

Sample Speech

Topic: 4-H

Title: Be a 4-H Superhero

Introduction:

Have you ever heard the phrase ...“Spiderman, Spiderman, does whatever a spider can.” I’ll bet you have. Have ever thought what it would be like to fly through the air, jumping and swinging from building to building. I know I have. But superheroes don’t just fly and jump... they use those super human skills to help people. 4-H has its own kind superheroes. They don’t leap tall buildings in a single bound like Superman, but they do work hard to make a difference. The great thing is that anyone can become a 4-H Superhero. Through 4-H, young people become superheroes every day. They learn how to make a difference, they put those skills to work, and they teach others all along the way.

Body of Speech - Point 1:

First of all, young people are taught and trained how to become superheroes. 4-H teaches young people the value of service and why it is important to help those who are in need. Every time we do a service project in our club we take time to plan and talk about how this project will make a difference. After the project is over we reflect or take time to think about why it was important to help or ways we could help even more the next time. We also learn from older 4-H'ers leaders, and of course our 4-H agents who use their knowledge and experiences to help us better understand the value of service to others. So as you see the first step to becoming a 4-H superhero is to know how we can make a difference in our community or world.

Body of Speech - Point 2:

Secondly, young people get the chance to practice those “superhero skills” through 4-H. It may be making and delivering food baskets to local families, it may be making birdhouses to put up at the state park, or one of my personal favorites... sewing blankets for the new babies at the Ronald McDonald House. It doesn't really matter what the project just so we are making a difference. I have found the more projects I do the better I get at them. For instance that first time we took food baskets to a local family I was kind of nervous... but after I saw how much they appreciated it I really felt good about it... and just made me more anxious to help the next time. So the second step in becoming a 4-H superhero is to practice your skills by participating in as many service projects as possible.

Body of Speech - Point 3:

Finally, young people learn how to be 4-H superheroes by taking time to pass those “super human skills” to other 4-H’ers. Unlike the movies it takes more than one superhero to make a difference. So as a 4-H member gets more experienced it is only natural that he or she teaches others the same lessons they have learned. This may be by conducting a workshop on how to do a certain type of service project... but it also may be just to recruit someone to help you. After all, the 4-H slogan is to learn by doing. The great thing about this is it is always more fun when there are some friends to help with a project. And the more 4-H’ers involved the quicker the work gets done and the more people you can actually help. So remember great 4-H superheroes are always teaching helping others to become superheroes as well.

Conclusion:

It’s always important to remember that unlike the movies 4-H superheroes are not born they are made! As I said earlier 4-H helps young people to become superheroes by teaching them learn how to make a difference, giving them a chance to put those skills to work, and showing them the value of teaching others how to serve. So if you could excuse me I must be off... “It’s a bird, it’s a plane, no it’s a 4-H superhero...striving to make a difference!”