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### *Trades Program for Kids Offered by EDC and 4-H*

San Juan County kids are invited to learn about the skilled trades through free, fun projects organized by the Economic Development Council (EDC) and WSU Extension's San Juan County 4-H Program. Up first, the EDC is offering 25 motor kits to kids residing in San Juan County. Kids who pick up the kits (one kit per family) are invited to a problem-solving session on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 – 6:00 PM, hosted by 4-H.

At the problem-solving session, kids will help each other, meet kids from other islands, and do a Q&A session with an apprentice electrician.

The motor kits are designed for kids ages 10 years and up and are fun and informative (EDC staff tested). Less experienced kids would enjoy working with friends or older family members; more experienced kids would enjoy modifying the kit or helping others.

For information about the kits, where to pick them up your island, and how to register for the Q&A session, see: <https://www.sanjuansedc.org/youth-trades/>.

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*The San Juan County Economic Development Council (EDC) strives to support small rural enterprises, and conduct projects to stimulate new job creation, strengthen the economic base for working families, and support overall quality of life for islanders.*

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