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4-H PRESENTATIONS

Would I like to do a . . . what? A 4-H presentation, of course. District 4-H Activity Days are fast approaching. A flurry of activity across the state is centered around polishing those presentations for taking home the district winner honors and on to state finals. A lesson to be learned in life is winning and accepting not taking the trophy home. But let's take a step out of the competitive show and look at the larger opportunity that presentations provide our membership.

The first example that comes to mind, "Teens Reaching Youth." These young people are heavily involved in presentations. A main focus of their participation in TRY is teaching others. Is that not the real purpose of presentations? Done with the absence of trying to be better than someone else, these youth are all winners as they refine and sharpen skills and knowledge in an area of personal interest. Is this not one of the purposes of 4-H'ers doing presentations?

Second example, mall exhibits, fair exhibits, and the like often require the member to show and tell people who visit the display. They too are giving a presentation. They are sharing, teaching, and helping someone become more informed and skilled in that particular subject. Are they not having to think and speak on their feet, rely on what they have learned to entertain questions and discussions, and use their creative skills through visuals and examples to teach the viewers? Do we not advocate this is also a value of giving a presentation?

The traditional competitive presentation is often abandoned after District Day. Is it not worthy of other audiences? Community clubs, day





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care programs, civic groups, Extension groups, and so many others stand to gain even more than judges. Of course, the presenter has nothing to gain but confidence, polish, and expertise. Presentations add variety, interest, and enthusiasm. Recognized as a retention factor of membership is member participation. The more often 4-H'ers are actively involved, the longer interest as a member may last. We each have our individual interests and needs. Competition or just plain sharing may be the answer. Presentations can mold and shape with both its sharing and giving aspect as well as its competitive nature. Let's not lose sight of its true potential. Being a part of an active, democratic organization that allows one opportunity to pursue a personal interest is an enticement for membership. Presentations should afford the means for true personal development and the sharing with others.

Ann Y. Frazier

VOLUNTEER LIABILITY

4-H volunteer liability continues to be of concern to agents and volunteers. The Governor's Office verified again our coverage under the Tort Claims Act of North Carolina. Volunteers are covered the same as Extension employees for up to \$100,000. This, of course, is only liability as it concerns activities. Transportation to and from activities is covered through personal auto liability insurance.

This issue is receiving national attention. Congressman John Porter (Republican from Illinois) is sponsoring a bill (HR 911) called the Volunteer Protection Act of 1987. This legislation would withhold one percent of social services block grants from any state that fails to extend liability protection to volunteers by the beginning of 1989. Again, North Carolina volunteers are already covered.

James A. Everettes from the University of Wisconsin wrote about ways to reduce liability risks in the Cooperative Extension Service. District 4-H liaisons have been provided a copy of this document. Some of the highlights from this report are as follows:

1. Be alert for potential dangers on the premises.



2. Provide good orientation of volunteers and document that orientation was provided.
3. Provide an adequate number of chaperones.
4. Avoid putting yourself in the busing business. Encourage parent and adult involvement in transporting people.
5. Hold meetings and activities in county facilities when practical and appropriate.
6. Make sure families are aware of things you are planning to do at events and activities.
7. Investigate local and state trade and vending laws if involved in fund raising activities. Particularly note the do's and don'ts for use of the 4-H name and be familiar with tax exempt status of 4-H. A previous issue of this newsletter had specific information regarding use of the emblem.
8. Develop an effective committee support system such as 4-H and Youth Committees and specialized committees and encourage committee minutes to record all actions taken.
9. Avoid the petty cash or shoe box operations and have a volunteer handle and keep accurate books for the system. Also establish a good accounting system with appropriate checks and balances.
10. To reduce liability from disciplinary actions:
 - a. Make sure all participants know the rules.
 - b. Make sure parents know the rules.
 - c. Review rules at the beginning of each activity and establish a procedure for handling infractions.
 - d. Enforce rules consistently.
 - e. Recruit good people and thoroughly train and orient them.

