New Mexico 4-H
The Art of Clowning

The Art of Clowning introduces youth to the opportunities, projects, and fun related to clowning. Youth explore what clowning is and create projects that assist them in becoming a clown.

4-Hers Will:
- Learn the history of clowning
- Learn clown etiquette
- Learn about costuming, including making wigs
- Learn about props and equipment
- Experiment with make-up and dress
- Learn Pantomime
- Learn about balloon sculpture

Material Included In This Project:
- The Art of Clowning Member Guide 200.A-36 (N-96)
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop 400.A-30
- Project Record Form 300.A-7

What Can Be Done:
- County Fair or Achievement Day
  - Clowning Exhibit showcasing what you have learned
- Citizenship Activities
  - Paint faces at a local camp or daycare
  - Visit a local hospital and entertain
  - Put on a show at the local retirement home or senior center
  - Make balloon animals to promote 4-H and give them out for National 4-H Week
  - Come up with your own unique community service using your clowning project

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• **Leadership Activities**
  - Teach a workshop on pantomime to the Cloverbuds
  - Organize a talent show featuring you as the head clown
  - Teach your club how to make a crocheted loop wig
  - Give a talk on Clown Etiquette

• **Other Activities**
  - Complete your Record Form, as a Senior you can submit a State 4-H Record Book in Clowning
  - Observe clowns at events or on television and write down your observations
  - Attend project meetings and work with your project club to organize activities related to Clowning
  - Enter the State 4-H Talent Contest as a clown

**Other Projects That Might Interest You:**
- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Public Speaking
- This is 4-H
- Understanding Preschool Children
- Arts & Crafts

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