



University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development Centennial Celebration Ideas for the County and Local Level

1. Have a club scrapbook contest at county fair.
2. Have a display or contest for "old" record books submitted from 4-H Alumni (can't have been entered in 4-H competition within the last 5 years).
3. Have a showing of the movie "Green Promise." This is a 1949 movie about a family and how 4-H helped them, starring Walter Brennan and Natalie Wood.
4. Hold an "Oldest Living 4-H Alumni" contest in county.
5. Honor the current 4-H leader who has the most continuous years of service
6. Recognize the oldest 4-H club in the county
7. Put together a time capsule that will be buried and reopened on the 150th anniversary of 4-H in Idaho (2062). Each club should bring 1 item to put into the capsule with items being labeled with date and club name. Example: pictures of 4-H events, items that represent county (crops or industry), etc).
8. Plant a tree in honor of the Idaho 4-H Centennial in your county.
9. Make arts and crafts during 4-H club meetings that represent the past, present, and future of 4-H. Display them at local centennial celebrations and at the county fair.
10. Make the 4-H club meeting activity warm up or icebreaker an old-fashioned game they may have played 100 years ago. See www.oldfashionedliving.com/holidays/main.html or www.seedsofknowledge.com/treehouse.htm for ideas.
11. Make a wooden sign or banner to display at your town's entrance or other highly visible area to let people know Idaho 4-H is 100 years old and still young.
12. Decorate business windows in down with the 4-H centennial theme and/or murals on buildings that reflect your county's or the state's 4-H history.
13. Have an ice cream social at the local courthouse and invite the town/county to celebrate 4-H's birthday.
14. Work with your county 4-H leaders and the county fair board to create a 4-H centennial theme.
15. Create a float for a local parade and pass out 4-H centennial tattoos or balloons.
16. Decorate trash barrels at the county fair with the 4-H centennial theme and logo.
17. Have a 4-H birthday party at a local long-term care facility. Create games, decorate, and provide refreshments using a 4-H theme. Have the seniors share what life was like when they were ages 8 to 18 and then match those dates to significant 4-H events and share them with your senior partners.
18. Make, document, and track a club pledge of 100 things each member will do to be healthy in 2012. This could be exploring substance abuse prevention issues, eating healthier snacks at 4-H club meetings, exercising 100 times both individually and as a club.
19. Place Idaho 4-H Centennial logo on all 4-H printed materials in 2012 (newsletters, recognition certificates, banners, etc).



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20. Collect and display past county 4-H photographs.
 21. Have a plane carry a 4-H banner at air shows and other outdoor events.
 22. Have a display at local libraries, public buildings, etc.
 23. Have displays of "old" projects, project books/materials.
 24. Have a "Remember When" radio spot featuring 4-H memories from our oldest 4-H alumni.
 25. Create a digital slide show to illustrate the history of 4-H in your county.
 26. Have 4-H alumni speak at county recognition dinners.
 27. Do a compilation of 4-H generations (pictures/stories of multiple generation families) for press and local magazines.
 28. Have all school students in your county do something to honor 4-H on the same day.
 29. Hold a 4-H Alumni day at the county fair.
 30. Have a celebrity day in which "famous" 4-H alumni hold a meeting/brown box session with current 4-H members.
 31. Hold roadside coffee breaks sponsored by 4-H clubs.
 32. Hold a "Wear Green" day to promote 4-H.
 33. Do club activities that involve 100 of something. Have each member bring in 100 pennies to donate to a local cause or to the Idaho Friends of 4-H.
 34. Host an old fashioned 4-H Field Day at the fairgrounds.
 35. Organize a 100 year 4-H Fashion Show. Present it at a nursing home or senior center.
 36. Publicize 4-H activities in the local newspapers.
 37. Challenge other 4-H groups to get at least one article or 4-H picture in the newspaper each month in 2012.
 38. Host a 4-H Alumni dinner.
 39. Ask local restaurants to publicize the 4-H Centennial on their placemats.
 40. Ask your city mayor or county commissioners to read an Idaho 4-H Centennial proclamation during one of their meetings.
 41. Write letters to the editors of newspapers describing the difference 4-H has made in your life.
 42. Ask your town to fly a 4-H flag sometime during the year.
 43. Have members research and write a history of your 4-H Club. Interview former and current leaders and members. Find out why the club name was chosen and where the club charter is.
 44. Display a timeline at the fair of the history of 4-H in your county or the state. Have clubs add information to it.
 45. Write an article about the history of 4-H for the local newspaper.
 46. Compare 4-H projects today with those that members did over the past 100 years. Check out the following website www.4hcentennial.org for 4-H history.
 47. Involve your local historical society in learning about the history of 4-H and work on a county 4-H Centennial display together.
 48. Do a genealogy of the oldest 4-H family you can find in your club or county.
 49. Make a quilt that celebrates your county or club's history.





