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Lesson Objectives:

To help youth learn about each other and to introduce them to public speaking.

Time: 20 minutes

Equipment and supplies:

- Large paper or banners
- Markers
- Tape

Preparations:

- Review Lesson
- Gather equipment and supplies
- Have a teen or leader prepare a banner and give an example introduction of themselves.

4-H Club GO TO Resources



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Ice Breaker: Name Banners

This activity has two benefits for your 4-H club members. First, it serves as an ice breaker activity and helps the 4-H members to get to know each other. Secondly, it introduces the idea of public speaking in a non threatening way. As the 4-H members do simple presentations like this, they grow in confidence and will be better prepared for doing 4-H talks.

Instructions:

1. Tell the 4-H'ers that they will be making a creative banner about themselves and then they will use the banner to introduce themselves to the other 4-H members.
2. Give everyone paper and markers to create their banner.
3. Each 4-H'er should think of something special about themselves for each letter of their first name. Here is an example:
 - B—biology is my favorite subject
 - R—run track at school
 - I—interested in computers
 - A—always eats pizza
 - N—new kid in school this semester.
4. When the 4-H'ers finish, have them introduce themselves by sharing the information included on their banner. If you have a large club you could break down into 2 or 3 circles and have several presentations going on at the same time.
5. If you have space available, have the 4-Hers tape their designs to the wall for the duration of the meeting. It will help new youth learn other members names.

Note: It is great for the 4-H leader to participate in this activity as well, it is just as important for the 4-H'ers to learn about you!

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Sources & Additional Lesson info:

4-H Club GO TO Resources is being offered to 4-H clubs in Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties as a way to enrich and enhance 4-H experiences and programming at the club level. It is the goal of the Extension staff to assist 4-H leaders and officers in providing simple hands-on activities on a monthly basis that can broaden the 4-H club experience and as a result heighten positive youth development.

Resources: University of Illinois Extension, Cultural Connections Curriculum, Lesson I Diversity

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