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Thank You

-by *Christy Bartley*



As a new year approaches, many people are working on end of year reports. I want to thank you for some of the terrific things you have done this year.

- ◆ You reached 170,000 youth.
- ◆ You worked with 8,000 adult volunteers and over 1,000 youth volunteers to develop leadership skills.
- ◆ You worked with a youth who placed first in the National Engineering Event for small gas engines or the youth who placed fourth in large tractor at the same event or a youth like them.
- ◆ You sent almost 200 youth to the 4-H Leadership Conference and youth to the many other regional, state, and national events.
- ◆ You directed participation in the Life Skills for Everyday Living Survey showing that 4-H does have a positive impact on the development of decision making, critical thinking, communication, goal setting, and problem solving life skills.
- ◆ You provided 4-H science-based educational programming for 1,300 classrooms.
- ◆ You marketed 4-H at APD, Farm Show, or many of the other opportunities that occur throughout the state.
- ◆ You raised funds for the 4-H Youth Development program to ensure it will continue chprogramming for many years to come.
- ◆ You attended professional development opportunities to ensure you are prepared to work on new and emerging issues.

There is so much more to add to the list but there are space limits! So thank you for all you do. I know there are days you arrive at your office ready to tackle the "to do" list when a youth or volunteer requires your time. Thank you for putting the list aside. I know there are times when you need to finish the annual report, add to your action plan, or get the newsletter out, but you put camp counselor training, teen weekend, or volunteer development first. Thank you for all you do. Have a happy holiday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The 2007/2008 4-H Calendar can be found at:
<http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu>

Future Dates to Remember and Mark Down

- ◆ State 4-H Leaders Forum February 1-2, 2008
- ◆ 4-H Afterschool conference, February 6-7, 2008
- ◆ 4-H Leadership Conference February 15-17, 2008
- ◆ College of Ag Sciences 4-H Member Recognition application due April 1, 2008
- ◆ 4-H Capital Days April 13-15, 2008
- ◆ Capital Days registration opens December 1st

National Wetlands Awards

Nominations Deadline: January 15, 2008

The National Wetlands Awards Program honors individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the conservation and restoration of our national wetlands in six categories: Education and Outreach, Science Research, Conservation and Restoration, Landowner Stewardship, State, Tribal and Local Program Development, and Wetland Community Leader. Nominate someone today! Contact Sanford Smith at sss5@psu.edu, for more information <http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org>

2008 4-H State Achievement Days

The Foods and Nutrition Contest will return for the 2008 4-H State Days event. Watch the State Days Web-site for updates and contest information. <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/77.htm>

Baker Scholarship

Due March 1, 2008

<http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/118.htm>



Happy Holidays!!!



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Beyond Fair Chase

By Sanford Smith

A new piece of curriculum on the ethics and importance of hunting in wildlife conservation is being test piloted across Pennsylvania in 2008. Entitled "Beyond Fair Chase, The Ethic and Tradition of Hunting," the new materials are recommended for older 4-Hers, ages 13-18, who have an interest in learning about, or currently involved in, hunting. This curriculum can help you make linkages between 4-H shooting sports, natural resources, and other environmental projects. All materials (a student book and teaching guide) are being distributed directly through Sanford Smith, Extension Specialist, (sss5@psu.edu), in Penn State's School of Forest Resources. Contact Smith to order the materials. The YDEP enrollment codes for these two new publications are: D0616A for: Beyond Fair Chase - Member Guide and D0617C for: Beyond Fair Chase - Teacher Guide. A short March In-Service to introduce this curriculum is planned too!



Tell Your 4-H Story

-by Christy Bartley



Many counties are holding alumni events as we enter the holiday season. Sometimes alumni drop in the office for a visit as they return to the local area to visit with family and friends. It is a great opportunity to begin collecting a variety of 4-H stories. The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) is working on a project collecting 4-H stories from all 50 states and the US territories that participate in 4-H. In addition, Pennsylvania will be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2012. That is just a little over 4 years away! I encourage all of us to be looking for those stories to tell. Not only submit them for national use but send them to me for inclusion in our state celebrations. We will be sure to add the stories to your county's history page located on the web at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/116.htm>. These history pages were developed from information submitted during the national centennial celebration. If your county is not there, we can add it. If you would like to update your county page, we can assist with the update. More information on the NAE4-HA project may be found at www.maryland4h.org/Stories. Stories should be sent as an email attachment to Dan Tabler at dtabler@umd.edu with a copy to me at cbartley@psu.edu. Don't forget to add your own stories.



