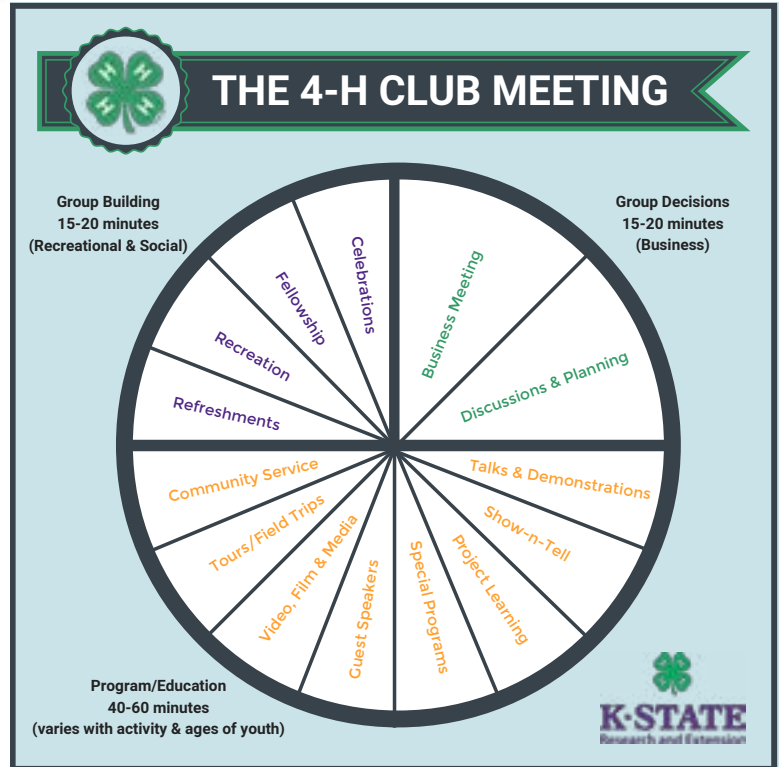




4-H Meeting Wheel Key

The Meeting Wheel and Youth Development

The 4-H Club Meeting Wheel is a great resource to understand the key components on what makes up a club meeting. All parts of the club meeting — group building, group decisions, and program/education — when done right, are providing positive youth development. The 4-H club meeting connects to the Thriving research within the developmental context: where it creates belonging, youth engagement, youth voice, relationships — adult-youth and youth-youth relationships — and sparks. When planning club meetings, it is important to try and factor all five components into the 4-H year for all youth to explore, grow, and ultimately thrive.



Belonging



Relationships



Youth Engagement



Youth Voice



Sparks

Group Building incorporates belonging, relationships, and youth engagement. These are happening when you see youth planning the recreation for the club, helping each other out, including each other in celebrations and fellowship, and interacting with each other and caring adults.

With **Group Decision Making** youth are engaged with every aspect of the business meeting: running the meeting, having discussion, and making decisions through voting. This also provides a sense of belonging because they are the ones working through the decisions and making choices, which leads right into youth voices being heard.

In **Program and Education**, all five areas will show. Specifically, youth's sparks have a chance to shine. Youth can give presentations about topics they have a passion for, they can lead a group through a community service activity, they can get excited through a show and tell activity, and they can be active in building relationships.

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