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## Make Professional Development Part of Your Action Plan

by Christy Bartley

Over the past few years, Barbara Stone, her staff at National 4-H Headquarters, and an advisory committee of faculty and educators have been reviewing and updating professional competencies for youth development educators. The new 4-H Professional Research Knowledge and Competencies (PRKC) model was distributed in 2004. Since then, the team has worked on materials so educators can assess their strengths and weaknesses and build a professional development plan. All of this information may be accessed at [http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/comm/4h\\_prodev\\_sc.htm](http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/comm/4h_prodev_sc.htm).

In planning professional development opportunities, you might consider using the self-assessment tool to determine in what categories you need to concentrate on development. For spring in-service, we are going to identify PRKC topics addressed by workshops. As always, if you have special requests for workshops, please let me know.

I am looking forward to another year of growing with the 4-H youth development program and encourage you to develop realistic action plans that will force you to stretch your abilities to achieve quality and excellence.

## Cloverbud Curriculum in Print Format

by Claudia Mincemoyer

With the recent change in age requirements for 4-H membership, more leaders and educators are accessing the Cloverbud curriculum. To facilitate ease of use of the curriculum, it is now available as a leader guide in the Publications Distribution Center. Because this is a very expensive publication, please order only those copies that you will use with leaders, teachers, or after-school providers. It is not a project book for the Cloverbud youth.

The order information is Cloverbud Leader Guide, number: J0526C.

The entire curriculum is still available on the 4-H Web site at: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Projects/Cloverbuds/default.html> Please contact me if you have questions.

## Enhancing Youth Development Workshop

by Jackie Bruce

Are you looking for a way to fit service learning into your traditional club programs? After school programs? County Councils? Do you have teens in your county yearning to take the next step on their own leadership development journeys, and you're looking for new ways to engage them? Would you like some new ideas to energize your county council or county ambassador program? Does the thought of drawing up educational objectives make you cringe... or make your blood pump with excitement? Would you like some great new curriculum kits and resources for your youth leadership and service learning programs? If you have answered YES to any of these questions then the Fall "Enhancing Youth Development" Workshop is THE place for you. On Friday October 6, 2006, in room 301A of the Ag Admin Building here on campus, educators from across the state will be getting together to take a first look at some exciting new curriculum tool kits. And the best part is, at the end of the workshop, those tool kits will be going home with the participants free of charge!! If you haven't already done so, register today with Marissa Coke at [mdc11@psu.edu](mailto:mdc11@psu.edu). Questions? Drop Nicole Webster [nsw10@psu.edu](mailto:nsw10@psu.edu) or Jackie Bruce [jab743@psu.edu](mailto:jab743@psu.edu) a line. We hope to see you there!

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## 4-H Development Fund Update

by Michael Martin

Thank you for making fundraising initiatives successful as we endeavor to create perpetual funding streams for 4-H. During the past year we raised \$472,026 to support 4-H across Pennsylvania. Since I assumed the role of development officer three years ago we have raised \$1,035,182. The book value of our cumulative endowed funds is currently \$1,031,863.81. The book value of these funds was \$422,230 three years ago. We had sixteen endowed funds three years ago; today we have fifty endowed funds supporting our programs at the county and state level. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the financial stability of the 4-H youth development program. Our efforts today will ensure the vitality of 4-H tomorrow.

## 4-H Funding Proposals

by Christy Bartley

For the past year, 4-H youth development faculty, staff, and educators have been able to submit funding proposals for up to \$5,000. These proposals are supported by funds donated through the annual 4-H development letter. Several individuals have requested a change in the guidelines so salary costs could be covered. At the last 4-H Development Council meeting, the Council agreed with this request. New guidelines are posted on the web at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/EEonly/Documents/FundingProposals.doc>. Note that salary written into the funding proposal needs to be matched with other funds. The number of grants awarded each year will be determined by response to the 4-H annual letter.

## State 4-H Annual Fund Letter

by Michael Martin

The 4-H annual fund letter asking people to support 4-H at the state level will reach mailboxes across the Commonwealth during National 4-H Week, October 1-7, 2006. During the last fiscal year this letter generated \$17,655.02. These funds are generated at the state level, but are disbursed to support local programs. These dollars fund the local grant program Christy Bartley has created to support local requests. I encourage you to apply (it's a relatively simple process) for up to \$5,000 from this fund.

## THINGS TO DO



Submit a 4-H Funding Proposal.

Shop the online 4-H Mall.

Nominate youth for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Register for the Enhancing Youth Development Workshop.

## Tidbit of Information

### PSAYDN Newsletter debuted May 30, 2006

On May 30, 2006, the Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/ Youth Development Network debuted the spring/summer issue of the PSAYDN Newsletter. The PSAYDN newsletter and websites provide rich resources for those seeking information on afterschool and youth development. Download or view a copy of the newsletter at: <http://www.psaydn.org/index.php>



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## Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

by Christy Bartley

Applications for this year's Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are due on the national level on November 7, 2006. Each county 4-H program is eligible to select one middle level Local Honoree for every 1,000 members (or portion thereof) in grades 5-8 and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 members in grades 9-12. Information was sent to each county office. If you are unable to find it, materials are available on the web at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit).

