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TEEN PROGRAMMING PRINCIPLES

In developing the Teens Reaching Youth Program, we learned some things about programming with and for the teenage audience that are transferable when designing other teen programs. In early May we will be sharing our experiences with other states who are interested in developing stronger teen programs.

Some principles we know to be true to effectively involve teens are as follows:

1. Team youth and adults together in performing meaningful roles in conducting activities of their own choice.
2. Create an equal power situation where teens and adults receive the same instructions, training, rewards, and other benefits.
3. Treat everyone with respect, all the time.
4. Provide adults with success models to help develop a trusting relationship with teens.

In practice, these principles need to be applied from the planning stage through the evaluation stage of a program. Whether the program is TRY, a variation of TRY or something entirely different, the principles apply. Some ideas to guide the planning/implementation process are as follows:

1. Involve teens and adults together in setting dates and times of meetings to plan the program.
2. Structure planning meetings to ensure youth input:
 - Take time for getting acquainted to learn strengths of each individual.



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- Have enough teens present to form a critical mass.
 - Use small group work and brainstorming techniques to define the program; make sure everyone contributes ideas.
 - Ask teens to perform significant tasks at the meeting.
3. Listen when teens make recommendations—inside or outside of formal meetings.
 4. Delegate work for implementing the program to teams of two teens with one or two adults. Have individuals or teams put in writing what they agree to do.
 5. Allow teams autonomy to perform job/role within the prescribed time frame and other necessary guidelines.
 6. Set an ending date for completion of all parts of the program. Set periodic check points for reporting on progress.

If building a stronger, broader based teen program is a goal in your plan of work, you may want to consider having a teen and adult joint training program to discuss attitudes and ideas of people involved. I recently developed a videotape which might be helpful. It is a dialogue between me and Susan Clark, State Council Vice President which incorporate these principles and ideas. I plan to put the videotape into the context of a lesson plan so it will be easily usable. Let me know if you would like to preview the video or need it for an upcoming Leader meeting. Our successful experiences with TRY can help develop other programs teens will learn from and enjoy.

Judy M. Groff

CAMPAIGN FOR 4-H APRIL UPDATE

All regional campaign orientation sessions have been completed and we are moving immediately to form County Pacesetter Campaign Steering Committees. These committees will set county Pacesetter Campaign goals and begin to develop a sub-committee structure to reach that goal.

County directors will receive the amended County Pledge Form in early May along with other support materials. Two audio-visual pieces are available for use in committee/campaign recruitment and planning. Order through Agricultural Communications Media Library and ask for:

- "America's Youth: The Challenge and the opportunity/North Carolina Version - a 28 minute VHS tape (The one used during the orientation session.)
- "Campaign for 4-H" - a 15 minute

slide/tape presentation (140 slides) featuring the Campaign Case Statement (page 4 of the Campaign Brochure). It will be available no later than May 10, 1989.

Thearon T. McKinney

"THE LADDER"

The next issue of "The Ladder", the Leaders' Association newsletter, is scheduled to be published in May. You need to send mailing labels to Kathy Pollock, P.O. Box 10, Currituck, N.C. 27929. Each leader whose name is sent in will receive a direct mailed newspaper.

Enclosed in this packet is information regarding what is planned to be in the next issue of "The Ladder." Look for the memo to officers of the Board of Directors of the Association dated March 15, 1989. Other information regarding Association plans for the coming year are also in that let-

ter.

You may want to send copy on programs your leaders are involved with or human interest articles for inclusion in the newsletter. All copy should be sent to Sandy Brown, P.O. Box 693, Pineville, NC, 28134. Articles are due May 1 to her, but may be sent anytime.

Financial support for this communication tool is still critical. Please encourage leaders and others to support with patron ads or block ads. The patron ads are \$5 each and block ads are \$4 per column inch. You may send copy and money for ads to me. We must make this publication self supporting this year or it will be discontinued.

