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Container on Boat to Armenia

A few weeks ago, several individuals moved boxes and totes full of textbooks (variety of levels), desks, chairs, children's picture books, class room posters and equipment, 4-H project books and related materials, and sewing materials from our storage onto a 40-foot shipping container. Uplift Armenia is grateful for all the donations and financial support to ward achieving this goal.



The materials will be unloaded and coordinated by our new hires (Chris, Marian, and Marine) in Armenia. They are working with Vardges Davtyan, president of the Lukashin Agricultural Association in Armavir marz (province), Armenia. A bank account has been established with the Lukashin Agricultural Association to pay for shipping and labor. Vardges is providing storage space free of charge and will renovate a room for our 4-H projects and library. Monies will be necessary to replace windows and walls.



Education is the Key

The efforts to establish 4-H projects and a agricultural library will provide opportunities for students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) These opportunities can lead to studies in vocational subjects, and further into scientific research. Vocational training and technical training is considered essential to prepare some students for some specialization in high school and two-year programs. Further, courses in liberal arts or cultural subjects, such as history, English, economics, sociology, educational instruction, are offered to enable agricultural students to acquire the essential training in culture and general education for useful service and leadership in the various pursuits open to agricultural

Fundraising Challenge for shipping and construction needs:

Uplift Armenia received a Financial Challenge to raise \$14,000 to help pay for the shipping container and repairs to the library and classroom. An anonymous donor will match donations up to \$7,000. As of mid-May \$1,600 has been received. Thus, we need to \$5,400 more to meet the Challenge. One way to reach this goal is to seek Corporate donors. A contribution of \$250 will have the company name and logo, product, email and/or general address listed in the newsletter. Please seek out businesses or individuals to support the 4-H program in Armenia.

Education is the Key continued

graduates. Such liberal arts training is essential for the development of highest type of citizenship (citizenship in one country and worldwide citizenship) One of the greatest contributions made to higher education is the development of scientific research. Agricultural progress on the farm or in the classroom has been materially aided by science. As problems of the farm increase, there is a greater demand for this knowledge. Farming is a way of life and rural life needs to be attractive and must provide opportunities for services and rewards equal to those offered in other kinds of pursuits. (Portions extracted from the *YearBook of Agruculture, 1927*, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, 1928)



Armenian 4-H Youth Program

*Experiential Learning – Increasing Skills & Improving Knowledge
Focused on youth aged 7 to 17 and creating a better world for all.*

Clubs	Experiential Educational Objectives	Project Expectation
Artificial Intelligence	Combining science, technology and weather for decision-making. Collecting data over time to analyze and predict outcomes.	Study a focus area of agricultural production. Author a short report.* As a club, develop a comprehensive artificial intelligence package.
Beekeeping	Anatomy of bee. Cycle of production of honey. Set-up of a beehive. Evaluating production.	Study beekeeping literature. Visit a beekeeping operation. Author a short report.* As a club, set-up beehive, care for bees and monitor activity.
Bicycling	Components of a bicycle. Maintaining and repairing a bicycle. Bicycling safety and standard rules. Planning for bicycle trails.	Study bicycling literature focused on repairs, maintenance and safety. Author short report.* As a club, increase each other's knowledge and skills in riding and log distances rode.
Book	Enhance English reading and writing skills. Use of illustrations in literature. Evaluating literature.	Read book(s) and keep a reading log. Author a book to share with others. As a club, operate an early childhood reading program. Record the child's reaction to the program.
Ecology	Environmental sustainability. Soil science and erosion protection. The recycling process. Conservation of soil and water. Weather evaluation and forecasting.	Study a component of ecology. Author short report.* As a club, develop a recycling program, composting program, soil testing lab, set-up and monitor a weather station.
Gardening	Growing of flowers. Growing of vegetables. Irrigation of crops. Marketing flowers and produce.	Study the production of specific flower(s) or vegetable(s). Present self-made sample flower(s) or vegetable(s). Author short report.* As a club, tour gardens and build outdoor hotbed.
Health	Habits of personal health. Mental health and relaxation. Types of fitness exercise techniques.	Study literature related to a component of human health. Keep a personal record of diet and fitness habits. Author short report.* As a club, organize and lead Yoga Class(es).
Photography	Parts of the camera. Photographic techniques and media. Storage and reproduction.	Study of a component of a camera. Present sample self-made photograph(s). Author short report.* As a club, take photos of people, buildings, streetscape, animals, etc. and develop a scrapbook of photographic techniques used.
Sewing	Parts of the sewing machine and tools. Sewing techniques and materials. Types of sewing. Maintenance and repair of clothing.	Study of a component of sewing. Present a self-made sewing project. Author short report.* As a club, produce a blanket, quilt or other composite of materials.
Woodworking	Types of wood and tools. Reading and drafting plans for wood-working. Techniques for cutting, assembling and finishing wood products.	Study of a component of woodworking. Present a self-made woodworking project. Author short report.* As a club, tour workshops, layout and setup workshop, assemble and finish wooden chairs.

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