If you are interested in a workshop during Annual Conference on this issue, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.

Judy M. Groff

NATIONAL 4-H LEADER FORUMS

There are a number of National 4-H Volunteer Leader Forums offered in the fall of 1987 and into the spring of 1988. There is no support for volunteers attending these but volunteers may be interested in going on their own. Many of these forums are being held outside of Washington, D.C. The forums are as follows:

1. Expressive Arts

Dates: September 29 - October 4, 1987

Location: Sunwood Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota

Cost: Tuition - \$55

Lodging - \$50-\$55 plus tax

Meals

Purpose:

To prepare leaders to work with other volunteers as a team in helping expressive arts leaders in their state.

2. Communications

Dates: January 26 - 31, 1988

Location: Orlando, Florida

Cost: \$155 tuition, plus meals and lodging

Purpose:

To prepare volunteers to work as team members in helping 4-H communication leaders to develop skills in personal communication, mass media, marketing, and teaching communications.

3. Livestock and Horse - Option A - Livestock
Option B - Horse

Date: September 22 - 26, 1987

Location: Reno, Nevada

Cost: \$155 tuition, plus meals and lodging

Purpose:

To help to prepare horse and livestock leaders to work with other volunteers as a team to develop other horse and livestock leaders. Topics to include are increasing teaching effectiveness, utilizing community resources, building careers into livestock and horse programs, and goal setting.

4. Nutrition

Date: September 13 - 17, 1987

Location: National 4-H Center

Cost: \$305.00

Travel Scholarships: Sponsored by Campbell Soup Company

Purpose:

For participants to gain up to date information in skills related to foods and nutrition projects and programming and to develop a plan for sharing information upon returning home.

If you have leaders interested in any of these

forums and would like more detailed information, please call. We have outlines of the curriculum including the agendas.

Judy M. Groff

TRY TRAINING OF TRAINERS

The next opportunity for getting a TRY Training Team prepared to conduct training for Level 1 members in your county is at the Western District Leadership Conference held at Swannanoa 4-H Camp. The TRY Training of Trainers will be a separate leadership track and will be conducted by certified trainers. Team members will receive a \$50 scholarship which will cover most of the Conference fee.

The Leadership Conference is going to be especially fun this year with tours being conducted off campus for each of the special opportunities that week. There is a pending trip to the Flat Rock Playhouse one night and many other special exciting events. The conference is planned and implemented by a volunteer and paid staff committee from the western area of the state, but it is open to others who are interested.

If you plan to launch a TRY Program this fall, you should recruit a team to send to the Leadership Conference. Call me if you are interested in this opportunity. The next opportunity will be in February 1988. You will need to recruit at least one adult and a couple of teens. You cannot have all teens participate in this training for trainers.

Judy M. Groff

TRY "GET TOGETHER" CONGRESS

For those of you who had TRY participants in any phase of the program in 1986, we are planning a get together during 4-H Congress. The nature of this get together has yet to be decided, but as the planning committee formulates ideas, we will be sharing those with you.

Judy M. Groff

PROFILES FOR TOMORROW YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Profiles For Tomorrow is a teen leadership program sponsored by Monsanto. It takes place in Chevy Chase, Maryland the weekend of October 9-11, 1987 at the National 4-H Center. Participants who attend make a one year commitment to 4-H and they design a volunteer project to

conduct when they return home utilizing some of the skills they gained at the Profiles Program.

North Carolina has been sending a delegation of seven teenagers to this program. We have taken several different approaches to selection of members over the past two years. This year we are going to interview applicants during 4-H Congress. We are looking, again, to select seven 4-H'ers who will be in high school through the spring of 1988. An application for the program is enclosed. If you have other questions, please call.

