. Plan a training for clubs about making project posters as fair entries. Should include examples, a presentation
5. Research or develop new art work for county or club shirts. Using the correct logos and colors, a youth could make a series of art that could be used by all.

6. Review one of the Council's fundraisers and add something new. This would require researching, planning, logistics and approval.
7. Research and develop and add an "Interview Contest" to the county Field Day.
8. Research and find a variety of guest speakers from around the county to provide "programs" at club meetings that are interesting to youth. Make a list and give to club officers.
9. Create ideas for local Healthy Living officers that work at a club meeting, a project meeting or an outing.
10. Bring back the 4-H "Million Trees Project" to Monterey County for one year. Advertise and explain to clubs on how to participate. Create a powerpoint, web page or event where members can learn more.
11. Build a 4-H "Feature Booth" that any club can borrow for an event. Member to design a portable and easy to assemble structure.
12. Develop a packet for *first year* families. Possibly research informative 4-H handouts, organize information, place on county website and offer training to club officers on the importance of using.
13. Meet with camp directors and determine their needs. Possible ideas - create activity kits for use each year, create a song book, make a photo scrapbook of year's past, help recognize the camp volunteers etc.

**What ideas do you have?** Contact the County 4-H offices today!