



Pennsylvania 4-H Alumni Newsletter

Summer/Fall 2001

Celebrating 100 years of 4-H

4-H celebrates its centennial as America's premier youth development organization in 2002. Reflecting its historic vision, 4-H plans to commemorate this event through conversations that will bring together our nation's volunteers, youth, youth leaders, and communities to create youth development strategies for the future.



One major part of the 4-H 100th Anniversary celebration will be a series of Conversations on Youth Development in the 21st Century. Our state conversation will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2002 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College at the University Park Campus of Penn State. We anticipate 200 people coming together to discuss a common question, "Within the next three to five years, what are the most important actions we can take to create the future we want for youth, ourselves, and our community?" Five ideals, which evolved out of the National 4-H Strategic Plan, will provide the framework for the conversations.



These ideals include:

Power of Youth;
Access, Equity, and Opportunity;
An Extraordinary Place to Live and Learn;
Exceptional People, Innovative Practices; and
Effective Organizational Systems.



On February 28-March 3, 2002, a nationwide conversation will be convened in Washington, DC. The results of these conversations will be:

- * A strength-based planning tool available for use across the nation
- * A national curriculum for youth development professionals
- * A compact for civic engagement among our nation's youth
- * A nationwide "Power of Youth Pledge" to revitalize our communities



The national goal is to include 100,000 youth and adults in the discussions culminating in a report to President Bush, the Secretary of Agriculture, and Congress outlining how youth can meet their potential in the years ahead.

A web site is dedicated to commemorate the 4-H centennial at <http://www.4hcentennial.org/>

- Michael Martin
State 4-H Centennial Coordinator

4-H Member Recognition Award College of Agricultural Sciences

The College of Agricultural Sciences has recognized outstanding Pennsylvania 4-H members for their excellence in the 4-H Youth Development program honoring them for their leadership, community service, and communication skills. "We are so pleased to recognize the talents of Pennsylvania 4-H'ers who are outstanding role models and community leaders," reports Marilyn Corbin, Assistant Director for Cooperative Extension. The first annual 4-H member recognition awards will be presented to eight youth across Pennsylvania, one in each Extension region. Youth were chosen from nominees submitted from each county. Applicants for the award are currently 4-H members and have been 4-H members for at least three years. They are also at least juniors in high school.

The 2001 awardees are:

Laura Ferringer	Southwest Region
Heather Yedinak	Northeast Region
Paula Deeter	Northwest Region
Deidra Smith	South Central Region
Briana Shealer	Southeast Region
Paul Johnson	North Central Region
Nathan Jarrett	Susquehanna Region
Melinda Reichard	Capital Region

-Christy Kohler Bartley
Youth Program Coordinator

Calling All 4-H Alumni

More than 45 million people in the United States are 4-H alumni. As 4-H approaches its national centennial, the organization hopes to reestablish contact with members and volunteers from years gone by.

"We have been touched by the stories of people who had 4-H experiences that altered the course of their lives," says Marilyn Corbin, Assistant Director of Cooperative Extension and State Program Leader for Children, Youth and Families.

"While we have been able to keep in touch with many alumni, we know there are countless others with whom we've lost contact. I think they would be pleased and proud to see what 4-H is doing in our communities now,

and their insights could benefit today's youth."

During the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA during January 2002, 4-H will recognize the eldest 4-H alumni in the state. The organization is asking for help to locate 4-H alumni.

If you know a 4-H alumni who feels that 4-H made a difference in their life, please consider nominating them by sending their name and contact information to:

Michael Martin
State 4-H Centennial Coordinator
507 Keller Building
University Park, PA 16802

2001 State 4-H Achievement Days

The 2001 State 4-H Achievement Days hosted 863 4-H members from 60 counties. The event was held from July 24-26, 2001 at Penn State University, University Park Campus.

Dr. Jep Hostetler, from Ohio State University, was our keynote speaker this year. His speech was titled "Joy Factor". Jep talked about life and how everyone should enjoy life as much as they can.

Pennsylvania will have several 4-H members at national 4-H contests.

Wyoming County – 1st place Sr. Horse Judging Team, Indiana County – 1st place Horse Bowl Team, Bradford County – 1st place Public Speech Horse, Montgomery County – 1st place Team Demonstration Horse, Perry County – 1st place Demonstration Horse, Erie County – 1st place Hippology Team, Lebanon County – 1st place Livestock Judging Team, Somerset County – 1st place Dairy Bowl Team, York County – 1st place Dairy Judging Team, Indiana County – 1st place Compact Tractor Driving, Cumberland County – 1st place Tractor Driving, Westmoreland County – 1st place Horticulture Judging, and Clearfield County – 1st place Demonstration Horticulture.

We congratulate all the state winners and wish good luck to those competing at the national level.

Achievement Days is scheduled for July 30, 31, and August 1, 2002.

-Phil Hoy
Youth Program Management Coordinator

A Look at the Pennsylvania State 4-H Program

As the Pennsylvania State 4-H Program enters the 21st century it continues to be a strong youth development program. Youth are involved in many local, county, regional, state, and national programs and events. The strength of the 4-H program stems from the many dedicated volunteers and hard working 4-H agents. In 2000, Pennsylvania had 123,220 4-H member enrolled. Below is a statistical breakdown of those members.