Judy M. Groff

NEW VIDEO TAPE

We have just purchased a video tape entitled "The Gentle Art of Saying No." This tape would be appropriate for teen or adult audiences. It is designed to be a discussion starter and is in several parts so it has the content for a number of different meetings or programs designed around this one topic. It does not focus on the emotional topics of pregnancy, alcohol, or drug abuse. It deals with everyday problems that teens encounter from peer pressure. I have previewed it and feel that it is an excellent addition to our video library. It is available from Visual Communications.

Judy M. Groff

**FILMSTRIP:
"CAREER DECISIONS"**

The "Career Decisions" filmstrip kit contains three units designed to help youth learn about their values, aspirations, and skills. It explores how decisions related to career choice can affect future goals and happiness. The accompanying worksheets help students discover their interests and skills and serve as a guide to develop job seeking skills. All worksheets can be xeroxed for the target group.

Sharon Runion Rowland

DRUG FREE KIDS

A teaching packet entitled "Drug Free Kids" is available now from Visual Communications. The curriculum includes a video with a guide for its showing. Designed for use with preadolescents, adolescents, and their parents, a tough love approach is used to keep children off drugs.

If you are planning some effort toward substance

abuse, you may find this resource quite helpful. The Home Economics Agent in your county with Human Development responsibility received a copy of general information about the program last November. The program comes highly recommended and offers a good opportunity for 4-H and Home Economics to work together.

Ann Y. Frazier

"TAKE A KID FISHING"

For \$60.00 an adult can sponsor and take a kid fishing aboard the Captain Stacy IV, Morehead City, Thursday, August 13, from 6 am - 5 pm. Fee covers rod, reel, bait and stringer. Specialists from N.C. State University and the N.C. Wildlife Federation will be on hand to offer information and give you tips on how to reel in the "big one". A \$30.00 non-refundable deposit required by August 1, 1987. Make checks payable to: The Pamlico County 4-H Fund. Mail to: Pamlico County Ag. Extension Service, P. O. Box 8, Bayboro, NC 28515. For more information call (919)745-4121.

Ed Maxa

FUR FISH AND GAME RENDEZVOUS

Is your county sending anyone to Fur, Fish and Game Rendezvous this year? In case you had forgotten, the time is nearly here. Let's reel in those youth for a week of fun filled learning experiences July 5-9 at Millstone 4-H Camp.

Ed Maxa

"4-H SIGN UP" KICK OFF

"4-H SIGN UP" is a program designed to encourage 4-H clubs, volunteer groups, and councils to purchase, erect, landscape and maintain attractive 4-H road signs. The program will be part of the "4-H Promotion" emphasis of the North Carolina volunteer 4-H Leaders' Association.

Pat Clark, a Burke County volunteer, chairs the "4-H Promotion" task force. The program will emphasize the following action steps:

- Assessing existing signs
- Mapping for New Sign Locations
- Eliminating Signs in Disrepair
- Erecting New (3' x 5' or larger) Signs
- Purchasing
- Landscaping

A 4-H SIGN UP Task Force Guide will be available soon. Begin to plan and act now to expand the number of attractive road signs in your county.

Thearon T. McKinney

4-H: FOR YOUTH FOR AMERICA BROCHURE

You will find enclosed fifty copies of a promotional brochure entitled "4-H: For Youth For America." We hope you find them valuable.

They are particularly well designed for use with sponsor/donor audiences. For additional copies contact National 4-H Supply Service.

Thearon T. McKinney

NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENTS WORK

Many counties use newspaper supplements in several ways:

- General Public Awareness
- Teen Involvement
- Resource Development and Reporting

The newspaper supplement can be particularly valuable as a part of National 4-H Week or National Volunteer Week promotion. Wanda Sykes in Halifax County has for years used supplements extremely productively. Two examples of her work are enclosed. Wanda uses older 4-H'ers in selling advertising and writing copy to make the supplement a true 4-H learning experience as well as an excellent promotion/marketing medium.

Plan now to make a newspaper supplement a part of your next county-wide promotion.

Thearon T. McKinney

4-H SPECIAL INTEREST CAMP

There is ample space in all of the speciality Camps except Sailing - it is nearing the cut-off line.

