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Office of 4-H Youth Development

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Resilient Children and Youth

4-H Forever

by Christy Bartley

For those visiting the 4-H booth at the 2007 Farm Show, you were able to see the posters and flyers developed as a part of the 4-H Forever campaign. This campaign will be used for fund development efforts over the next several years. Samples of the flyers and bumper stickers will be distributed to you through your representatives to the 4-H Youth Development Advisory Committee.

As we begin this campaign, we would like to encourage everyone to make an effort to identify 4-H alumni. Use the cards, *4-H Alumni in Pennsylvania* (S9007) at any meetings, community activities, or fairs alumni might visit. These cards have a return address to University Park. Information is entered into our alumni database. We are able to share with you the alumni we have on record for your county just in case you would like to invite them to some of your events. Maintaining relationships with alumni may help you in your development efforts also.

In addition, we are collecting testimonials about the 4-H program. These testimonials may be written by alumni, volunteers, parents, teachers, current 4-H members, employers for 4-H members and alumni, and anyone else who can attest to the benefits of the 4-H program. They should describe the benefits gained from the 4-H program and how those benefits have made a difference in their lives or the lives of the children with whom they work. Individuals should include their name, phone number, and/or email address so we may contact them for further information. Please send testimonials to cek4@psu.edu. If they cannot be sent email, send to my office address: 323 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802.

I want to thank you in advance for working as a part of the 4-H youth development team in supporting the 4-H Forever campaign. By working together, we can build a sustainable future for the youth development program.

State 4-H Leadership Conference News

by Jackie Bruce

As the time to register draws to a close, the 2006 Pennsylvania State Council is proud to report that "Pioneering the Way" will be the largest leadership conference in the history of the event. We are excited to see more than 200 4-H members, leaders, and volunteers from all over the state, February 23-25, 2007. In the next few weeks, please look for some forms and information coming (electronically) to those of you who have registered participants. These bits of information will be essential as you prepare your delegations to arrive in State College. As always, as you can direct questions regarding the conference or State Council to a 2006 Council member or to Sam Nicola, sdn110@psu.edu or Jackie Bruce jab743@psu.edu. We look forward to seeing you in February!

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Using the new 4-H Communication Series

by Claudia Mincemoyer

The Communications and Expressive Arts Curriculum Committee discussed ways to promote the use of the new 4-H communications curriculum. One method discussed was to share how counties are using the curriculum through ATS briefs. Our first program summary is from Indiana County.

Indiana County Home-school Communication Club

Fifteen Indiana County home schooled youth developed communication skills in a unique special interest class designed for them. Carol Schurman, Indiana County 4-H educator, used the new 4-H Communication project series with other communication resources to tailor the program to meet the needs of this audience. The program was conducted as a 2-hour session one day per week for six weeks. Major topics included communication warm-ups, body language, giving directions, attention getting openings, types of presentations, impromptu speeches, gestures, PowerPoint basics, poster design, table settings, basic interview skills, thank you notes, facial expressions, and salad bar etiquette.

Evaluation was done as a pre and post assessment of member skills in 9 areas, with a five point scale of “not able to” to “very able to”. Results are shown below.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>%Increase</u>	<u>#/% of youth w/increase</u>
Basic understanding of process	2.6	3.9	50%	7 – 50%
Leading and giving directions	3.3	3.6	9%	6 – 43%
Giving an impromptu speech	2.7	3.6	33%	11 – 79%
Giving a public speech	2.7	3.6	33%	11 – 79%
Giving a presentation/demonstration	3.1	4.2	35%	8 – 57%
Develop PowerPoint presentation	2.6	3.5	35%	9 – 64%
Conduct a personal interview	2.9	3.6	24%	7 – 50%
Make a good impression	3.6	4.3	19%	8 – 57%
Overall communications skill level	3.1	3.7	19%	8 – 57%

Fourteen youth completed the assessment survey. Eleven of those youth (79%) increased in four or more of the above categories. 100% of the youth increased in at least one area.

Members were encouraged to compete in the county presentation night as a final test of their skills. Eleven members (73%) competed at the county level, with 9 presentations, 2 public speeches, and 10 impromptu speeches. Seven of these entries won blue ribbons (41%), and 7 won red ribbons. Six of the members competed in this event for the first time.

Thanks to Carol for sharing this successful program. Please contact her if you have questions at cjs4@psu.edu.

