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And...with the New Year Comes.....

-by Christy Bartley

When it is time to write new action plans for the year, 4-H Youth Development educators are often in the midst of the many summer and early fall activities that indicate the end of the program year. There are final opportunities for shows at round ups and fairs, review of officer books and project books, planning achievement nights, and so much more. At that time, it is difficult to step back and consider what should be done differently in the 4-H program. Luckily, the new year is also a time for reflection and consideration for change. Now is the time to be thinking about some activities that volunteers might be able to handle or how you will work with peers across county and regional lines to offer programming. As an extension educator, your focus should be on education of adults and educational programming for youth. Start this year with just one activity. Identify a volunteer that you will work with on planning and delivering the activity. Ask the volunteer if they are willing to commit three years to organizing the activity plus one additional year to train their replacement. Provide all the support and guidance the volunteer needs. Work together to write a role description and support that with the "to do" list to get the job done. By the time the next cycle of action plans are due, you will be able to write in a support role for the activity rather than a leadership role. That change will provide you with more days to accomplish educational programming and outreach in the community. I challenge you this year to put a master volunteer in place in one aspect of your program .



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

Its Farm Show Time!!!!

Future Dates to Remember and Mark Down

- ◆ Capital Days registration opens December 1st
- ◆ State 4-H Leaders Forum February 1-2, 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

2008 4-H State Achievement Days

The State College Spikes will play at home on August 6th at 7:05PM. The game will again be an option for Wednesday night. Watch the registration page for more information.

Baker Scholarship

Due March 1, 2008

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

4-H WILDLIFE FIELD DAY

- ◆ Saturday, April 26, 2008, @ APD Site near Penn State, Rock Springs, PA

4-H FORESTRY FIELD DAY

- ◆ Saturday, May 10th, 2008 @ Laurel Haven Conservation Education Center, Julian, PA (10 miles west of State College, PA)

PENN STATE CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ,(for high school students)

- ◆ Session 1: June 22-28, 2008, Penn State
- ◆ Session 2 : July 6-12, 2008, Penn State



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Youth Represent Pennsylvania Well at National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference

By-Phillip J. Clauer, Department of Poultry Science

On November 15, 2007, five 4-H'ers represented Pennsylvania in three contest areas at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Laura Dewalt of Northampton County placed 5th in the National 4-H Turkey Barbecue and Presentation Contest. Margarita Munoz of Lehigh County placed 8th in the Turkey Barbecue and Presentation contest. Barbara Kien of Lehigh County served as their coach and Chaperone.

In the National Avian Bowl Contest, Pennsylvania was seated first after the quiz and placed fifth after the double elimination Bowl portion of the event. The team members were Ethan Cleaver, Jacob Haagen and Anne Morris all from Centre County. The team was coached and chaperoned by Sandy Haagen. Sixteen teams participated in this year's competition.



Pictured from left to right are: Ethan Cleaver, Anne Morris, Jacob Haagen, Phillip Clauer, Margarita Munoz, Sandy Haagen, Laura Dewalt, and Barbara Kien

Youth are strongly encouraged to participate in one of these poultry contests in the future. These activities provide exceptional learning experiences, a lot of fun, and excellent awards. Since 2002, Pennsylvania offered new contests in Poultry Judging, Chicken and Turkey Barbecue Presentation, and Avian Bowl. PA delegates have placed very well in this National event annually, but we have yet to take a full delegation to Louisville. A contestant wasn't available to represent PA in the 2007 national contest for the Poultry Judging Contest or Egg Cookery Presentation contests due to a lack of participation at the state level. If you are interested in these events in the future, contact Phillip J. Clauer (e-mail: pclauer@psu.edu, phone: 814-863-8960) for more information. The PA State 4-H Poultry website (<http://ulisse.cas.psu.edu/pa4h/contest.html>) also has information about these events.

Recognition and thanks go to **PennAg Industries Association Poultry Council** for helping to sponsor the Pennsylvania delegation for this trip and for helping sponsor the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference.





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Updates and Holiday Cheer!

by: Mya Rushton

Thanks to everyone who has returned the County Council Survey sent out in November. Anyone still needing to return their survey please do so before January 11, 2008. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to help me get a better sense of what is going on in your counties. I hope to use the information provided in the completed surveys as a guide and a start to a year full of growth and progress.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming months. I had a chance to catch up with a few individuals at the fall in-service and anticipate a productive new year!

Happy Holidays and hope to see everyone at the Leadership Conference, February 15-17, 2008!

SOMK Spring Forum

By Susan Smith

Saturday April 5, 2008 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Hilton Garden Inn State College, PA



One of the four components of Operation: Military Kids (OMK) is the Speak Out Military Kids (SOMK) program. SOMK is a youth-led, adult supported project. The intent of SOMK is to raise community awareness of issues faced by geographically dispersed military children and foster community support for the sacrifices military families make. The youth, both military and non-military, form speakers' bureaus and develop presentations, videos, public service announcements, and other materials. They actively seek opportunities such as city council meetings, school programs, community programs, etc. to share their experiences with others in the community.

Participation in SOMK allows the youth to gain life skills in developing creative and informative presentations using a variety of media and gaining leadership, research, organization, and public speaking skills. All of these areas will be beneficial to them throughout their adult life.



National 4-H Hall of Fame



The nomination time for the 4-H Hall of Fame is now open. Directions and the application were emailed to counties on December 3, 2007. Submit nominations by February 15, 2008 for consideration. Nominees recognized on the national level will be invited to the October 10, 2008 ceremony at the National 4-H Center. Past Hall of Fame winners can be viewed at <http://www.nae4ha.org/hof>

Building Partnerships for Youth: Capacity Building

Are you an Extension professional with interest or expertise in positive youth development as it relates to adolescent health or well-being? Are you interested in connecting with other potential collaborators from both within and outside of the Extension system? If so, you are invited to be a part of a new searchable database of Extension professionals which will be marketed as a tool for finding support and collaborators within your own state or community. To submit your information simply go to <http://bpy.arizona.edu/dbform/> and complete the entry form.

4HDMC: The 4-H Digital Mayhem Challenge

The 4-H programs in Illinois and northeast Missouri are inviting all youth, ages 8-18 years old to produce their own digital photography, digital audio, digital video or mixed media production and upload it to www.4hdmc.org to be entered into the digital mayhem challenge. Youth select their own theme and message. Top entries may be used in various promotional products throughout the region and prizes will be awarded. Entries will also be displayed on the website. For a complete list of rules and other stuff, visit www.4hdmc.org. Create some mayhem!

Volunteer Leaders Forum



Through a grant from Monsanto and support of National 4-H Council, the 4-H State Leaders Forum will provide a motivational speaker at the luncheon and awards program for volunteers. There is still time to register at <http://conferences.cas.psu.edu/>

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