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HANDS ACROSS AMERICA

We have been approached by "A Project of USA Africa" with a proposal they have to combat domestic hunger. They are planning a coast-to-coast human chain--4,000 miles long of 6 million people. They request that we permit them to notify our 4-H membership of this effort.

Bill Cosby, Kenny Rogers and Pete Rose are co-chairpersons of the event. It has been blessed by the White House, etc. There are more youth in soup lines today than anytime since the great depression.

We informed them that we have no national membership. They requested that they be allowed to contact you. The human chain will go directly through 27 states.

They have said that they have state contact people, and all they request is that you might let 4-H volunteers and members know of this program.

This is not a state 4-H program effort, so use your best judgment as to if or how you want to become involved.

Sharon L. Runion

1986 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Enclosed please find two copies of our 1986 4-H Calendar of Events. Hopefully, this will help you plan ahead and know when activities are scheduled. Please feel free to duplicate as necessary.

Dalton R. Proctor



Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics
A&T and N.C. State Universities,
100 Counties, and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperating.



JUDGES SOUGHT!

Do you have a volunteer who would like to serve as a judge for cumulative records? Do you have a volunteer who can come to Raleigh for a week of work in selecting our most outstanding 4-H'ers in projects?

If you can answer yes, please send that volunteer's name and qualifications to me by February 1. We will be selecting one volunteer from each district and will carpool with agents. Expenses for the volunteers are covered by the 4-H Development Fund.

All nominations should be submitted early--we'll make the selection by February 8 and let you know soon thereafter.

Sharon L. Runion

NEW PUBLICATIONS

New publications which have arrived are listed below. Please order them through Larry Jackson's office. (Central Publications)

- Red Meats Project (discusses cuts of meat, inspection, carcass, etc. Is excellent as a consumer project) 4H M-5-32
- Clothing PPG (now has Level III) 4H PG-6-20

Sharon L. Runion

CURRENT RECORD UPDATE

Although it was not listed in the 1985 N. C. 4-H Awards Handbook, the Dairy Industry category is listed in the 1986 Handbook. Counties are encouraged to submit a current year's record, a story and an optional National 4-H Report Form.

The Dairy Calf Project may also be submitted for 4-H members between the ages of 9 and not over 15 as of January 1, 1986. To submit, the 4-H'er must include a current years record and an optional National 4-H Report Form.

Additional updates will be noted in a letter accompanying the 1986 N. C. 4-H Awards Handbook.

Sharon L. Runion



**4-H ACTIVITY MEDICAL RELEASE
(Behavior Agreement Form)**

Enclosed is a standard form which you may use for 4-H trips and events as you deem appropriate. This form must be submitted for all 4-H'ers attending the State 4-H Council Retreat, February 8-9. It will replace the medical release form used previously. It may be mailed in advance or brought with the 4-H'er to the retreat.

Mike Davis

**DISTRICT WILDLIFE/FORESTRY/
ENVIRONMENTAL WEEKENDS**

Several districts and some groups of counties are in the process of planning spring and/or fall retreats. Dr. Gary San Julian, Wildlife Specialist, and Leon Harkins, Forestry and Recreation Specialist, are most interested in working with any district to plan events to meet your needs.

This is being done in particular response to the "Fur, Fish and Game Camp." At this time, instead of planning a second state "Fur, Fish and Game Camp", the desire is to provide additional opportunities through district level programs, particularly for those who have never attended the FF&G camp. Also, basically only first times will be allowed to attend the state camp this year. Those that have attended in previous years could provide teen leadership for a district event which could include some programming that is different or more advanced to what they had at the FF&G camp.

Contact Gary, Leon or me if interested.

J. Roland Flory

**VIDEO PROMO AVAILABLE ON
"ELECTRIC AND NEW TECHNOLOGY
CAMP"**

A professionally produced videotape is available to promote the Electric and New Technology Camp. Please contact Visual Aide to schedule its use.

J. Roland Flory

CAMP COORDINATORS NEEDED

Some groups of counties camping together have not reported who their coordinating agent will be. Please decide and send the name to me as soon as possible.

J. Roland Flory

CAMP PROMOTION VIA "PUMPKINS IN THE SNOW"

Recently you were notified of the "Pumpkins in the Snow" prints and greeting cards by Bob Timberlake, artist. Have you considered promoting camp attendance utilizing these money making PR pieces?

Why not devise an incentive plan for your 4-H'ers to receive half or all of the profit on the sales of cards or tickets for the print to be on credit toward their camp fee! It may help some kids get to camp that would not have the chance otherwise.

J. Roland Flory

SPECIAL INTEREST CAMP FLYERS COMING SOON

Multiple copies of the flyers promoting each of the five speciality camps will be mailed to the County 4-H Coordinators around February 15. It is hoped that receiving this information early will allow you to promote these camps more effectively and perhaps in conjunction with your county camp for 9-13 year olds.

The SI camps are designed primarily for the teen ager and should not be considered as competition to your county camp.

J. Roland Flory

EXPERIENCED CAMP DIRECTORS TO BE BACK

As of this date, we will have a very experienced set of camp directors for 1986. They are:

Penn - Jim Pippin, 11th year. Five years as camp staff and five years as director. 1985 Educator of the Year in Georgia.

Millstone - Emogene Kernodle, 11th year. Seven years as camp staff and three years as director.

