

Ideas for Exhibits and Displays For Alabama 4-H Centennial Celebration

Store windows, bulletin boards, a table set up in a courthouse lobby or mall all provide excellent places to display the story of how 4-H began and grew to the program it is today. Using old photo, old record books, ears of corn, jars of canned tomatoes and beans, old achievement pins and other 4-H memorabilia, you can create a powerful exciting visual that can tell the 4-H story.

Memories Display

Publicize the fact that you want to display historical 4-H items – awards, a 4-H uniform or hat, souvenirs from 4-H trips, record books – anything from the past, and the older the better. In fact, you might give a prize for the oldest piece of 4-H nostalgia. You can also include neatly typed or hand lettered one-page personal recollections of what 4-H was like way back when. You could even have a “Then and Now” format, with old timers’ experiences and photos on one side and present 4-H experiences and photos on the other.

4-H in Our County

Use any old photos to show 4-H in early years. If you can’t get prints of local folks, photos from Auburn’s archives will do. Use brief descriptions of how 4-H has grown and expanded in your county. Mention local names and places whenever possible.

4-H Stories from the Past

As a 4-H Heritage Project, interview 4-H alumni. Try to find someone from every decade 1909 – 2009. Use the “My 4-H Story” form that is on the Centennial web page. Ask them about their experience. Write this up for a county historical book and also submit to the state 4-H office.