2008 4-H Capital Days

-by Lydia Everhart

April 13-15, 2007

The 2008 Capital Days event holds new opportunities for our members as we host breakfast at the Capitol, display 4-H banners, gain valuable knowledge about government, leadership skills, and personal development. 4-H will also be showcased in the East Wing Rotunda with displays about our program for elected officials to view throughout their walks in the Capitol. The 4-H Capital Days website has been updated and announcement packet and preparation information is available at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/74.htm>. Registration for Capital Days will open on December 1, 2007, please watch for your invitation from the Office of Conferences and Short Courses. There will also be a direct link on the Capital Days Web Site.

THINGS TO DO

- ◆ Register volunteers for the 2008 Leaders Forum
- ◆ Register youth for the 2008 Leadership Conference
- ◆ Distribute information on the 4-H Afterschool Conference to providers and register yourself!
- ◆ Identify volunteers to nominate for Salute to Excellence
- ◆ Distribute information about the Baker scholarship.
- ◆ Nominate youth for the College of Ag Sciences 4-H Member Recognition Award.



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2008 4-H Leaders Forum

-by Christy Bartley



We've listened to volunteer leaders and provided many project oriented workshops at the upcoming 2008 4-H Leaders Forum. The Forum will be held at the Penn Stater on February 2 with an optional evening of workshops on Friday, February 1 for those who would prefer to come the night before. In addition, poster sessions on programming will be set up on Saturday. Registration information is on the web at <http://conferences.cas.psu.edu/>. For those using the hard copy forms sent out, please note that a workshop on quilting has been added. Jan Scholl will be reviewing the new quilting curriculum. If you have volunteers interested in this workshop, have them select it during the on-line registration.

National Engineering Event – Little Known National Opportunity!

-by Carol Schurman

Do you have older 4-H members interested in the engineering projects? If you do, you might want to encourage them to attend State 4-H Achievement Days with the idea of trying to qualify for the National Engineering, Science, and Leadership Event held each fall at Purdue University. This is a great 4-H event with some wonderful opportunities, but very few 4-H'ers attend from Pennsylvania (only 2 in 2007). The contests at this event include (number of 2007 participants also listed) – aerospace (5), bicycle (6), computer (6), electric (9), lawn tractor (7), small engines (3), tractor (11), and welding (5). As you can see, most of these contests are relatively small, and our state members could do well if they qualify.

How do members qualify? For lawn tractor, tractor, and small gas engines, there is a contest at State Days. For the others, members would have to do a presentation. Most of these contests include a presentation of some type and several other items to prepare for the national contest. At the state level, we would just need the presentation, and the member would add the other components later after qualifying for the national contest.

Indiana County has sent several members to this contest over the years. They always have a great time. It is relatively inexpensive and easy to get to. Contact Carol or Gene Schurman for more information and where to obtain contest guidelines. With our new emphasis on SET, this is an area we should encourage members to get involved in. It might just take a few words of encouragement from a 4-H educator!!!

Washington County 4-H Rifle Team Wins Nationals

-by Pam Paletta



The Frazier Simplex 4-H Club rifle team from Washington County represented Pennsylvania 4-H at the 4-H National Invitational Rifle Tournament recently at Rapid City, South Dakota and won the national championship small-bore championship. Members are from left, Zack Szabo, Ryan Stein, Jasmine Margaria, and Joel Nuzum. All four also finished among the top 10 individual shooters. They are the first PA team to win the event. Jerry Stein and Jim Husk coached the team. Ed Margaria was the adviser support member of the group. The team raised nearly \$5,000 for the trip to South Dakota. Article submit by Pam Paletta, Washington County Educator.

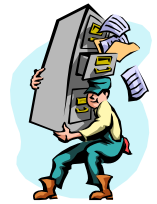




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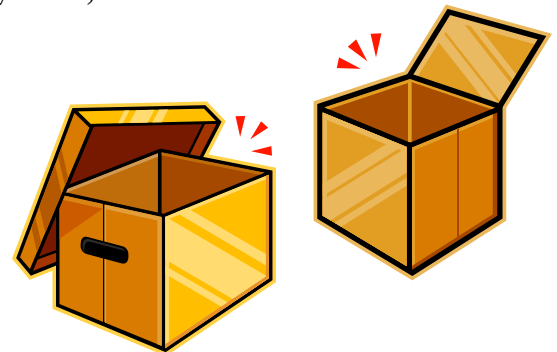
This is just a friendly reminder that we have moved office buildings and are settling into our new digs at the Ferguson Building. Our phone numbers have remained the same and our new office numbers are listed should you need to snail mail us!!!



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