Your help is urgently needed to make more youth aware of these special camps.

J. Roland Flory

CAMP STORE ITEMS

There will be many new items in the camp stores this year. A partial list is enclosed with the newsletter. Please make campers aware of these items and the prices before they come to camp. The pre-camp meeting of campers and parents

would be a good place to share this information.

J. Roland Flory

**ANNOUNCING "KIDS
HELPING KIDS"**

We are pleased to announce "Kids Helping Kids," a state-wide promotion/fund raising program combining the resources of North Carolina 4-H and Ronald McDonald Houses, Inc. of North Carolina. A program description is enclosed to orient you to program goals and design.

We are extremely excited about the potential value of "Kids Helping Kids." We will be working closely with both the Ronald McDonald House, Inc. network and the professionals involved with the McDonald's corporation.

Be sure to review the program description and begin to plan now to involve your county in "Kids Helping Kids." Start by distributing the program description in your county 4-H newsletter.

You will receive your promotional package in late June or early July. We look forward to helping you make "Kids Helping Kids" a valuable program in your county.

Thearon T. McKinney

**1987 ES-237
REPORTING SCHEDULE**

The 1987 ES-237 Federal form has arrived early and I was surprised to find that only a few minor or changes have been made. Jeff Johnson is diligently working on the Year-In-Review program and the revised version of the computerized ES-237 program. If you have completed your Assistant data base by September, the Year-In-Review program will calculate many of the ES-237 figures you will need.

The tentative time table for data collection is as follows;

1. Computer programs and appropriate user manuals will be distributed by AECS around the first week in September.
2. The ES-237 form and any supplementary forms will be mailed to counties the week in September. (Public Housing, Partners in Learning and EFNEP)
3. A paper copy of all requested forms and the completed ES-237 computer

program will be returned to the 4-H and Youth Development Office by October 1. Data must be transmitted by disk. The paper copy will only be used in case the disk is damaged in mailing.

4. County information will be compiled into the North Carolina ES-237 report and mailed to Washington by October 15.

A final schedule will be sent to you in late August. If you have any questions about ES-237, please call.

Candace Goode

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

ICI and The Cotton Foundation are pleased to continue the ICI Americas-Cotton Foundation Scholarship Program. Those selected will receive a one time \$2,000 award. To be eligible youth must be a graduating high school senior who will attend an accredited 4 year college or university or be currently enrolled in such a school. Youth must be also be the children of cotton growers, textile researchers, consultants, marketers, farm managers or chemical distributors. Last year 35 awards were made and a guarantee of at least 25 will be made this year. For an application or further information call 1-800-441-7757 extension 3192.

Ron Jarrett

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE ASSISTANT

The Assistant has been available for county use about a month. I hope all of you have had an opportunity to use the software. If not, please set aside sometime this month to begin building our data base.

I am happy to report that no major problems have been reported since distribution but Jeff and I have had several agents call with minor concerns or questions. Many of you in the future may have some of the same concerns or questions, so listed below are 4-Helpful Hints concerning The Assistant.

1. Address Lines: The second address line on the electronic enrollment card is there for you to use if needed. In many urban areas, addresses have become so long that additional space is required. However, for most addresses, you will only use the first line.

and they want to develop a detailed
of the campaign activities in the states.
of our current data collection process
to not allow us to facilitate the campaign
from 1980-1982. Our only solution is
that you report your campaign ac-
such as the names, addresses and
of the county campaign com-
in the Newsletter mailing. The con-
is not for mail mid-October, 1981
you have completed 10-31-81.

will use the information you provide to
future campaign needs in North Carolina.
also provide data for a 4-
of the details of data collection in 1981.

please find a copy of the program
for 4-H Animal Sciences and 4-H Plant
4-H Mechanical Sciences and 4-H Text
Sciences. You may want to add these to
for future reference.

Ballon H. Proctor
actions sent to Extension 4-H Agents
ward, Warren County, for being selected
1981 District Service Award
by the Warren County Jaxsons.