50. Host a 4-H History Quiz Bowl.
51. Work on a video depicting 4-H history.
52. Audio or videotape older 4-H alumni talking about their 4-H memories. Make copies to preserve in the Extension Office. Be sure to get written permission from the person if you intend to share your work with television or radio.
53. Make a weather-proof 4-H History display for the local Farmer's Market.
54. Choose a current 4-H project and find out all you can about it's history.
55. Have outfits at the Fair's Fashion Revue contest represent each decade.
56. Make/have clover masks for children to wear at the county fair.
57. Consider sponsoring a 4-H treasure hunt or 4-H history hunt through the barns and buildings during the local county fair. Activity or information stations can be set up all around the buildings and fairgrounds where 4-H projects are exhibited. When they have competed the treasure hunt, participants could turn in their maps or answers for a prize.
58. Sell clover-shaped cookies at concession stands.
59. Invite outstanding local 4-H alumni for an autograph signing party.
60. Put a 4-H message on or in grocery bags.
61. Conduct a 4-H theme coloring contest for Cloverbuds.
62. Have a 4-H Centennial cake decorating contest.
63. Host a 4-H talent show.
64. Have your club create a list of 100 ways 4-H has positively influenced lives.
65. Increase 4-H members/volunteers by 100 in your county.
66. Plant clover or have a four-leaf clover finding contest.
67. Create a scrapbook of past and present 4-H activities.
68. Donate \$100 for 100 years to the Idaho Friends of 4-H as a birthday gift to Idaho 4-H.
69. Do 100 hours of service to community to celebrate the 100 years of 4-H in Idaho.
70. Host a 4-H Run/Walk/Stroll (5K, 10K, etc) to celebrate Idaho 4-H.
71. Decorate 4-H Clovers at county fair and display.
72. Host a Birthday party at the local county fair.
73. Have photo display of the past 100 years of 4-H in your county.
74. Have a centennial 4-H exhibit, where alumni can bring back their 4-H exhibit such as an apron, a woodworking project, poster, etc.
75. Honor families with 4 or more generations who have been active in 4-H. Write an article for local paper; share with state office. Make a photo display for the 2012 county fair to honor those families with long term commitments to 4-H.
76. Do a 4-H alumni class as the 2012 fair. They bring an exhibit today similar to what they did when they were younger.
77. Have a 4-H alumni fitting and showing contest, fashion show, cookie contest, etc.
78. Interview 100 alumni and ask the question "How 4-H made me who I am today." Share locally and with the state office.
79. Place a geocache with 100 4-H project pins.
80. Post a world map with pins to designate home towns of 100 international exchange 4-H participants.



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81. Celebrate during “Lights On” afterschool events.
 82. Run 100 miles with logo over the year.
 83. After school sites collect \$100.00.
 84. Have a booth or activity during Cinco De Mayo and Independence Day events
 85. Create at Dialos Ninos (April)
 86. Plant 100 plants or flowers in the community
 87. Have a local art contest incorporating the logo and theme
 88. Have an Idaho 4-H Alumni website with donation strategy
 89. Have schools participate in Wear Green Day
 90. Everyone in 4-H throughout state Wear Green one day.
 91. Have billboards in county
 92. Color popcorn green for an event
 93. Clover up your animal event during fair
 94. Clover photo contest
 95. Clover scavenger hunt around town
 96. Green recipe contest
 97. Green food division in open class at fair (Intentional green food)
 98. Window display contest
 99. Have youth do sidewalk art throughout the community
 100. Leader’s Council do 100 of something every month.

