

Mapping Your 4-H Club Community

Description: Club members / leaders find their addresses on a map of Washington County and the Special Emphasis Team marks the locations as well as the club meeting place with a marker.

Purpose: To see where all of the club members and leaders live and compare those locations to the club meeting location.

Time: 10 minutes

Age/Grade Level: All members can participate. Younger members that know their address may need help locating it on the map.

Suggestions: If Special Emphasis team members are not comfortable with their map skills, take some time looking at the map. A GPS program on a phone may help locate some addresses if needed, or an adult leader or parent can help. You can also mark Washington County Fair Park and the PAC (Public Agency Center where the County 4-H office is) on the map ahead of time.

Materials:

- Washington County map (an older map is included in the binder. Feel free to use a newer one if one is available to you)
- A fine point marker or pen
- A ruler
- Optional: phone with GPS, calculator

What To Do: Locate on the map where the club meets. You may want to do this in a different color than the members use for the next step. Allow members to locate their home address on the map and mark it with a dot. (This could be done during attendance to make it orderly, especially with larger clubs.)

Reflection Questions:

(Use 1.7 miles for each inch on the map as an approximate scale.)

- Which club member lives the farthest from the club meeting place? The nearest?
- Which two members live the farthest apart?
- Is your club community condensed or spread out?
- How far is your club meeting place from Fair Park?
- Where approximately is the center of all of the members' addresses? What is there?

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Sources:

- County maps supplied by various sponsors as listed on the maps.
- <http://www.stevemorse.org/nearest/distance.php>