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## New Year Brings Changes to ATS by Christy Bartley

As you know, Dr. Lewis retired on December 30, 2005. I will be taking charge of editing *Around the State in 4-H* while Marissa Coke ([mdc11@psu.edu](mailto:mdc11@psu.edu)), our new 4-H staff assistant, will take over compilation and design duties for the newsletter. If you have information that you would like included in ATS please send it to Marissa. Deadlines will be close to the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. In situations where the 1<sup>st</sup> may fall on a weekend, articles will be due the following Monday.

About four years ago, I worked with the Youth Program Coordinating Council Advisory Committee on a communications review. At that time, it was believed that multiple ways of communicating were important to being sure the message was heard. Those ways of communicating included ATS, emails, postings to the web sites, and individual faculty newsletters. Since we are in the midst of change, it makes sense to re-evaluate our communication tools once again. Should we continue with ATS? Are emails and web site updates adequate? Should we keep ATS and enhance the types of articles? Please feel free to share comments with me at [cek4@psu.edu](mailto:cek4@psu.edu) or with your region's representative to the YPCC Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will meet again on February 22 and will discuss this issue further.

## Nominations Open for 4-H Fund Development Council

Do you know someone who would be a great candidate for the statewide 4-H development council? Success is built upon a strong base. We have initially been successful with efforts but must continue to challenge ourselves and the individuals with whom we work to set higher goals. We are continually seeking highly qualified candidates to help raise funds for Pennsylvania 4-H. The 4-H development council currently meets quarterly with the sole purpose of increasing financial support for Pennsylvania 4-H from the private sector.

Do you have a professional relationship with a top-notch banker or financial manager that values the educational work we do in 4-H? How about a legislator or lawyer? A local government official? We are looking for individuals that are willing to financially support the 4-H program themselves while helping us raise the tide of private sector support for 4-H across the Commonwealth.

Contact Christy Bartley (814-863-3828 or [cek4@psu.edu](mailto:cek4@psu.edu)) or Michael Martin (814-863-2754 or [mmartin@psu.edu](mailto:mmartin@psu.edu)) and provide contact information for your nominee

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## 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations due February 20, 2006

The National 4-H Hall of Fame honors 4-H volunteers, supporters, staff and pioneers who made major contributions to 4-H at local, state and national levels. People who have been previously nominated but not selected must be resubmitted. People currently employed by 4-H or extension or who have administrative responsibility over 4-H or extension within the land-grant university or federal extension system will not be considered until retired or deceased for a minimum of three years prior to the date of nomination.

Nominations should include the impact that the individual has had on the 4-H program. Please visit the Hall of Fame Web site at: <http://www.nae4ha.org/hof/> to view photos, biographies and other interesting information from the recent classes. Nominations should be emailed to Christy Bartley ([cek4@psu.edu](mailto:cek4@psu.edu)) by February 20 for review and submission for the national deadline of February 28.

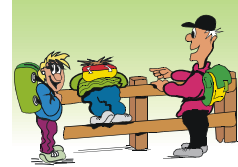
## Salute to Excellence Awards

The Salute to Excellence Awards recognizing 4-H volunteers will take on a new look this year. A regional nomination process will be put in place so volunteers will be judged on the regional level and regional winners identified. Winning regional nominations will then be sent on to national. Further information is to be announced this month. Begin identifying potential nominees and watch your email for further information.

## 4-H Camping Brochure and Registration Templates Available by Claudia Mincemoyer

Outreach Marketing, in consultation with the 4-H camp directors group, developed a camping brochure and registration form for marketing the 4-H camping

program. The brochure is a template developed in Publisher for your use. There are registration forms, card payment the other risk state- provided for you to use or adapt. These three templates are available on the 4-H Web site. Access them from the 4-H Camping Brochure button on the 4-H home page or on the Internal Information page for extension educators.



## HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Are you working on an application for Programs of Distinction? Look at this site for more information:  
<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/pod.htm>.

## Country Boys Documentary Film

by Phil Hoy

Broadcast on PBS January 9-11, 2006 from 9:00-11:00 p.m., Country Boys is an inspirational and gripping coming-of-age story about two boys from Eastern Kentucky's Appalachian region. Filmmaker David Sutherland (THE FARMER'S WIFE) interweaves the distinct narratives of two at-risk adolescents grappling with and overcoming daunting emotional and physical obstacles related to their unique family lives and the economic circumstances of this region. Their individual stories offer valuable insights into the universally complex problems that face all teenagers and those who love and support them.



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## Country Boys continued:

This documentary film or the education module DVD can be used to start conversations in your community about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, developing adult mentoring programs, or build awareness of developmental and emotional needs of youth. There are many sources associated with this documentary. These resources include a discussion guide for the film, information about substance abuse, mentoring, and disconnected youth. One of the national partners for this program is National 4-H.



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- ◆ If you are scheduling time with your legislators please look over the schedule and the times we have built in for your delegates to do visitation.

