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March's Note

-by *Christy Bartley*

Along with spring rains and cold weather comes a feeling that there will soon be new growth and warm sunshine. Do you feel it? Can you feel the anticipation for something new? We have the same opportunity in the 4-H program as a result of the 4-H program review. Based on the outside perspective of four individuals, we now have an opportunity to review their recommendations and determine what makes sense for the Pennsylvania 4-H Youth Development Program. I hope you are planning on being engaged in the conversations about the recommendations and what we prioritize and move forward as a strategic plan. So far, I have met with the Curriculum Management Team, the 4-H Youth Development Advisory Council, the 4-H faculty and staff, Regional Directors, and those educators who attended the program update during in-service week. A lot of information has been collected and it is now time to determine how we will move forward. If you would like to be actively involved, you may contact your regional Advisory Council member or me. Be sure to indicate the program review foundation on which you would like to work. The work teams will be small, but there will be plenty of opportunity for review and comment.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

Future Dates to Remember and Mark Down

- ◆ **PA 4-H Week—March 16 - 22, 2008**
- ◆ **College of Ag Sciences 4-H Member Recognition application due April 1, 2008**
- ◆ **4-H Capital Days April 13-15, 2008**
- ◆ **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, Juilan, 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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March Gladness!

By Mya Rushton

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2008 PA State Leadership Conference! The conference was a great success and wonderful way for me to get to know many of you.

As spring approaches we are looking forward to times of growth and new beginnings. We are steadily approaching Capital Days and looking forward to our new State Council getting their feet wet!

I hope to visit many of your counties and experience your county council programs in the upcoming months. I am interested to see your processes and how your councils are developed and fostered. Please let me know if you have any County Council meetings on your calendars this spring that I'd be able to attend and observe. Here's to warmer weather to come!



Welcome Back, Phil!

By Christy Bartley

Phil Hoy has been working on the CYFAR grant program, Youth Engaged in Technology (YET) for the past five years. Although he has not been away from 4-H Youth Development, he has been away from the Capital Days and 4-H State Achievement Days planning for a while. Phil is back part time to ensure quality programming for 4-H members and for FFA members during FFA Week in June. To support Phil's efforts, Julie Reed is working part time to assist in attention to all the details that a quality program requires. Many of you have already been hearing from and working with Phil and Julie.



Searching for 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology Alumni

Are you a former 4-H'er working in pharmaceutical research, environmental science, engineering, biological or chemical science, aerospace, technology, or plant and animal science? National 4-H Council is looking for 4-H alumni to feature in an upcoming promotion. Take a moment to fill out a short 10-minute survey—visit www.fourhcouncil.edu to access the survey and learn more about the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology (4-H SET) program.

2008 NE Regional Volunteer Leaders Forum

The NERVF is an opportunity for 4-H Leaders from the 13 states in the Northeast Region to come together for a long weekend of fun, learning and networking with other leaders.

Conference Activities include:

- Tours
- Workshops
- Inspiring Speakers
- Evening Entertainment including NH Humorist *Rebecca Rule* and Musicians, *The Shaw Brothers*
- 4-H Talent Revue
- Optional Trip to the Keene Pumpkin Festival

The 2008 conference will be held in New Hampshire, October 23-26. For more information, visit the following web site:

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVOL/08NEVF.htm>.

International Migratory Bird Day – by Sanford Smith

May 10, 2008

Environment for the Americas invites you to participate in International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) 2008. IMBD focuses attention on one of the most spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird -- its journey between summer and winter homes. It is celebrated throughout the Western Hemisphere by festivals, bird walks, education programs, and Bird Day. This year, the bird conservation focus is "Tundra to Tropics: Connecting Birds, Habitats, and People." Visit the Web site for information, downloadable materials, activity ideas, and more.

<http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/3581394>



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First Annual Youth Poultry 101—May 3, 2008

By Phillip Clauer

Who should attend?



This program is designed for all youth **13 years of age and older** and adults who enjoy teaching youth about poultry. It is designed as a next step for the older more advanced youth, and this is the reason that no youth under **13** years of age will be accepted. We have asked the presenters to include advanced topics in their presentations and plan to allow hands-on learning as much as possible.

Why attend?

Sessions will be conducted by Penn State poultry faculty, American Poultry Association judges, and other experts. This year's program will cover the following areas:

- Selection and preparation of birds for show
- Anatomy
- Incubation
- Breeding
- Egg grading
- College and career information

Where

The program will be held at the University Park campus in State College. Most of the program will be in the ASI building. However, the afternoon program will reconvene at the Poultry Education and Research Center. Due to Biosecurity issues, if you have been around poultry prior to coming to this conference, please shower and change into clean clothes before leaving home.

Registration

The \$12 registration fee covers all costs of instruction, parking, breaks, lunch, and conference T-shirt. Registrations are due by April 18, 2008. No registration will be accepted without payment or after April 18. Cancellations received prior to April 18 will be eligible for a full refund, but no refunds will be given after that date.

I have attached the registration forms, program schedule and information piece in word documents so you can cut and paste into local newsletters if you wish. This information is available on line at <http://poultryextension.psu.edu/youth%20poultry%20101.html>



REMEMBER— set your clocks ahead one hour Sunday March 9th at 2am

First Day of Spring—March 21st!
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