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Are Tag-A-Longs Cloverbuds?

by Christy Bartley

No. Tag-a-longs are attending programming designed for older children. Cloverbuds are enrolled in clubs programs that are specifically designed for the 5-8 year old. The programs are activity driven, not project driven. There is no competition between club members at this age. In general, Cloverbud clubs will not have officers. Tag-a-longs are not 4-H members.

When responding to parents who would like to see Cloverbud programs in your county, use the same responses you would use for other club programs. When a parent calls for a small engines club and there is a club in your county working on the project, you provide contact information. If there is no club, you ask the parent if they are willing to volunteer or willing to help identify someone who would lead such a club. The same should be true for Cloverbuds. If you currently have Cloverbud clubs in your county, then provide contact information. If you have no Cloverbud clubs, then encourage the parents to help you identify potential leaders. Parents will eventually graduate with their children into the traditional 4-H club program.

The traditional 4-H club program is available to those who are 8 as of January 1 the year they join. For those who are younger, but are 5 by January 1 of the year they join, the Cloverbud program is available. If the 5-8 year olds are not enrolled in activity-centered curricula approved for this age group, then they are not 4-H members.

Great Environmental Education Resources: Environment & Ecology Series

by Sanford Smith

The Environment and Ecology Series is a new Penn State curriculum resource of introductory information for 3rd - 4th graders. The first two fliers in this series are: *Ecosystems* and *Renewable & Nonrenewable Resources*. The topics covered in these fliers are specified in the Pennsylvania Educational Standards for Environment and Ecology. The fliers are full color, attractive, and inviting to children. They were reviewed by teachers and field tested with kids. The Environment and Ecology Series fliers are free and can be downloaded at <http://sftcr.cas.psu.edu> as pdf files.

A lesson plan for each flier is also available at this site. It is anticipated that this series will be expanded to include the remaining 7 sections of Environment and Ecology Standards. Order them today by calling (toll-free) the college's Publication Distribution Center at: 1-877-345-0691.

State Council Selection Underway

by Jackie Bruce

During the week of September 11, you should have received the application packets for the 2007 State 4-H Council. We appreciate your taking the time to read through the packets and then get these out to all of our talented 4-H members. You'll notice that there have been some changes to the selection process (an article was in last month's ATS as well as attached to the packet and in an email) with the addition of an interview portion of the process and the future addition of a presentation portion. Also note that the media events and service hours previously required of Council members is not longer being listed as parts of the time commitment. This change is also part of our five year plan to raise Council to a purely state level public relations commitment. Please remember that names of your selected delegates are due to the state office by December 8, 2007. Should you have questions regarding the selection process or the changes we'll be implementing within the next five years, or if there is a way that we can be of help to you, please contact Council Advisors Sam Nicola (sdn110@psu.edu) or Jackie Bruce (jab743@psu.edu).

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From the Woods is a publication series for middle and high school youth about Pennsylvania's natural resources. This series of fliers is available free to county offices through the college's Publication Distribution Center (a.k.a. the "Ag Mailing Room") and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Woodmobile. To assist and encourage educators in using *From the Woods*, pdfs of the fliers, lesson plans, and pre/post-tests are also available on-line for each publication. The fliers are great for one-shot programs, club meetings, camps, and workshops! Check them out at: <http://sftrc.cas.psu.edu/FromWoods.html>

Current Titles in the Series Include:

From the Woods: Maple Syrup, A Taste of Nature
From the Woods: Forest Stewardship
From the Woods: Hardwood Lumber
From the Woods: Harvesting Trees
From the Woods: White-Tailed Deer
From the Woods: Watersheds
From the Woods: Paper!
From the Woods: Hardwood Veneer
From the Woods: Incredible Wood
From the Woods: Sustainable Forestry
From the Woods: Ten Important Hardwoods
From the Woods: Community Forests
From the Woods: American Chestnut

Tidbits of Information

- ◆ Giving and volunteering studies:
<http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/gvresources.html>
- ◆ 4-H Volunteer resource site
<http://www.4hvolunteersusa.org>
- ◆ National Extension Conference on Volunteerism
http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/in_focus/leadership_if_conference.html

2007 4-H Capital Days, April 15-17, 2007 by Lydia Everhart

The 2007 4-H Capital Days event will be here before we know it and I wanted to let you know that the Capital Days web site has been updated for your use to announce and prepare for the event and its registration: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/CapitalDays.html>. Please note that there has been a change, Capital Days' official start is Sunday April 15, 2006. All counties participating will need to arrive on Sunday by 5:00 P.M. Registration for this event will open on December 1, 2006 and close on February 24, 2007. All registrations must be entered on-line and received during this period. Please pay attention to the website for updates and additions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



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

- ◆ November 1
National 4-H Conference Scholarship Application and Chaperone Deadline
- ◆ November 11
Veterans Day
- ◆ November 24-28
National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA
- ◆ December 1
Registration Open for 2007 Capital Days
- ◆ December 8
4-H State Council Nominations due



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State 4-H Leadership Conference

by Jackie Bruce

Pioneering the Way, the 2007 State Leadership Conference will be held February 23-25, 2007 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, in State College. This year's event is going to be the most exciting event held yet! The 2006 Council has been working hard since April to plan this conference and it will truly be a "can't miss"!! Several exciting things are happening with this year's conference. While more information is available in the conference packet you should all be receiving (if you've not yet received it in county mail), we wanted to take this opportunity to give you all a quick update. We have a new conference location! While it was really difficult to leave all of the wonderful friends that we've made the last few years at the Days Inn, it's exciting to know that we have outgrown our old home, and we look forward to a bright future with our new friends at the Penn Stater. In response to some of our educators who participated last year, we are offering conference participants the option of selecting a double occupancy room (for youth) or a single occupancy room (for adults) at an additional fee. Finally, we have been extremely lucky to have not had to increase our program fees these last three years. However, due to the current economic climate, the rising cost of delivery charges on food, and the annual 7% increase that the hotel and restaurant industry imposes, we needed to increase the cost of participation for the 2007 conference. The good news is, that increase will only be \$15/ registration bracket (early, general, late), which is less than the last cost of registration increase imposed in 2003! If you have questions about the 2007 conference, please contact a current State 4-H Council member, or Council advisor. We hope to see you at Pioneering the Way!

THINGS TO DO



- ◆ Review the Environment and Ecology series at <http://sftre.cas.psu.edu>
- ◆ Identify youth for nomination to 4-H State Council
- ◆ Recruit youth for 4-H Capital Days
- ◆ Recruit you for the State 4-H Leadership Conference





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