

Get Involved In Community Pride

Chevron, USA has awarded funds to the Wyoming 4-H Community Pride program for projects and training. Get organized and get a proposal in soon for consideration. Involvement in community pride teaches youth how to become active and participating citizens as they combine efforts to improve some aspect of a community.

Below are ideas for community pride projects for individuals and groups. Keep in mind as you select a project, that a goal of community pride is to involve 4-H'ers not only in helping themselves, but also in activities that have an effect on the entire community.

Recreation/Leisure Community Oriented Projects

- Establish a teen recreation center
- Establish ranch and road signs
- Finish outdoor sports area in town
- Install public phones around town
- Enclose outdoor swimming pool
- Develop better animal control program
- Get an FM station in town
- Develop youth campsite
- Develop rural map with location of
- Provide area to roller skate and ice skate residents for fire protection
- Establish volunteer systems for

Fairgrounds Improvement

- Fire protection and emergencies
- Improve livestock facilities
- Home repair service to elderly
- Add rabbit and chicken cages work, weatherizing, minor
- Organize parking area plumbing Plant grass, add
- Install heating in 4-H building benches and trash cans
- Get a PA system repairs, painting, etc.
- Dig well at Community Hall
- Organize noon meal program for elderly
- Investigate safety turn out for school

Beautification

- Buses or congested areas
- Establish and maintain roadside parks
- Assist in campaign for new school
- Landscape community or public buildings
- Improve downtown parking
- Cemetery improvements
- Establish a town taxi service

- Spearhead a street repair campaign
- Organize activities to increase patriotism
- Survey citizens about community
- Establish trash receptacles along country roads needs
- Remove old junk cars and dilapidated buildings
- Publish a community calendar of events
- Organize a community clean up campaign

Youth Concerns

- Establish a recycling center for
- Organize a Teen Job Bureau aluminum, bottles and paper
- Establish a babysitting service
- Establish a youth law enforcement program

Heritage Programs (good for individuals or groups)

- Family History -Adopt a building (protect historic
- Ranch History buildings from demolition)
- Town or community history (oral or play about local folklore or legend written)
- Old crafts fair or lost arts fair
- Community history display (in school)
- Wagon train or historic trail markers library, museum, town hall, club house
- Barb wire or brands survey
- Restoration of historic sites
- Participate in state historical survey
- Historic tours, guided tour maps
- Join local historical society
- Heritage cookbook of community recipes (could be club or family recipes)

How are those for starters! Hopefully this list will stimulate other ideas and soon your 4-H club or council will be able to select an appropriate project and begin. Remember, for any project, whether it takes funding or not, the object is to help youth better understand community concerns and how to mobilize to meet these concerns. To assure success, follow through with this list of steps as you carry out your project:

1. Define your community
2. Evaluate your community
3. Select a concern
4. Analyze the concern
5. Develop alternative solutions
6. Plan of action
7. Evaluation
8. Publicity and reporting