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1986 State 4-H Congress
July 21-25

State 4-H Congress is the "Showcase" for North Carolina 4-H. A main purpose is to help build county programs by creating enthusiasm, recognizing participation, and generating support. Let's begin to think of more ways to utilize our 1986 Congress to strengthen our 4-H program. **THINK BIG! THINK QUALITY!** This year a special focus will be on developing teaching/learning experiences in each of our curriculum development areas. 4-H'ers and volunteers will be able to spend a lot of time learning about a specific curriculum in one of our main areas rather than attending short workshops on a wide variety of areas. More details will follow. . . but begin thinking of ways this event can be used to involve new audiences, train volunteers, and help make your job more manageable and productive back home.

Mike Davis





SUMMARY OF NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL AWARDS PROGRAM

Enclosed is a copy of the 1986 4-H Digest. This summary of programs provides information about private sector support to help expand and strengthen your 4-H program. This issue was also included in the recently published 4-H Leader magazine.

Mike Davis

MILLSTONE CAMP STAFF CHANGES

The caretaker at Millstone 4-H Camp has been replaced. The replacement is Joe Freeman, a former 4-H'er, camp staff member, and N.C. State Wildlife Biology graduate. He will be available for program help as well as caretaking. We anticipate that Joe will be available to assist warm-season weekend groups with programming, particularly in the area of natural resources. Our goal is to have the camp and curriculum available for local and county 4-H groups such that agents will feel secure in encouraging volunteer-led weekend groups to use the camp without agent attendance being necessary. To schedule use of the camp call the State 4-H Office.

J. Roland Flory

STATE 4-H COUNCIL RETREAT

The State Council Retreat drew 364 people! Where to next year? That's the question we've got to ask ourselves since this year's conference was bursting at the seams. (Sorry that a number of people were unable to attend because of the large pre-registration.) I'm especially thankful for the agent and volunteer support we had for the retreat. I hope the program will be an asset to your teens as they implement the state project. Please let me know how you feel about having the leader conference and the state council conference the same weekend. Also, which is most convenient and/or productive. . . a Friday to Sunday format or a Saturday-Sunday format?

Mike Davis



DISTRICT CONTESTS ELIMINATED This year there will be no district competition in Archery or Automotive Skill Driving. 4-H'ers will qualify in the county, with the method determined by the agent, and come directly to state competition at 4-H Congress. Qualifying guidelines for Archery are enclosed. Automotive Skill Driving qualifying procedures will be mailed by Henry Revell.

Mike Davis

CALENDAR--NEW DATES The following activities and dates were inadvertently left off the 1986 calendar:

March 28, Traffic Safety Poster Contest
Due A&T State University

September 12-13, Agriculture Career Day
A&T State University

Please make these additions to the North Carolina 4-H calendar.

H. Henry Revell, Jr.

4-H ROAD SIGNS: SHOWING THE CLOVER WITH CLASS 4-H road signs are a very valuable vehicle for public awareness. Thanks to the resources and skills available through two "sister" state agencies - The Department of Correction/Enterprise Group and the State Department of Transportation; inexpensive, attractive road signs are readily available.

Contact "Strict" Strickland, Enterprise Group Superintendent (1122 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 - Phone 919/733-7254) for information on the best signs for your situation. A "standard" 2 foot by 3 foot, double sided, reflective sign with heavy duty aluminum post is around \$25.00 each and can be delivered within a month of your order.

**4-H ROAD SIGNS: SHOWING THE
CLOVER WITH CLASS**
(continued)

Once you have placed your order, contact your Division Traffic Engineer. He will be listed under the North Carolina Department of Transportation in your phone book. Ask your district engineer to advise you on locating the signs so they comply with state guidelines. The Department of Transportation professionals will insure your signs are appropriately placed.

A county road sign campaign could make an excellent program for your county council, volunteer leader association, or 4-H and youth committee.

Check out your road sign situation now and plan to make this spring a time for "showing the clover with class."

Thearon T. McKinney

**"4-H TRY LEADING RECREATION"
TRAINING SET FOR MAY 30 -
JUNE 1**

"4-H Try Leading Recreation" training for county "training" teams of two teens and one adult is scheduled for May 30 - Jun 1 at Betsy-Jeff Penn. The training is designed to prepare the "Training Teams" to return to county programs to teach 6 hours of "4-H Leading Recreation" skills to identified clubs. The training team curriculum will focus on "Leading 4-H Club Recreation" skills and is being developed by a steering group composed of volunteers, agents, and specialists.

Application/registration packets will be mailed to all coordinators in March. Training team applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-accepted basis until the conference quota is reached.

This training would be most valuable for "teams" from well established 4-H clubs which have well developed club recreation activities. Begin to identify/contact possible teams now. The March package will contain further details.

Thearon T. McKinney
J. Roland Flory

EXCHANGE TRIPS

The Burleson County Texas 4-H Exchange group is interested in an exchange with a North Carolina County in 1986-87. The group would like to host in '86 and travel in '87. Burleson County is the home of Texas A & M University.

Contact: David E. Reue
County Extension Agent
P.O. Box 117
Caldwell, Texas 77836

Kossuth and Palo Alto Counties in northwest Iowa are interested in making arrangements for an Interstate Exchange program, hosting in 1986 and traveling in 1987, preferably in June or July. They would like to exchange with one or more other counties with 20 to 35 participants. 4-H'ers would currently be in grades 8-12 with the majority in grades 9-11.

Contact: Tracy V. Remy
Extension 4-H & Youth Leader
1306 North Main
Algona, Iowa 50511

The Ste Rose 4-H District of Manitoba, Canada is seeking an opportunity to exchange with a North Carolina County. Located 200 miles from Winnipeg, the Manitoba Provincial Capitol; they can travel or host in July of 1986 with 30-35 youth 14-19 years old.

Contact: Doreen Stammen
Manitoba Agriculture
Box 180
Ste Rose, Manitoba, Canada
ROL ISO

Phone: 204/447-2116 Office
204/732-2376 Home

Thearon T. McKinney

NEED SUMMER CRAFTS?

A room full of camp crafts left over from past years is available at super bargain prices! When in Raleigh ask to see them. A list will be available later.

J. Roland Flory

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL 4-H TRAFFIC SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Once again we encourage county 4-H staffs to promote and carry out the Annual North Carolina 4-H Traffic Safety Poster Contest. The purpose of this program is to increase safety awareness of youth 9 to 12 years of age. It also provides additional recognition opportunities for youth in your county.

To participate in this program, please submit the enclosed entry form by March 28, 1986.

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TRAFFIC POSTER CONTEST THE SCHEDULE

Fourth Friday of March (March 28, 1986). Entry Forms Due

Third Friday of April (April 18, 1986). County Winning Posters Due

Fourth Friday of April (April 25, 1986). Final Judging of Posters

Henry Revell, Jr.

"4-H IS MORE"

"4-H is More" is a twelve minute videotape designed to help market 4-H. It is available on loan or for purchase from A & T State University. Requests should be sent to: Publications Editor, A & T State University, P.O. Box 21928, Greensboro, North Carolina 27420-1928.

Henry Revell, Jr.

Sincerely,

Dalton R. Proctor

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State 4-H Leader