There is a 4-H Capital Days promotional Brochure available on the web-site

For all this information and more see the Capital Day's web-site at:

<http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/CapitalDays.html>

## 2006 4-H State Days August 1-3, 2006

### *Contest Handbook Available*

The complete contest/educational event handbook is updated and now available.

To check out the web-site please go to: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/AchieveDays.html>

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a state-wide conference call to discuss how this documentary can be used in your communities. We will hold a follow-up conference call in March to share what has been done so far. For more information contact Phil Hoy or go directly to the County Boys website at: <http://www.itvs.org/outreach/countryboys/series/index.html>

## 2006 4-H Capital and 4-H State Days by Lydia Everhart

### 4-H Capital Days April 23-25, 2006

The 2006 4-H Capital Days event is just around the corner. The registration site is open, and there are a few things you will want to pay close attention to:

- ◆ The county quota's have been eliminated; counties are able to send as many delegates as they feel appropriate. Please keep in mind maturity of your delegates when selecting.
- ◆ All chaperones must be 20 years of age or older





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## 2006 4-H State Days continued:

### *Visual Art Track*

Do you have youth that are interested in modeling, marketing, computer design, and journalism? Then this is the event they should attend at 4-H State Achievement Days. Professionals from Penn State will lead them on a hands-on journey through the visual arts where the youth will learn about modeling, photography, journalism, computer design and marketing. If you have youth that are interested this will be their contest/educational event for Wednesday of State Days. Watch the 4-H Web-site in February for a promotional flyer on this event <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/AchieveDays.html>

### **Swim to Pennsylvania 4-H Wildlife Field Day!**

by Sanford Smith

A wildlife "field day" for fun and learning is scheduled on Saturday, April 22, 2006, (9:30 am - 3:00 pm) at Rock Springs (Ag Progress Days Site) near Penn State. This state event is wide open to all 4-H'ers (ages 8 -18) interested in or currently taking wildlife projects. 4-H adult volunteers and parents are also encouraged to attend. There are two program options offered concurrently at the event.

The first option is the "Exploration Option," designed for youth ages 8-11. It includes hands-on wildlife educational activities and guest speakers. This year's theme is "Fascinating Fish." Youth will learn about Pennsylvania's fascinating fish and the watery habitats on which they depend. The outdoor activities will be fun, educational, and exciting!

The second option is the "Challenge Option." It will offer youth, ages 12-18, an opportunity to participate in The Pennsylvania 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest. This is an educational competitive event

that provides a great opportunity for youth to apply their knowledge about wildlife to real life situations. The Challenge will also include a guest speaker, and a habitat tour. There is a project book that can be downloaded from the web site listed below. It will be selected between the ages of 14 and 18 years old to attend the 2006 National Wildlife Evaluation Event.



Volunteer leaders, Educators, and parents are welcome to attend the field day to observe either option. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the field, and bring along snacks and water bottles. There is no fee for the event, but all youth and adults planning to attend should sign up through their County Cooperative Extension Office after February 1, 2006. Extension offices must register participants through the program web site found at: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/wildlifefd.html>

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### Tidbits of Information

- ◆ **Nominations for the 4-H Hall of Fame are due February 20, 2006. See the following website for more information: <http://www.nae4ha.org/hof/>**
- ◆ **Help your county's 4-H clubs report their efforts to help victims of Hurricane Katrina at: <http://www.4husa.org/>**



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## Volunteer Opportunity by Christy Bartley

Last year, I had the opportunity to participate in the Art of Leadership, an intensive leadership development program supported by the 4-H Leadership Trust for new state 4-H leaders. At the last meeting we were asked to identify critical issues that we would work on and provide leadership to when we returned to our states. To my surprise, many state leaders identified volunteer development as a key issue in their state. Due to the common concern, Barbara Stone, the national program leader in professional development, requested a third session to assist state 4-H leaders in addressing the issue of volunteer development. As a part of the third session, state leaders have been asked to bring a key volunteer from their state to work on this issue topic.

I now need your help in identifying a key volunteer who can help us look at volunteer development and provide input to the group. This volunteer would travel with me, all expenses paid, to our next meeting to be held April 18-20. The meeting will be held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This is a great opportunity for a volunteer who is ready to take the next step in their 4-H career, can participate in a positive manner, and can provide the group with thoughtful input on the topic. Please consider volunteers in your county as potential participants. Don't say no because they work and might not want to take off. Let the individual make that decision. I'm looking forward to talking with you about potential participants. Thanks for your help in enhancing volunteer development opportunities in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The 2006 4-H Calendar can be found at:  
<http://pa4h.psu.edu/>

### ◆ February 15-16, 2006

4-H Afterschool Conference

### ◆ Due February 20, 2006

4-H Hall of Fame nominations

(PDF or Word File)

### ◆ February 24-25, 2006

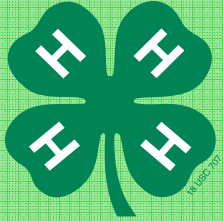
State 4-H Leadership Conference

### ◆ April 1, 2006

2006 Leaders Forum

### ◆ April 23-25, 2006

4-H Capital Days  
(registration due March 1, 2006)



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