

CLUB MANAGER CONNECTION

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE CLUB MANAGER CONNECTION! THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IS GEARED SPECIFICALLY TO CLUB MANAGERS. EACH MONTH WILL FOCUS ON DIFFERENT TOPICS, AND HAVE DIFFERENT USEFUL INFORMATION IN IT, FOR YOU TO USE! WE HOPE THAT BY HAVING THESE TOOLS AT YOUR FINGER TIPS, YOUR JOB AS CLUB MANAGER IS A LITTLE EASIER.

THANKS FOR BEING HERE AND TAKING THIS JOURNEY WITH US!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SOMETHING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT (PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CEA FIRST, AS THEY WILL BE THE BEST PERSON TO HELP YOU TACKLE THOSE ISSUES ON THE FRONT LINES).

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New Programs for the new year

Over the next calendar year, we will host 4 programs (3 online and 1 in-person) for our club managers to take part in! We would love for you to join us. These will focus on parts of being a club manager. We will have discussion time for each club manager to talk about the issues they are facing and how they are overcoming them. We would love for you to share the great things you have established as a club manager, as well! The dates are in the reminder section below!



Keeping the kids coming back...

Let's face it, most of us experience that "after December slump" in our club participation. So, the question is, "How do we keep the students interested and coming back?" My solution may not be a popular one, but it is sure to shake things up a bit.

- **Change things up:** Try something new, whether that is a new meeting location, switching from a straight business meeting to more project focused meetings, or even skipping the meetings you know the majority of your members will miss-due to livestock shows & such.
- **Ask the members:** Ask the students what would make them want to be more involved. What activities do they want to do, what programs do they want to see.
- **Meet outside of the meeting room:** Maybe a non-meeting meeting is what you need! Invite your club to participate in a fun activity instead of a regular meeting.



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2/9 LET'S CONNECT
What is your role? We are all in this together
Online

5/18 LET'S REFLECT
How did this year go for you? What worked? What didn't? Let's plan for next year!
Online

8/19 LET'S KICK IT OFF
Ready for the new year? Let's get things kicked off!
In-person at the District Office

11/9 LET'S FIND OUT WHAT'S NEXT
How can we put into practice the things we've learned so far? What is next as a club manager?
Online



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REMINDERS & LINKS TO REMEMBER

- Did you know that we have a whole page dedicated to you on our District website? You can check it out here:
 - <https://agrilife.org/d84h/club-managers/>
- Need a new idea for a club meeting? Be sure to check out a few of the meeting ideas on the Texas 4-H Management page! Scroll to the bottom of the page to find 4 sets of meeting ideas for each month.
 - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/>