

Tips for Engaging 4-H Youth in Online Learning

SAFETY POLICIES

Access & Permissions

Select a platform that most young people and families can access. Do not use platforms that do not keep record of conversations or screen for inappropriate content. Parents or guardians must give permission for minors to participate in online learning.

Access Codes

Only share access codes and login information with the 4-H Educator, invited participants and families, do not share on public sites. All online learning must be accessible to parents/guardians and the 4-H educator.

Rule of Three

At least two youth must be present during online learning. It is preferable to have at least two adults present. In person youth-adult ratio rules should be followed online to monitor interaction and ensure safety. Exceptions require consent from the 4-H Educator and a parent/guardian of a minor.

Refrain from Recording

Do not record virtual group meetings with youth without consent from participants, their parent(s)/guardian(s) & notification of the 4-H educator.

QUALITY

Club Officers

Involve the club officers in planning as you normally would for a face to face meeting. Work with officers and members to prepare and send meeting agenda a day prior to the meeting and practice using the platform.

Prepare & Engage

Send information for the online platform to youth and parents, share icebreaker directions, ask youth to be prepared to each share in some way ahead of time, this could be big or small ways. Assign multiple youth opportunities to facilitate parts of the meeting, plan and coordinate with the youth prior to the online meeting.

Participants

Allow time to prepare participants to use the online platform selected for the meeting.

Meeting

Run the meeting similarly to face to face meetings. Consider allowing time for Project work and/or reporting, Business, Planning and FUN! Be creative. You may want to include learning games or "expert" guest speakers.

Reinforce Expectations

Remind youth during brainstorming and sharing to mute when not speaking, identify yourself when you speak, be courteous to all, everyone contributes. Start each meeting with introductions.



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