

# Hands for Larger Service

A JOURNAL DEDICATED TO ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

## Civic Engagement: Activism

Activism is the action of campaigning for political or social change. As youth, it is important for you to stand up for the rights and opportunities for yourself and those around you. Challenging those in power to rethink their rules and regulations is a great way to make a positive change in your community. Share your concerns and ideas with those who have authority to seek improvement in your community. Never doubt the power of your voice and influence!



### What does your community need?



With your community club this month, identify something you find unfair or unjust in your community. This can be anything from not enough physical activity in school to a policy at county fair. After you agree on an issue to address, figure out who has the power to make change. As a group, write a letter to that person or organization. Ask for the specific change you want to see and explain why it is important. Advocacy is a great way to demonstrate the power of 4-H members!

### Eugene Teen Court

Springfield 4-H member, Meagan Davis, gives back to her community through Eugene Teen Court. This program gives accountable youth a chance to take responsibility for their actions and fix their mistakes. There are many roles to be filled at Teen Court, but Meagan's favorite is Defendant Advisor. With Teen Court, youth learn skills in decision making, communication, law, and ethics. Check out their [website](#) if you are interested in joining. Good work, Meagan!