Ballon H. Proctor
new District Leadership conference in a
week long hands-on learning experience
ages 14-18 and is scheduled to be held
4-H Camp June 19-24-81.

at the committee decided to allow you
to participate. The cost is \$25.00.
cost of their expenses track. The
of the area:
Photography
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Message, Money, Honey

2. 4-Her and Leader Names: Remember when you are adding an individual to the data base, the name you enter into the program will be the only name the computer will recognize. For example if Monday I add Charles M. Spears to my data base and then Wednesday want to update his record, I must type on the screen Charles M. Spears. The computer will not recognize Charlie M. Spears, Charles Spears, or any other variation of the name Charles M. Spears. The computer will tell you the name is not found in your data base.

3. If you want to remove a name from the data base (not delete) so that it is not counted for any report, just call the record up using update and then enter a new record over the existing one. Example: Mary Smith's information was entered twice into my data base by mistake. To remove one of the records, I would call up one of the records using update and then type the enrollment information of a new 4-Her over that record.

4. Caution: If you experience a situation where the computer refuses to allow you to enter a new name into the data base, don't panic or kick your computer, you have just experienced a name collision. The collision was caused by the algorithm we use to index names. If you want to have a more detailed explanation please call Jeff Johnson. When that happens, you will have to modify the name you are trying to enter. Example: You have tried to enter Trice Sutton into your data base, the computer tells you Trice is already in the data base, and then gives you Teresa Sumpster's record. The names have collided and the computer cannot distinguish between them. Modify Trice Sutton by adding in a middle initial or any other variation that you can remember. Notify us if you have this problem so we can improve the algorithm if necessary.

Candace Goode

1986-87 CAMPING STATISTICS

Help! Roland Flory wants to develop a detailed profile of the camping activities in the state. Unfortunately our current data collection procedures will not allow us to partition the camping information from ES-237. Our only solution is to request that you report your camping activities such as day camps, retreats and residential camps on the county camping form enclosed in the Newsletter mailing. The completed form is not due until mid-October, 1987 (sooner if you have completed ES-237).

Roland will use the information you provide to project future camping trends in North Carolina. It will also provide base line data for a portion of our new 4-year Plan Of Work. If you have any questions concerning the requested data on the form, call Roland Flory. We will communicate the details of data collection in September.

Candace Goode

4-H LONG-RANGE PLAN OF WORK

Enclosed please find a copy of the Program Statement for 4-H Animal Sciences and Forms ES-315 for 4-H Mechanical Sciences and 4-H Plant and Soil Sciences. You may want to add these to your file for future reference.

Dalton R. Proctor

CONGRATULATIONS TO GLENN WOOLARD

Congratulations goes to Extension 4-H Agent Glenn Woolard, Warren County, for being selected for the 1987 Distinguished Service Award presented by the Warren County Jaycees.

Dalton R. Proctor

WESTERN DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Western District Leadership conference is a special week long hands-on learning experience for teens ages 14-19 and is scheduled to be held at Swannanoa 4-H Camp June 29-July 3.

This year the committee decided to allow any 4-H youth to participate. The cost is \$85.00, plus the cost of their afternoon track. The tracks being offered are:

Wildlife	Photography
Cooking	Drama
Money, Money, Money	Heritage
TRY	

If interested, contact Carolyn Langley, Post Office Box 949, Morganton, NC 28655. Phone: 704-433-4050.

Carolyn Langley

GARY STOTT SCHOLARSHIP

Very Important! The Gary Stott 4-H Scholarship has been reopened. If you have a potential recipient, please call Mona Rodgers at 919-737-3242 for application forms. Applications must be in our office by July 1, 1987.

Dalton R. Proctor

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
GUIDELINES**

Enclosed are the latest guidelines for National 4-H Educational Scholarships. Please file for future reference. Destroy all obsolete information.

Dalton R. Proctor

Sincerely,



Dalton R. Proctor
State 4-H Leader