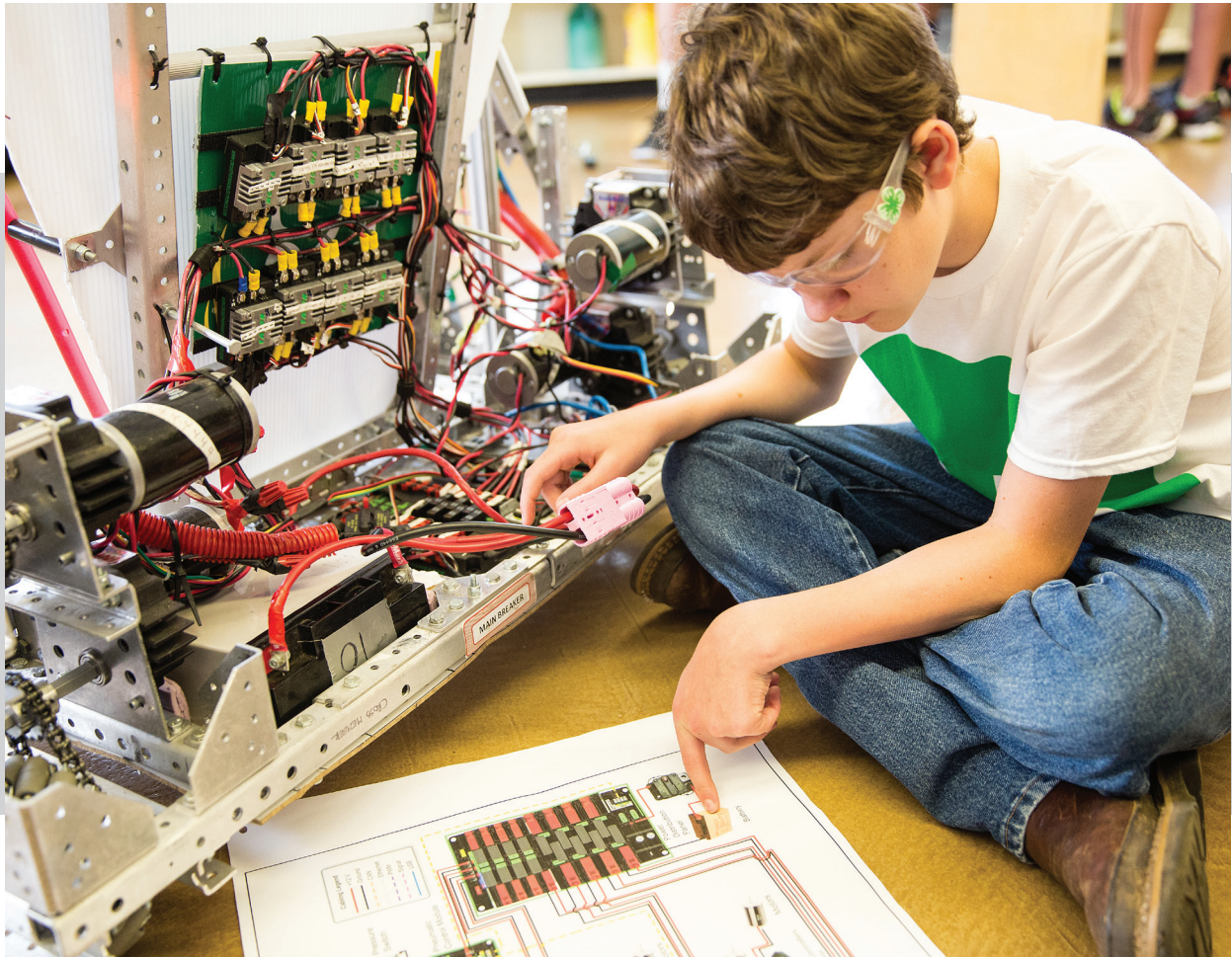


UTAH 4-H



Career Readiness Workshops



DEGREE EXPLORATION For Senior 4-H Youth



DEGREE EXPLORATION

Introduction



According to the 2015 Manpower Group Talent Shortage Survey, one in three U.S. employers have a hard time filling positions due to potential employee's talent shortage. 48% of U.S. employers acknowledge that talent shortages have an impact on their business. Despite this lack of know-how in today's workplace, more youth than ever are graduating high school and pursuing postsecondary education.

However, youth are still lacking the critical expertise that will help them succeed in their careers. This creates a very real career readiness gap in America. Teaching youth to connect the passions and skills they learn in 4-H with a secondary education degree will lead them toward becoming successful adults who contribute to their communities.

Supplies

- Dice Labeled with Project Area Search Words (see list below)
- Computer, Smart Phones, or Tablets
- Connect Degree Finder Print Outs (laminated or multiple copies)
- Pen/Pencils

Set Up



Label each dice with the search words related to the different project areas. Pass out enough Connect Degree Finder Worksheets – one per group of two people. Give each person a pen/pencil. Load the website: <https://www.usu.edu/degrees/> on each device.

Activity



Ask each youth to grab a dice that matches the project area(s) that they focus on in 4-H. Explain that finding the right fit for secondary education is the best bridge that they can build from 4-H to a successful career. The first step toward higher education is searching through a lot of information so that they can make well-informed decisions. Most people don't know about all of the opportunities available that match their needs.

Ask them to partner up, but each person should have their own device to search Degree Finder. Explain that we will be playing our own version of Connect by searching the words on the dice. The facilitator will call out a number 1-5, to determine how many times everyone should roll their dice. Once they've finished rolling the dice, they will search the word on Degree Finder. Walk them through where to find each of the items on their Connect worksheet:

1. Degree You are Interested in
2. Department
3. College
4. Career Options
5. About this Degree
6. Advisor
7. Where the Degree is Offered
8. How to Get Involved

As each person has found the answer to one of the squares, they each write the answer on the blank. The object is to repeat the dice rolling until someone has successfully completed three squares in a row. Tell youth to be strategic about blocking their opponent, and trying to connect three squares at the same time. Once anyone in the room gets 3 in a row, they should shout it out, and share something they learned. Everyone starts over when someone connects three squares.

← Wrap Up

Talk to youth about what they've learned.

1. What did you learn that surprised you?
2. Did anyone find a degree that looked interesting? Why?
3. Why is it important to learn about different opportunities?

Citations

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Dice Labeling List

Yellow: Leadership

1. Business
2. Communication
3. Team
4. Teaching
5. Military
6. Politics

Green: Working Inside (Office)

1. Medicine
2. Law
3. Mathematics
4. Therapy
5. Education
6. History

Red: Animal Science

1. Animal
2. Biology
3. Veterinarian
4. Food
5. Agriculture
6. Farm

Orange: Working Outdoors

1. Exercise
2. Construction
3. Welding
4. Outdoors
5. Environment
6. Recreation

Blue: STEM

1. Biology
2. Chemistry
3. Engineering
4. Computer
5. Programming
6. Technology

Purple: Family and Consumer Science

1. Food
2. Consumer
3. Family
4. Sewing
5. Science
6. Finance

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Department:	Career Options:	About this Degree:	Advisor:	Degree you're interested in:
Where is the degree offered:	How to get involved:	College:	What it takes:	Department:
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