



Around the State in 4-H

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4-H and Youth Development



DEALING WITH THE FACTS *(Christy Bartley)*

Mark Twain once said, “Get your facts first, and then you can distort ‘em as much as you please.” Summer is here and, as an Extension Educator, we will spend a lot of time sharing facts. There will be facts from PDA about animal certifications for shows. There will be facts about deadline dates and codes of conduct before youth participate in a variety of events. We’ll even share facts on liability, chaperone guidelines, and ethics with our volunteers.

Once the information is shared, many interpretations will occur. We develop interpretations ourselves as we receive information. The lenses we use to hear and look at information helps to distort the reception and interpretation. We’re all different so our reactions to new information vary. The same will be true for the youth and volunteers involved in your county program. Hearing the same information multiple times may help to soften the distortions that occur.

It is our job to continue to repeat the facts consistently to limit interpretation. Taking 10 minutes on the bus to State Days to review the code of conduct will help reinforce the facts. Meeting with chaperones 30 minutes before an event starts will help reinforce the facts. Being consistent in phone messages, in newsletters, and in everyday interactions with individuals will help to reinforce the facts. Try to deal with distortions of facts as quickly as possible. Keep your co-workers up-to-date, so they don’t become part of the communication problem.

Enjoy your summer programming. May there be limited distortion of the facts!

CAMP GRANTS AWARDED *(Christy Bartley)*

The 4-H camp endowment is growing and so each year we are able to award a few more grants. We are still unable to support every request to the full amount requested, but it is good to see more requests also. It means that more people are thinking about how they can support youth who might not otherwise have a chance to go to camp. Recipients of funding from the endowment for the 2005 program year are: Bradford County, Dauphin County, Delaware County, Lehigh County, McKean County, Potter County, Schuylkill County and Union County.

At the end of the camping season, the grant reports will be placed on the web providing everyone with information on how this endowment has been used to support Pennsylvania’s 4-H Youth Development camping program.

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2004 NORTHEAST STATES 4-H LEADER FORUM SUCCESS CONTINUES INTO THE FUTURE
(Robert Lewis)

At the May 22nd "wrap up" meeting of the 2004 NE States 4-H Leader Forum Planning Committee, several acknowledgments were made. The planning committee, Pennsylvania 4-H Leaders, county and state staff that assisted with and participated in the program were again praised for the success of the Pennsylvania team effort. Over 300 4-H Leaders received information and motivation from the program. Some of the comments that were expressed in various ways throughout the evaluation were:

- * Plan to implement information learned to better our program (13).
- * Hope to be better prepared with new creative ideas (7).
- * Plan to take home and share with other leaders (4).
- * Think this program will add enthusiasm to county program (3).
- * Speakers were good! - Workshops great !(many times)
- * Great location! - Great food! (many times)
- * Excellent forum! One of the best that I have attended in 16 years.
- * Good conference-Thanks for all of the hard work.

Financial highlights include:

- * Seventy three organizations and individuals contributed \$22,974 to operate the program.
- * Many in-kind donations from businesses and hundreds of hours of volunteer time were given.
- * In addition to the private sector, 25 county 4-H programs, two local 4-H clubs, two regional 4-H programs, the PA4-HA, the PA 4-H Leader Education Endowment, Penn State Cooperative Extension, PA Dept. of Agriculture, USDA (CSREES) and University of Connecticut contributed significant amounts of money toward the program.

Future Plans:

After all of the bills are paid, the remaining monies will be added to the existing 4-H Leader Education Endowment. An Advisory Committee (Professional and Volunteer Staff from each region in the state will serve) will be named to oversee the distribution of the monies. Everyone can be proud of what was accomplished and be a part of the plans to strengthen the 4-H program.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES 4-H MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS (Christy Bartley)

Congratulations to the awardees of the College of Agricultural Sciences 4-H Member Recognition Awards and to the Educators who encouraged youth to submit their applications. This year, applications were received from all the regions. Awardees who will be recognized at the 2005 4-H State Achievement Days opening banquet are: Justin Beers, Somerset County—Southwest; Amy Brandt, Dauphin County—Capital; Amy Gevin, Crawford County—Northwest; Lacy Miles, Tioga County—Northeast; Christine Molinaro, Mifflin County—Central; Jennifer Rassler, Lehigh County—Southeast.

STATEWIDE 4-H AFTERSCHOOL CONFERENCE (*Claudia Mincemoyer*)

Date: February 15, 1:00 p.m.-February 16, 3:30 p.m.
Audience: Extension Educators and Community After-school
Collaborators
Location: Ramada Inn and Conference Center, State College,
PA



- Learn about after-school resources, curricula and activities, funding and evaluation strategies, and best practices in after-school programming!
- RFP for concurrent and poster sessions will be sent in late- June 2005.
- Date-saver postcard will be sent in early September 2005 for printing to market conference to local collaborators.
- Look for registration information in November!

