

CAREER CLUSTER ACTIVITY IDEAS

Choose the most appropriate ideas below to help your family members learn about Career Clusters. Which activities did they like most? At which activities did they excel? Which Clusters did they want to research most? What skills emerged from the activities? Try to think of more activities to build on their interests. Have fun!!!



Agriculture, Food Production & Natural Resources

- Plant flowers & vegetables.
- Pick up litter and recycle in your neighborhood.
- Help take care of a pet.
- Visit a working farm or zoo.
- Identify trees and shrubs in your neighborhood.
- Go camping & keep a journal of all the plants & animals you see. Choose one to research.

Architecture & Construction

- Design your dream house.
- Help paint your bedroom.
- Draw a map of your street.
- Design a birdhouse, prepare your budget, and build it.
- Follow the progress of a construction project; keep a journal of the changes you see.
- Watch an appliance being repaired & ask questions, but don't get in the way!

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications

- Write & deliver a news report that describes what you did over the weekend. Video it.
- Compose a song or poem about your favorite personal possession. Video yourself.
- Visit a museum. Draw your favorite display & describe it.
- Make a photo collage of your friends.

Business, Management & Administration

- Become a club officer.
- Manage a fundraiser.
- Organize a school event.
- Interview an accountant or chief executive.
- Make an appointment to visit a small business and talk with the manager/owner.
- Clean your room. Sort and file all your papers.

Education & Training

- Tutor a family member.
- Teach a friend how to do a skill you're really good at.
- Interview a teacher about the pros and cons of the job.
- Visit a college campus.
- Become a camp counselor.
- Help others feel successful.
- Plan a family field trip.
- Shadow a librarian.
- Read to an elderly person.

Finance

- Ask a family member if you can borrow \$5.00 with an interest fee of 5% of the total amount. Sign an agreement to pay back \$1.05 each month for 5 months.
- Be treasurer for a school club.
- Interview an accountant or an insurance sales agent.
- Keep a spreadsheet of everything you spend in a month.

Government & Public Administration

- Plan a personal budget.
- Make a persuasive speech to convince your parents of something you want.
- Speak to your local legislator.
- Volunteer to campaign for a political candidate.
- Run for class president.
- Attend a city planning meeting.
- Interview an urban planner.

Health Science

- Find out where the first aid supplies are in your home & learn how to use them.
- Help your family plan a week of healthy, well-balanced meals.
- Interview the school nurse.
- Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House.
- Visit the National Museum of Health and Medicine.
- Draw & label the body parts.

Hospitality & Tourism

- Learn to cook your favorite dish.
- Serve a meal to your family.
- Plan a family trip – where you will go, what you will see, and how much it will cost.
- Make friends with people who have moved here from other countries.
- Show a new student around your school.

Human Services

- Participate in fitness classes.
- Volunteer at a nursing home or homeless shelter.
- Participate in Key Club or another community service organization.
- Interview the owner of a hair salon, a dry-cleaning business, or a funeral parlor.
- Volunteer at your community food bank.

Information Technology

- Create a personal website.
- Take apart an old computer.
- Interview a Database Administrator.
- Enter a robotics contest.
- Install software.
- Join a computer/technology club at your school.
- Learn a computer programming language.
- Develop an app.

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

- Listen to a local police scanner.
- Volunteer as a national junior firefighter.
- Learn CPR and first aid.
- Interview a police officer, a judge, or private investigator.
- Become a lifeguard.
- Learn about local fish and game laws.

Manufacturing

- Bake something yummy for a school bake sale.
- Build a birdhouse or shelf out of wood.
- Sew, knit, or crochet a scarf.
- Make a beaded necklace.
- Interview a welder, millwright or engineering technician.
- Build a container using popsicle sticks.
- Tour a modular home factory.

Marketing, Sales & Service

- Design an advertisement for an item you want to sell.
- Arrange flowers from your garden in a vase.
- Shadow a retail sales clerk at your favorite store.
- Interview a realtor.
- Initiate a marketing survey to discover which rock groups your friends like most. Chart and share your results.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

- Fill a jar with objects, e.g., marbles or pretzels. Family estimates the number & the closest wins the contents!
- Engineers are professional problem-solvers. How many different kinds of engineers can you learn about?
- Interview an economist, physicist, or statistician.

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- Public transportation – what's available near your home?
- Visit the Air Mobility Command Museum.
- Take a ride on the Wilmington & Western Railroad.
- Interview a professional driver, pilot or captain.
- Research *logistician*.