Judy M. Groff

AMBASSADOR TRAINING

The 1989 Ambassador training program is scheduled for June 13-16 in Raleigh at the Meredith Guest House. This year we will extend the training one day to allow Ambassadors to attend the Family Living Seminar. The topic for the Family Living Seminar this year is the working poor. They will be discussing problems concerning youth at risk issues which we will be encouraging Ambassadors to incorporate into their presentations.

Remember the role of Ambassadors is to make presentations in support of your program. A current list of trained Ambassadors is enclosed. Please be sensitive to their need to be asked to do presentations and call on them.

Judy M. Groff

NEW HORIZONS IN PEER COUNSELING

Last month an article appeared in this newsletter concerning the Peer Counseling Conference. The dates are April 20 - April 22. Dr. Elizabeth Foster from Manteo is one of the fea-

tered speakers along with Dr. Norman Sprinthall.

Registration is \$50 which includes lunch and dinner on Friday. I have registration forms if you might be interested in going. The North Carolina Peer Helper Association is very interested in networking with us particularly related to the TRY program. The content of the conference as well as the networking possibilities look good.

Judy M. Groff

4-H PUBLICATIONS UPDATE

The following publications have been returned from the Print Shop to Central Publications:

Enrollment in 4-H Card	0-1-23
Steps in 4-H Program	
Planning Worksheet	0-1-91
Model Airplanes MM	0-1-96
Six Easy Steps to Organizing 4-H Clubs	0-1-150
Proud Parents Participate	0-1-156
Your Bike and You	M-3-31P
Exploring Electricity	MM M-3-25P
Electricity for Family Living	M-3-27P
Care of Dogs & Puppies	M-1-12P
Training Your Dog for Family Living	M-1-13P
Dog Obedience Lessons -- Beginner	M-1-15P
Fit It All Together II	MM M-13-19P
Fit It All Together II	LG L-13-20P
Trees LG	L-14-7P
1989 Awards Handbook	0-1-10
My 4-H Plan (Seniors)	R-1-80
Wonderful World of Wood	M-14-11P
Small Engines I	M-3-13P

Please use the standard white 4-H Publications Order Form to submit your requests.

Sharon Runion Rowland

1989 CUMULATIVE RECORD RESULTS

Enclosed are the district and state results from the 1989 Cumulative Record Judging process. The judges were very impressed with the quality of the records submitted and encourage further participation from all those who are eligible.

4-H Agents, master volunteers, volunteers, parents and members submitting records are to be commended for the increase in the number of records entered. With an increase of 106 records, the total number of entries was 539. Congratulations!

Agents who have 4-H members who must resubmit their records for national or sectional competition will be notified with specific details in the next several weeks. We challenge you to encourage your members to work diligently as they prepare for the next level of competition.

Sharon Runion Rowland

1989 NC 4-H CONGRESS PREVIEW

Some exciting activities are being planned for the 1989 State 4-H Congress. All of you will be happy to know we will be back to a suite arrangement for lodging. This year delegates will be housed in Bragaw and Carroll dormitories by districts as usual.

Tuesday's schedule will be a bit different. You will be able to devote your time to your 4-H'ers involved in presentations because those not involved will attend one of three special tracks. Transportation to/from each program location and campus will be our responsibility. Lunch will also be provided for these special track participants. Programs will begin immediately following breakfast and participants will be taken to McKimmon Center to attend district meetings in late afternoon. These three tracks are:

1) International Intrigue will be held at the State Fairgrounds. Aimed at increasing awareness and knowledge of critical global issues which will impact the welfare of young people as they become adults, the program will begin with a game explaining population explosion and its consequences. Participants will then take part in small group activities on: "The World's Environment," "Feeding the Hungry World," "International Travel," and "International Frolic." The day will culminate in a quiz bowl based on the information shared in these sessions. The 4-H IFYE Alumni will be giving leadership to this program.

2) A second track will be a focus on state government. Part of the morning will be spent touring historical landmarks and legislative buildings. Experiential workshops will follow which will allow youth to participate in government in action.