FUND-RAISING THROUGH ANNUAL Letters (*Christy Bartley*)

4-H alumni, friends and family are very supportive of Pennsylvania's 4-H Youth Development program. It is one of the reasons why the program is able to receive a fairly high return on annual fund appeal letters compared to other organizations. Of course, new regulations and challenges around fund-raising continually occur. For example, any organization sending appeal letters to California must now be registered in that state as a charitable organization. Other states will probably follow California's lead. Luckily, with 4-H's connection to the Office of University Development, Penn State ensures that fund-raising laws are followed. Although you may not be sending annual appeal letters to alumni in California today, there may be a time when you do send there or another state with a newly enacted law.

We therefore encourage you to work with Michael Martin when sending annual appeal letters. In these joint efforts, the county would provide the cover letter and stamped envelopes for the initial mailing. The Development Office would provide a coded response form and return envelope. Contact Michael at mmartin@psu.edu for further information.

4-H FORESTRY DAY SUCCESS (*Sanford Smith*)

The 2005 Pennsylvania 4-H Forestry Day was held at the Laurel Haven Conservation Education Center in Julian on May 14. Senior (12-18 years old) 4-H members demonstrated their skills in the fields of tree measurements, tree identification, forest health (insect identification, disease identification), compass use, knowledge of forestry principles, and forest evaluation. The first place winner was Christina Hecker from Clinton County, second place was Jackie Beisel from Indiana County, third place was Brennan Stone from Clinton County, and fourth place went to Chad Barkley from Indiana County. These individuals will have the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational held the last week of July at Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center in Weston, West Virginia.

Dr Robert Hansen, Extension Forestry Educator in Bradford County; Mr. David Jackson, Extension Forestry Educator in Centre County; and Dr. Sanford Smith, Extension Specialist in the School of Forest Resources organize the Pennsylvania 4-H Forestry Field Day each spring. The Field Day consists of a junior (non-competitive events) level where younger 4-H members learn about different aspects and skills relating to the care of Pennsylvania forests, and a senior division which is a competitive event where 4-H "foresters" demonstrate their knowledge of forestry and their forestry skills.

NEW POULTRY YOUTH CONTESTS AVAILABLE AT 2006 FARM SHOW (*Philip Clauer*)

Three exciting NEW opportunities will be available for 4-H poultry members at the 2006 Farm Show. The three new contests include a poultry educational poster contest with four topic classes, poultry scrapbook contest (with an individual and team division), and poultry showmanship. The basic rules and information on each contest are below. Please share this information with your 4-H members.

1. Posters

Rules

1. All entries must be made by currently enrolled 4-H and FFA members.
2. Each contestant can enter two poster classes but no more than one poster per class.
3. Each article will be judged according to the exhibit guidelines.
4. Each exhibitor must attach identification to the back of each poster: name, address, zip code, and county.
5. All posters must be 14" x 22" in size. All others will be disqualified.

Premium Schedule

1. 1st (\$16), 2nd (\$14), 3rd (\$12), 4th (\$10)
2. Champion Beginner and Champion Advanced Poster (\$25 and rosette)

Classes

Class A: Science of Poultry: Incubation, diseases, embryology, anatomy (internal, external), research projects, etc.

- a. Class A1 – Beginner Level, Ages 8-12 (by January 1)
- b. Class A2 – Advanced Level, Ages 13-18 (by January 1)

Class B: Breeds and History of Poultry: Breed traits (comb, plumage types), classes, breeds, history

- a. Class B1 – Beginner Level, Ages 8-12 (by January 1)
- b. Class B2 – Advanced Level, Ages 13-18 (by January 1)

Class C: Care of Poultry: Brooding, feeding, housing, management, bio-security, etc.

- a. Class C1 – Beginner Level, Ages 8-12 (by January 1)
- b. Class C2 – Advanced Level, Ages 13-18 (by January 1)

Class D: Consumption of Poultry: Products, food safety, food preparation, eggs, meat, nutritional information

- a. Class D1 – Beginner Level, Ages 8-12 (by January 1)
- b. Class D2 – Advanced Level, Ages 13-18 (by January 1)

2. Scrapbooks

Rules

1. All entries must be made by currently enrolled 4-H and FFA members.
2. Each contestant may enter two scrapbook classes but no more than one scrapbook per class.
3. Each article will be judged according to the exhibit guidelines.
4. Each exhibitor must attach identification to the back of each scrapbook: name, address, zip code, and county.

