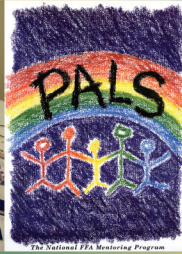


GROW YOUR PALS PROGRAM GUIDE



THE NATIONAL FFA MENTORING PROGRAM

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ACTIVITY

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It's a Zoo! Creating a Petting Zoo

Unit:
TEAMWORK

PRECEPTS

E. Awareness

E1. Address issues important to the community

NATIONAL STANDARDS

AS.08.01.01.a. Evaluate the effects of animal agriculture on the environment.

NL-ENG.K-12.12 – Applying Language Skills

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

As a result of this lesson, the student will ...

- Define “awareness.”
- Discuss the role of animals in agriculture





TIME

Instruction time for this lesson: **Varies based on the location chosen for the trip.**



NUMBER OF STUDENTS

From a pair of students to an entire class



TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- ✓ Livestock and/or pets
- ✓ Guest presenters



DESCRIPTION

It's a zoo out here! Bring animals and presenters to the school to share about animal agriculture. Create awareness of agriculture and peak their interest by allowing PALS to pet and interact with the animals

DIRECTIONS

Prior to the event:

1. *Designate a time and location for the event.*
2. *Send out invitations to PALS and their mentors.*
3. *Select potential presenters for the event. They could be FFA members or community members. Ask the presenters to provide animals for the PALS to view during the presentation.*

Potential presentations:

- *Dogs and their role in agriculture*
- *Sheep and/or goats*
- *Beef and/or dairy cattle*
- *Horses*
- *Ducks and/or chickens*

4. *Contact presenters and make sure they are available and willing to be involved in the event. Be sure to specify the length of presentation you are wanting and ask what equipment the FFA chapter/school will need to provide for their presentations. Ensure that any animals provided by presenters are healthy and have current vaccinations and required health papers.*
5. *Set up presenters in stations and have the PALS rotate between the stations.*
6. *Gather thank you gifts/cards for presenters to be distributed at the end of the event.*

During the event:

1. *Welcome the PALS to the agriculture zoo! Share the importance of agriculture awareness and the important role animals play in agriculture.*



Welcome to the zoo! Raise your hand if you are regularly around large animals. How about small animals? Excellent. Today is a special event just for you to learn the important role animals play in agriculture. Some animals are directly involved, as they are raised for their meat. Other animals are raised for the products they provide, such as wool, eggs or milk. A special group of animals, such as horses and dogs, work on a farm or ranch.

Animals provide meat, eggs, milk, wool and leather, just to name a few. Think about an animal product you have already consumed or used today. Who will share?

Let's get started! At the agricultural zoo, we will rotate between the stations in event groups.

2. *Divide the PALS into event groups to rotate in; use a car horn or a bell to designate when they are to move to the next station.*
3. *Gather the group together again at the end of the presentation and review the information they learned today and present thank you gifts/cards to the volunteer presenters.*



Let's begin by thanking our teachers today! Thank you for your time and for sharing your animals with us!

Did you have fun today? Excellent! Who will share a new fact they learned today?

Great! These new facts prove that you are developing awareness of agriculture and have a greater understanding of where your food and fiber come from.



4. Use the connection questions below to conclude the event with your PALS.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

Discuss with your PALS the following questions:

1. What does “awareness” mean?
2. Describe at least one animal and their role in agriculture production.
3. List examples of animal products you use on a regular basis.

WRAP UP



Agriculture awareness is important so that we understand where the products we use everyday come from. Animals in particular are a vital part of a farm and agriculture. We use animal products; and animals also have working jobs on the farms. I hope you enjoyed the agricultural zoo today!