



Earning Your Emerald Star II

Member Name:		4-H Club/Unit:	
Adult Mentor Name:		County:	
Team Members:		Program Year:	

Preliminary Information: Spark and Personal Development Goal

In Emerald Star I, you achieved your personal development goal. Your Emerald Star II will guide you to explore how you can use your spark and personal development goal to positively change your community. Your spark and personal development goal may be the same as your Emerald Star I or a new one.

Spark:	
Is this your previous spark?	
Personal development goal:	
Is this your previous goal?	

Part A: Impact Goal Research

Research Plan

Fill this section out before you complete your research.

From your work on your personal development goal, describe the exploratory research on community issues that you will carry out in 4-H and/or your local community that involves your spark. The answers to each question below must be approximately 75 - 100 words.
How can your personal development goal help you in your community issues research?
What are some strategies that you will use to conduct research in your community about needs related to your spark? Who specifically will you consult while researching?



Research Log

Log the research you performed while finding out how to use your spark to help your community. For example, on a specific day, you may log that you read an article and took notes, attended a city council meeting, or conducted a survey. You may add rows as needed. You must log at least six research activities.

Date	Research Activity	What did you discover?

Summary and Analysis

Fill this section out after you complete your research.

Summarize your findings: What did you find out? Summarize what you learned in approximately 75-100 words. Imagine that you are teaching your 4-H club about the issues you discovered. What are the most important and interesting things that you learned?

Analyze your findings: In 75-100 words, describe what people and organizations are currently working in your community to fix issues related to your spark? What are they doing to address community needs? What do you think still needs to be done?



Part B. Community Partner Collaboration

Preparation

Fill out this section before you volunteer.

List potential partners.

Based on your research from Part A, list one or two community service organizations that you will partner with. Make sure you meet the organizations' requirements for volunteers.

Volunteer Log

Log the activity and hours you volunteered. For example, on a specific day, you may log that you read to puppies for 30 minutes to help socialize them. You may add or delete rows as needed. You must contribute a minimum of four hours.

Date	What did you do?	How long did you spend in this activity?

Reflection

Fill out this section after you volunteer.

What did you learn about the needs in your community from volunteering? (approximately 75 - 100 words)

What did you learn about yourself as a volunteer? (approximately 75 - 100 words)



Part C. Identify your Impact Goal*

*You will not work to accomplish this goal as a part of the Emerald Star Rank. All we are asking you to do is identify a FUTURE goal for you to work on when you start your Impact Stars.

Impact Goal:

Based on your research from Part A and B, set a specific goal that uses your spark to make a difference in your community. What will you do with a team, or on your own to make a difference and meet a community need?

How did your research and volunteer work lead you to identify this impact goal? (approximately 75 - 100 words)

How does your impact goal relate to your spark and personal development goal? (approximately 75 - 100 words)



Part D. Showcase Your 4-H Work

See the [manual](#) for specific ideas.

What written component will you use to showcase your work?
What visual component will you use to showcase your work?

Copy and paste the url and/or QR codes to your written report and visual component in the boxes below.

Insert your visual component:	Insert your written component:



Part E: Present Your Showcase

This is an opportunity for you to share and communicate your impact goal at the county level or above.

Location of showcase	
Date of showcase	
Showcase audience	

Identify three ways your sharing went well and three ways it could have been improved. (Target word count: 100)

Member signature:		Date:	
Adult Mentor Signature:		Date:	
Adult Mentor Comments:			
Club/Unit Leader:		Date:	