The communications series is:

K0250A Communications: Picking up the Pieces

K0250C Communications Helper Guide

K0251A Communications: Putting it All Together

K0252A Communications: The Perfect Fit

Tidbits of Information

◆ Career Resources

Planning on sharing information on careers with 4-Hers? You may want to check the following web sites: www.careervoyages.gov and www.careerinfonet.org. Ability, interest, and work importance assessments can be downloaded at the O*Net site: www.onetcenter.org/tools.html.

◆ Future Dates to Remember and Mark Down

Capital Days 2008 April 13-15

Capital Days 2009 April 19-21

State Days 2008 August 5-7

State Days 2009 July 28-30



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4-H Military Kids

by Christy Bartley

As we start the New Year, I want to remind everyone that scholarships are available to youth of military families who would like to attend 4-H activities and events. In addition, funds may be used to pay for the educational material fees for these youth. Based on my work with the National Guard and the Army Reserve, we know that deployments from Pennsylvania will be increasing over the next year. It is important that we continue to make efforts to work with these organizations to alert families to the benefits of involving their children in the 4-H program. The program will provide consistency for these children and an environment where they can make new friends and develop relationships with caring adults. Many of these military children feel isolated due to not being located near military bases. Please remember the grant support that we can offer these families who are often financially stretched when one parent is deployed. If you need an application form for the funds, contact me at cek4@psu.edu.



4-H Capital Days, April 15-17, 2007

by Lydia Everhart

4-H Capital Days is just around the corner! The registration site is open, the draft program is posted and all your preparation materials that you need are on the 4-H Capital Days web-site at: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/74.htm> Please look over these materials and promote this great event to all the teens in your county. We are looking forward to a great year for Capital Days! Please keep watch over your e-mail and the February ATS for breaking news about the 2007 4-H Capital Days event!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



The 2006/2007 4-H Calendar can be found at:
<http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/>

FEBRUARY

- ◆ February 12 - 16
American Camp Association Conference.
- ◆ February 22
10:00 AM, Breeze meeting on Programs of Distinction. Register with Marissa Coke at mdc11@psu.edu.
- ◆ February 22
2:00 PM, 4-H Youth Development Advisory Council meeting. Send agenda items to be discussed to your regional representative.
- ◆ February 24
Capital Days Registration Deadline.
- ◆ February 28
Hall of Fame Nominations due to Christy Bartley.

MARCH

- ◆ March 2-4
PA 4-H Horse Forum
- ◆ March 11-17
PA 4-H Week
- ◆ March 24-29
National 4-H Conference

APRIL

- ◆ April 18-20
"NRA Range Officer" Training, Wellsboro, PA
- ◆ April 20-22
Shooting Sports Volunteer Instructor Training, Wellsboro, PA



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4-H State Achievement Days, July 24-26, 2007

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4-H State Achievement Days are less than 8 months away! Start recruiting now for this event. The web-site is being updated regularly, and registration will open on March 15th, 2007. The site address you want to see is: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/77.htm>. There are a few changes to this year's event I would like to highlight:

- ◆ There will not be an individual foods and nutrition contest in 2007. However, there will be a nutrition component in the physical fitness contest.
- ◆ Please stay tuned for information regarding the Meats Contest.
- ◆ Everyone will participate in Service Learning Day. It will be held at the Ag Arena from 1-5 p.m. There will be shuttles to take you to the arena every 15 minutes.
- ◆ Horse Judging and Livestock Judging team numbers have changed. Please look over these rules carefully when planning on your county participation.
- ◆ Please pay particular attention to dress code. If a member shows up to any competitive or educational event in inappropriate attire, they will automatically be disqualified.
- ◆ Please look over each competitive and educational event for rule changes and reference changes to be up-to-date for this year.



THINGS TO DO



- ◆ Identify a 4-H member to apply for the College of Ag Sciences 4-H Member Recognition Award due April 1 (<http://downloads.cas.psu.edu/4H/4HColAwrApp.pdf>).
- ◆ Register for the breeze meeting on Programs of Distinction on February 22 (Register with Marissa Coke, mdc11@psu.edu).
- ◆ Complete 4-H Hall of Fame nominations and submit to Christy by February 22 (see December 19 email).
- ◆ Register Youth for 4-H Capital Days (February 24th Deadline).
- ◆ Identify military youth in your county.

4-H National Congress, November 23-27, 2007

by Lydia Everhart

Mark your calendars, talk with your teens, 4-H National Congress is on its way. Each county in PA can send two youth to this great event in November 2007. All the planning information that you need is now available on the National Congress site at: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/82.htm>. Please take note of all the deadlines for this event. The first deadline is to have a Regional Coordinator identified by July 15, 2007. The next is to commit to having youth attend by July 25, 2007.





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