

Michigan 4-H Youth Development CAREER EDUCATION HANDOUT

# WOW! Wild Over Work

**WOW!** is designed to help teachers and volunteers introduce children aged 5 to 12 to skills that they will need to succeed in the work world today and in the future and have fun at the same time. The common thread among the four themes is options! The elementary years are a great time for children to begin exploring different career possibilities and developing good work habits. The idea is to expose children to a variety of options, to help them gather information, and to think about the future.

**WOW!** contains a total of 23 activities that can easily be integrated into existing 4-H programs, after-school programs, and school classrooms.

<b>Work Around Me</b>
Children explore how they and the people around them work to “get the job done.”
<b>Work in My Community</b>
Where children learn about the people and jobs needed to make their communities function.
<b>Work Around the World</b>
Where children learn about the similarities, differences, and connections they have with work around the world.
<b>Work in My Future</b>
Where children begin to explore career options and what they can do now to prepare for the future.



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