Mitchell - Paul Ragan, 12th year. (Back after two years hiatus to complete doctorate.) Three years as camp staff and eight years as director.

Sertoma - Dan Ray, 2nd year.

Swannanoa - George Joyner, 16th year. All as director at Swannanoa.

J. Roland Flory

SLIDE/TAPE SETS AVAILABLE1. Learning About Southern Reptiles

Learning About Southern Reptiles explains to children the characteristics of reptiles (cold-blooded, scaly, egg-laying) that make them different from other kinds of animals. The show tells about each kind of reptile (turtles, lizards, snakes, and alligators) but focuses mainly on snakes. Characteristics and descriptions of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes are discussed. The show has good photographs of common snakes seen in this area and tells where they are most likely to be found.

This film explains the benefits of reptiles to humans and directs the viewer to additional reference material about reptiles (books, conservation groups, photography and 4-H Clubs).

2. Learning About Southern Amphibians

Learning About Southern Amphibians discusses newts, salamanders and lizards but concentrates on toads and frogs. A particularly good sound-track helps distinguish the vocalizations of different species of toads and frogs.

The show describes for each species, their different habitats, food sources and usefulness to man. It also helps the student learn more on his own by giving observation hints and further information sources.

3. Learning About Southern Fish

Learning About Southern Fish has excellent pictures of fish and descriptions of their life cycle, spawning habits and anatomy. The program gives tips on fishing (baits, lures) and how to store your catch.

The show encourages students to learn more about fish by visiting aquariums and hatcheries, joining 4-H programs and by cooking and eating new kinds of fish.

4. Learning About Southern Mammals

Learning About Southern Mammals explain to children about mammals, their lifestyles and how these may conflict with the human population. The program gives suggestions on identifying animals by carcasses, teeth and skulls, or by signs such as tracks, dens, and shelters.

4. Learning About Southern Mammals (Continued)

The animal classification system is explained along with suggestions on how to learn more about mammals by joining 4-H wildlife programs, reading field guides to mammals or mammal tracks, recording observations of mammals or by trapping or taxidermy. The show has good color photos of mammals in their natural habitats.

5. Learning About Southern Seashores

Learning About Southern Seashores takes the student on a trip to the coast to observe the different animals and landscape found there. It shows the viewer the boats used for fishing and shrimping, and identifies the different marine life such as horsebirds, crabs, seashells, and porpoises. The unique landscape of shore and dunes is shown along with the special adaptations plants must have to live there.

The show gives information on how to learn more about the seashore and its different plant and animal life by observation, reading, photography and other methods.

6. Learning About Southern Birds

Learning About Southern Birds enables the novice bird enthusiast to gain a better understanding of the diversity of bird behaviors and physiology. The different types of behaviors covered in this slide show are migration, territoriality, calls, courtship, and nest building. The show also explains the physiological differences in bones, muscles, feet, and beaks of different birds for different ways of life.

Also, information is provided on bird watching and how to attract birds to your backyard.

Sharon L. Runion

**LEADING 4-H RECREATION
CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MAY**

"Leading 4-H Recreation" will be the theme of a weekend conference scheduled for May 30-June 1 at Betsy Jeff Penn. A conference fact sheet, tentative program, and registration materials will be mailed to 4-H coordinators in late February.

The conference will be designed around "Leading 4-H Recreation" life skills and will feature the introduction of a North Carolina 4-H Recreation Leadership Guide. Content will focus on "new games" and

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MAY
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"structured learning experiences" which could be applied to needs in 4-H Clubs, project groups, retreats, and conferences.

Each participant will receive a copy of and training in conducting a county level workshop. The conference will be open to youth and adult volunteers and agents.

Begin to prospect for your delegates/delegation now.

McKinney/Flory

LOST AND (HOPEFULLY) FOUND

Seven (7) Fire Safety Kits are unaccounted for. Please let Robert McLymore know immediately if you have kits which have been out of circulation. These kits need to be returned to prepare for utilization with the new fire safety materials.

Mike Davis

**VOLUNTEER LEADERS'
CONFERENCE**

We are getting excited about the program for the upcoming N.C. Volunteer 4-H Leaders' Conference. Saturday morning is of special interest to new leaders. The afternoon program focuses on involving youth in leadership roles. Ralph Mitchell will keynote the luncheon. Sunday is devoted to self improvement for leaders.

You may want to remind your leaders that we have a 4-H quilt that has been donated for a drawing at the Leaders' Conference. Anyone may purchase a ticket and does not have to be present to win. In addition, we will have a Bob Timberlake print of "Pumpkins in the Snow" that has been donated for a drawing. The drawing for the print will be held on Sunday morning, February 9, and the winner will need to be present to receive the print.

Judy Groff

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR LEADERS

Now is a good time to remind 4-H leaders that they are entitled to claim out-of-pocket expenses in connection with service to the 4-H organization on their federal income tax return.

The following are some representative types of expenditures 4-H leaders might consider:

- automobile mileage (12 cents per mile) bus and cab expenses, parking and tolls
- cost of meals and lodging, if away overnight
- special equipment or materials if not supplied.

Leaders may not deduct value of time donated, dependent care expenses, personal meals (unless away overnight), or their own entertainment. Items for which a leader received reimbursement may be deducted only to the extent that actual expenses exceeded the amount of compensation.

Judy Groff

Dalton R. Proctor,
Assistant Director,
Extension 4-H Leader

Judy Groff