



The 4-H Recreation Leader

The recreation leader's job may be rotated among several club members. The fun period at each meeting should be planned in advance and should not be very long.

Larger clubs should elect or appoint one member as the recreation leader. The recreation leader then works with the recreation committee to help plan and carry out the recreational part of both regular meetings and special occasions.

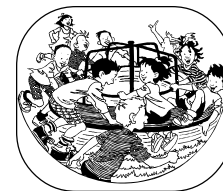
Suggestions

1. Recreation leaders should select games that fit the available time frame and room space.
2. Good recreation leaders direct club members without raising their voices or scolding.
3. Before the meeting begins, recreation leaders prepare a list of games and arrange them in order.
4. Recreation leaders should be enthusiastic and choose games everyone can play.
5. Recreation leaders need to be certain to have the necessary equipment or materials on hand.
6. If the club occasion is a party or special recreation event and there is time for several games, recreation leaders should plan the program so:
 - (a) Active and quiet games are alternated
 - (b) Game playing builds up to a climax just before refreshments
 - (c) A circle game is followed with a circle game, and a line game is followed with a line game
 - (d) The games don't become boring
 - (e) The program closes with a good, snappy game
7. Recreation leaders stand where they can face everyone.
8. If tapes or CD's are used, recreation leaders should have a sound system ready and place someone in charge.
9. Recreation leader's should build up a loose-leaf notebook or three-ring binder of recreation materials.

Information resources include:

- Recreation training schools and workshops
- The National Recreation and Park Association, Washington, D.C.
- Libraries
- Church and school publications
- Community recreation centers

Make Meetings FUN!!!!



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