5. All scrapbooks must be the standard 12" x 12" format, have a creative cover, and a minimum of six pages (front and back). It should include material to tell the member's or club's story of their poultry project activities over the past calendar year. The scrapbook should include photos, articles, ribbons, and other creative ways to graphically tell the member's or club's story.
6. No kits or patterns from commercial sources will be accepted.

Classes

- Class E1 – Beginner Level, Ages 8-12 (by January 1)
- Class E2 – Advanced Level, Ages 13-18 (by January 1)
- Class E3 – Poultry Club Scrapbook

Premium schedule

1. Individual Member Scrapbook Class (Class E1 and E2): 1st (\$16), 2nd (\$14), 3rd (\$12), 4th (\$10), 5th (\$8)
2. Club Scrapbook Class (E3): 1st (\$40), 2nd (\$30), 3rd (\$25), 4th (\$20), 5th (\$10)

3. Youth Poultry Showmanship

Rules

1. All entries must be made by currently enrolled 4-H and FFA members.
2. Bird used for showmanship must meet all PDA health requirements necessary to show poultry at the Farm Show.
3. Showmanship contest will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday, January 7, with a short meeting discussing procedures of the contest. Members and birds are welcome to arrive after 10:00 a.m. A cage will be provided for all birds from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. the day of the contest.
4. Exhibitors will be judged on their ability to handle and examine poultry, the exhibitor's knowledge of poultry, appearance, and actions. Knowledge tested will be age appropriate and consist of questions related to breeds, classes, and standard care and management of poultry. Specific score sheet and requirements can be obtained from Phillip Clauer, Penn State Department of Poultry Science.

Premium Schedule

1. Premium: 1st (\$16), 2nd (\$14), 3rd (\$12), 4th (\$10), 5th (\$8)

Classes

- Class F1 – Junior Level, Ages 9-11 (by January 1)
- Class F2 – Intermediate Level, Ages 12-14 (by January 1)
- Class F3 – Advanced Level, Ages 15-18 (by January 1)

SUMMER CAMP IDEAS !!! -- RESOURCES FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS (*Claudia Mincemoyer*)

The Outdoor Education Research and Evaluation Center offers a collection of free resources to help organizations with summer camps plan their programs, activities, and professional development. Among its offerings are thousands of ideas for group games, tips for leaders, resources to assist with developing a camp philosophy and culture, arts and craft ideas, etc. For more:

<http://www.wilderdom.com/games/IdeasSummerCampActivities.html>

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING (*Carol Schurman*)

The NACAA Annual Meeting will soon be held in Buffalo, NY. As many of you know, we asked during the last year that each of you help us locate talent for the annual Talent Revue. I am happy to report that we have several acts chosen for the event. There were 37 tapes submitted from eight states; of the 17 acts selected, four were from Pennsylvania:

Cassandra Petrilla, Somerset County, tap dance
Erin, Amber, and Lindsey Bensing, Lancaster County, violin and cello instrumental
Rhianna Dean, York County, bagpipe solo
Holli Yohe, Jefferson County, vocal solo

As far as I can tell, we had eight submissions from our state, representing Jefferson, Lancaster, Somerset, Beaver, and York Counties. Thanks to those staff for getting the word out.

We look forward to our state's performance in the revue. The kids will have a great time!

STATE 4-H POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST (*Philip Clauer*)

The registration packet for the State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest and training workshop to be held on August 20, 2005 is due on August 1, 2005. The contest information, rules and registration form are on the web at <http://ulisse.cas.psu.edu/pa4h/contest.html> Please past this information onto your poultry clubs members and leaders.

BULLYING: NOT ONLY IN SCHOOLS (*Anne Heinsohn*)

Schools have been addressing mean spirited teasing or bullying among students in several ways. However, bullying occurs in settings outside of the school day such as after school programs. It's not unusual for children to participate in these programs every week day including summers and school vacations. While some such programs take place in schools for children who attend the schools, others are located elsewhere. In situations where school day and after school programs share the same facilities, their staff people can work together to maintain consistent anti-bullying strategies.

After school programs, camps and other youth program settings that serve children from many schools and communities need to work with the children and their parents to create a positive climate where bullying and other negative behaviors are not tolerated. Some steps to take include establishing a behavior policy that defines and forbids bullying. It's important for everyone to understand which behaviors are forbidden and those that are encouraged and expected. Children and their parents can contribute to the "do's" and "don'ts" list.

In addition attention to good manners can be helpful. Good manners are more than please and thank you. The rules driving the behavior policy should include being kind to and considerate of others. Kindness and consideration as demonstrated in good manners lead to a positive, bullying free climate.

The 2005 4-H calendar can be found at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu>

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