1999-2000 INVOLVEMENT IN 4-H IN PENNSYLVANIA

4-H Members:

Boys	59,519	(48.3%)
Girls	<u>63,701</u>	(51.7%)
Total	123,220	

4-H Members by Residence:

Cities	7,404	(06%)
Suburbs	48,043	(39%)
Towns (10-50,000)	30,377	(24.7%)
Towns (<10,000)	11,572	(09.3%)
Farms	25,824	(21%)

Racial-Ethnic Characteristics:

White	81.5%
African American	13.8%
American Indian	.001%
Hispanic	.04%
Asian	.01%

4-H Members by Age:

8-12 yrs.	77.5%
13-15 yrs.	16.1%
16-19 yrs.	06.4%

Total Youth Served:

Enrolled 4-H Members	123,220
Other Youth Served	<u>54,639</u>
Total Youth Served	177,859

4-H Volunteer Leaders:

Adult	9,987
Teen	<u>1,772</u>
Total	11,759

SCOPE OF PRESENT PROGRAM

<i>ANIMAL SCIENCES</i>	84,335
<i>PLANT SCIENCES</i>	13,550
<i>LEISURE EDUCATION</i>	5,713
<i>ENGINEERING SCIENCES</i>	6,417
<i>NATURAL SCIENCES</i>	13,470
<i>ECON., JOBS & CAREERS</i>	3,560
<i>CITIZENSHIP & COMM. DEV.</i>	3,516
<i>COMMUNICATIONS</i>	1,570
<i>ENERGY</i>	86
<i>HEALTH AND SAFETY</i>	1,305
<i>INTRO., GENERAL, MISC.</i>	818
<i>IND. & FAM. RES.</i>	<u>44,287</u>
Total	183,360

-Phil Hoy
Youth Program Management Coordinator

4-H Featured at 2002 Farm Show

In celebration of 100 years of 4-H, the 2002 Farm Show, an annual event in Harrisburg, will feature 4-H and highlight the centennial celebration. The Governor will mention the centennial in his opening remarks and a special 4-H Centennial display is in development for the event. The search is on to find the eldest 4-H'er in Pennsylvania, who will be recognized at the show.

The presence of 4-H will be visible in other ways as well. If you plan to attend the event, take notice of how strongly the 4-H presence is felt!

-Patti Fantaske
Curriculum Management Coordinator, 4-H/Youth

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Visit the 4-H Alumni Guestbook

The 4-H Alumni web page now has a guestbook available where you may leave a message, look for an old 4-H friend, and tell others what you are up to now. View the page at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/4halumni.html>. Please direct other 4-H alumni you know to sign up on the list.



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YOUR TAX-DEDUCTABLE CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP US MAKE THE 4-H PROGRAM STRONGER. THANK YOU!

Yes, I would like to support 4-H Programs in Pennsylvania by:

- Providing a contribution to the 4-H/Youth Development fund in the amount of: \$20 \$50 \$100 \$_____
- Providing financial support to honor the 4-H Centennial: \$_____
- Becoming a 4-H volunteer leader in _____ County.

Please detach and mail to: Pennsylvania 4-H, 401 Ag Administration Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.

ORDER FORM

State Year 2002 4-H CENTENNIAL Bear

The Year 2002 will mark the 100th anniversary of 4-H in America! Purchase this product for memories of 4-H or use the bear as a gift for only \$11.00.

- What?** Year 2002 4-H Centennial Bean Bear. Green and 7 inches tall with a music chip that plays "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover!" Each bear has the year 1902 printed on the right foot and year 2002 on the left foot. States that order a minimum of 375 bears will have the American flag on the left arm at no extra charge.
- When?** Delivered December 2001/January 2002.
- Why?** Collectible Bean Bears are hot! The primary objective is to raise needed 4-H funds through the Year 2002 4-H Centennial Bean Bear sales. Funds raised will help support state and national 4-H events.
- How?** The Year 2002 Centennial 4-H Bean Bear is available exclusively through the 4-H state office to local clubs and is protected under 18 U.S.C. 707.

Cost? \$11.00 each!

Orders Due State 4-H Office: November 5, 2001

SUBMIT YOUR ORDER, ALONG WITH PAYMENT (CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: "PENN STATE") TO:

Dr. Marilyn Corbin
The Pennsylvania State University
Cooperative Extension & Outreach
401 Agricultural Administration Building
University Park, PA 16802
(Phone: 814-863-6109; Fax: 814-863-7776; E-mail: MCorbin@psu.edu)

YOUR ORDER WILL BE MAILED TO YOU AT THE NAME AND ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE SPACE BELOW. IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORDER OR THE 4-H CENTENNIAL, PLEASE FEEL TO CONTACT ME OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/centennial.html>.

<i>SHIP TO:</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit Price</i>	<i>Order Total</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
Name: Address: Phone: E-mail (optional):		\$11.00		
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