Learn how to make a difference in your community. Incorporate service and citizenship activities into every 4-H project. Understand your civic rights and responsibilities. Tap into the resources that are available in your community and school.

- Explore your own values and your relationship with others.
- Increase your sense of history and cultural heritage.
- Learn about your government and your leadership role.
- Investigate current issues in your community, state, country and world.

### Starting Out

**Beginner**
- Recite the 4-H pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Find out where your parents and grandparents lived when they were your age and locate it on a map.
- Learn about each of the club officer positions.
- Learn the history of your town or city.

### Learning More

**Intermediate**
- Trace your family ancestry back to your great grandparents.
- Help plan a service project for your club.
- Tour your city or county administration building and meet with your council person or supervisor.
- Help with a safety program (swimming, biking, food).
- Learn what community

### Exploring Depth

**Advanced**
- Help teach others in your club about your local city or county government.
- Develop and carry out a service-learning project.
- Identify three current issues in your community and discuss them with your peers.
- Apply for a service-learning grant with the California 4-H Youth

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Expand Your Experiences!

**Citizenship**
- Present information about your club’s service project at a countywide event.
- Plan a special “Grandparents Day” and record stories of their school days.
- Join with other service groups to clean-up of trash or graffiti in your town.

**Healthy Living**
- Coordinate a walk-a-thon to raise money for a health-related non-profit.
- Develop an anti-smoking campaign for junior and senior high school students.
- Organize a history walk highlighting significant people & places in your community.

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**
- Present a science demonstration at the local elementary school.
- Develop a project to label storm drains and protect waterways.
- Deliver demonstrations on energy conservation or recycling at your school.

**Leadership**
- Plan an activity for your club with information about the 5 Focus Areas of Citizenship.
- Organize a driving safety program at your high school.

### Resources
- Web Resources
  - www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/
  - Citizenship Web_Resources/
- Mock Trials
  - www.civicallyspeaking.org/mock3.pdf
  - www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/
- California Missions
  - www.escusd.k12.ca.us/mission_trail/MissionTrail.html
- Book: Celebrate America, Learning About the U.S. through Crafts and Activities

### Connections & Events

**California Focus** – A 5-day event in Sacramento with simulations of state political processes and government.

**Washington Focus** – Gather with 4-H members from all over the U.S. for government simulations and visits in the nation’s capital.

**Presentation Days** – Share what you’ve learned with others through a presentation.

### Curriculum

- California 4-H Citizenship
  - http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Citizenship/
- Project Citizen
- The American Promise
  - www.farmers.com/AmericanPromise/guide_main.html

### 4-H Record Book

- 4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their experiences, learning and development.
- 4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.