

4-H Legislature Prep Materials

Lesson 1: Introduction

1. Understanding the three branches of government
2. How a bill becomes a law
3. What is a mock legislature? What is Florida 4-H Legislature?

Lesson 2: Government Overview & Researching Information

1. Government overview & the democratic process (civic/political literacy)
2. Understanding formal & informal government structures.
3. Apply moral and ethical valuing processes to public policy making
4. Researching and gathering information on issues

Lesson 3: Bill Analysis & Decision Making

1. How to identify an appropriate strategy for a given situation & legislative bill analysis
2. Become aware of societal issues and potential solutions
3. Apply logic and identifying potential solutions within the context of issues

Lesson 4: Mock Legislature

1. Understand parliamentary procedures.
2. Gain communication skills.
3. Listen to varying viewpoints.
4. Respect the opinions and rights of others.

Lesson 5 (Spotlight on Lobbyists I): The Lobbyist

1. What is a lobbyist/What is the role of a lobbyist
2. Characteristics of a Good Lobbyist
 - a. Communicating your point of view
 - b. Apply moral and ethical valuing processes to public policy making

Lesson 6 (Spotlight on Lobbyists II): 4-H Lobby Groups (available online: <http://my.brainshark.com/Lesson6-LobbyGroups-final-284813902> or in PowerPoint slides with script)

1. The 4-H Lobby Groups: An In-Depth Look
 - a. What is a lobby group?
 - b. What are the lobby groups?
 - c. The Philosophy of Each Group & the lobbyist's role

Lesson 7 (Spotlight on Lobbyists III): Supporting Your Point of View & Preparing to be a Lobbyist

1. Developing reasons supporting your point of view - Persuasion
2. Preparing to be a lobbyist @ 4-H LEG
 - a. Office hours
 - b. Amendments
 - c. Responsibilities of a 4-H LEG "page"
3. 4-H LEG lobbyist schedule

Adult Orientation (available online: <http://my.brainshark.com/AdultOrientation-100771405> or in PowerPoint slides with script)

1. 4-H LEG: How to Survive a Youth Driven Event
 - a. What is a youth-driven event vs a youth-adult partnership?
 - b. What is 4-H LEG
 - c. The manuals
 - d. What can adults expect to see or do
 - e. The Schedule
 - f. Adult assignments