## 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.

## Essay Earns 4-H'er Trip to the West

by Martha Gregory

Congratulations to Elisabeth Garrett, 4-H Friends Club of Lebanon County, whose winning essay earned her an expense paid trip to the Lewis & Clark Youth Rendezvous, August 13-18 in North Dakota. Elisabeth entered the essay contest sponsored by the National Guard after learning about it from her 4-H leader. Three youth were selected from Pennsylvania to attend the event along with other high school juniors and seniors from across the nation. They will follow the Lewis and Clark trail of discovery and experience a glimpse of the cultural and historic aspects of the expedition, in addition to providing insight into American Indian culture. Activities include visiting the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, tours of Fort Mandan, Cross Ranch State Park, and the 2006 Lewis and Clark Signature Event. The scheduled events will provide a unique educational opportunity for Elisabeth who plans to take lots of pictures to record her trip. Elisabeth will provide information on her trip in the near future.

## Changes for State Council Selection Process

by Jackie Bruce

As the State Council continues to evolve into our premier state level leadership group, it has become increasingly apparent that the selection process must become more standardized across the state in order to ensure a fair process for all involved. A committee of individuals (faculty, staff and current and former Council members) met Friday, September 1, 2006 to discuss the selection process for our State Council delegates and the following timeline has been established to move all of our six regions into a standardized process:

- ◆ **Selection for 2007** - standardized application used in all regions (provided by Council Advisors); interviews of candidates if possible
- ◆ **Selection for 2008** - standardized application (provided by Council Advisors) and some kind of interviews of candidates used in all regions; presentations by candidates if possible
- ◆ **Selection for 2009** - standardized application and interviews of candidates used in all regions (provided by Council Advisors); presentations by candidates if possible
- ◆ **Selection for 2010** - standardized application and interviews of candidates (provided by Council Advisors); some kind of presentations by candidates used in all regions
- ◆ **Selection for 2011** Council – standardized application, interview and presentation process in place in all regions

Currently, we provide all regions with a standardized application form. Also in that application packet are forms for interviews and presentations. Please feel free to use these forms throughout your selection processes; they will become the standardized forms that are used across the state as we move closer to that goal.

Finally, the committee suggested that each region have a person that is designated as the point person for the Council selection process. This person will "head up" the process in the region and be able to answer specific questions for parents, volunteers and youth who send inquiries about Council. If you or someone you know is already serving in this role, or would like to be serving in this role in your region, please pass on their names to Sam Nicola ([sdn110@psu.edu](mailto:sdn110@psu.edu)), Council Advisor, or Jackie Bruce ([jab743@psu.edu](mailto:jab743@psu.edu)), Council Advisor. Any questions regarding this process or Council in general can be directed to a current Council member or advisor.



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## Agricultural Census

by Christy Bartley

USDA is coordinating a census of agriculture and would like 4-H families engaged in raising animals or plants to participate. Fifty copies of the pamphlet entitled, "Do you keep animals, birds or raise plants?" is being sent to your office for distribution. If you need or want to order additional pamphlets, you may do so by emailing your requests to [nass-pa@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-pa@nass.usda.gov). Should you have additional questions for the census office you may call the toll free number, 1-800-498-1518 or visit them on the web at [www.nass.usda.gov/counts/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/counts/). Their mission is to keep the official counts of all places raising animals or growing plants or crops for every county across the state and the entire United States. Thanks for your help in ensuring the accuracy of this census.

## 4-H Mall Fair Share Program

by Christy Bartley

The 4-H Mall, [www.4-Hmall.org](http://www.4-Hmall.org), is beginning a fair share plan for all state 4-H youth development programs. All items ordered on-line and shipped to a Pennsylvania address will result in 10% of sales being returned to the state 4-H program. These funds will be used to defray the increasing costs of state level 4-H events and activities. Catalog and phone orders will not be counted in this fair share plan. Please encourage your staff and volunteers to shop at the on-line 4-H mall.



## 2006 4-H National Congress, Nov. 24-28, 2006

by Lydia Everhart

The 2006 4-H National Congress will be held November 24-28, 2006. Pennsylvania will have a delegation of approximately 57 members and adults traveling to Atlanta, GA to participate in this exciting event. Please take this time to make sure you have completed everything for your delegation that needs to be done. You can find the check list, forms and other important information at: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/Congress.html>.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



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

- ◆ October 1-7  
National 4-H Week
- ◆ October 6  
Enhancing Youth Development Workshop
- ◆ October 12 - 15  
NorthEast Regional Leaders Forum
- ◆ October 22 - 26  
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