3) For the singers among your delegation a third track will be offered just for them. The "Chorus of 100" will be composed of one delegate per county. After practicing with a trained instructor during the day, the chorus will be ready to perform during the Tuesday night assembly.

Tuesday's new format may change your marketing and recruiting strategies. In addition to 4-H'ers involved in competitive activities, youth who have a strong interest in or who would benefit from one of the special tracks would be potential Congress delegates. For those junior age 4-H'ers who opt to attend Congress a workshop opportunity just for them will be conducted on Wednesday morning. To maintain statewide visibility for the 4-H program and to make the experience cost-effective, it is important that each county have a delegation representative of its county 4-H programs.

More information will be mailed to you around May 1. It will include

workshop topics, election information, registration instructions, and more details about the whole week. We look forward to a a 4-H Congress that symbolizes the strength and growth of our 4-H program in North Carolina.

Mike Davis

STATE OFFICER NOMINATION FORMS DUE JUNE 1

According to the bylaws of the Constitution of the North Carolina 4-H Council, nominations for candidates for State 4-H Council officers must be sent in by June first. No nominations can be accepted after this date. If there is no candidate for an office, the office will be reopened at the State Council meeting on Monday, July 17. Please make sure that any candidates from your county have completed the necessary form and submitted it on time.

Mike Davis

STATE COUNCIL PROJECT ENTRIES

June first is also the due date for State 4-H Council project entries. This year \$50 awards will be given in two categories: Most Significant Results and Most Creative Approach to the project, "4-H & NC. . . Naturally Proud." Individual, clubs, and groups can submit entries. They will be judged together based on the category entered.

The eight winning district scrapbooks will also be judged during Congress. They should be submitted on Monday, July 17 by each district reporter. Winners will be selected based on the information included about participation in the state project. District winners will receive purple ribbons and the Outstanding State Scrapbook will receive a plaque. All scrapbooks will be displayed during Congress.

Other recognition to be given this

year is a \$50 award to the county which has the highest number of presentations in the Environmental Quality category at county activity day.

During the Thursday morning assembly at Congress, the state 4-H officers will present the results of this year's project and recognize winners. Part of the presentation will be a slide show provided that enough slides are available for use. The officers are asking any 4-H'er who enters the state project contest to submit slides. Send entries or slides to Meredith Renfrow.

Mike Davis

4-H REGIONAL TEXTILE SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

The Southern Region 4-H Textile Symposium/Textile Fellows program was announced last month. Here are some more important details:

When: July 29 - August 4, 1989
Who: 15-19 year olds from the
Southern Extension Region
Where: campuses of NCSU & UNCG

Enclosed in this newsletter are Symposium brochures you may use to recruit candidates. Because of the expense of copying the official applications, we will send them only to interested individuals. Completed applications will be due to the State Office by **June 1**. Please send them to Meredith. Selections will be made by June 15 and all candidates will be notified immediately.

We will select 9 youth as Fellows and 1 adult to represent N.C. Please note that this is a change from the previous communication which indicated 10 Fellows would be chosen. There will be a \$100 registration fee per person. If you need additional information on the role of the adult or any phase of the program, please let us know.

Dalton R. Proctor

**CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
(C.W.F.)**

Please don't forget a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit per delegate and names of participants for C.W.F. are due to the State 4-H Office by **May 1, 1989**. Again, C.W.F. will be held July 29 - August 5, 1989 and total cost is \$380.00. For more specifics, refer to the C.W.F. packet mailed in January. Also, as reported earlier, Ruritan National has approved the Citizenship Washington Focus Program for sponsorship by their clubs and members. Members have been asked to provide individual scholarships to local 4-H members to attend C.W.F. in 1989 and the coming years. The "Catch the Ruritan Spirit" brochure which was mailed earlier explains the program. I am still looking for qualified volunteers to attend. If you have nominees, please let me know.

Eddie Locklear

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

Following is some information regarding exchange opportunities to New York.

Pam VanNamee is secretary of the Oneida County Teen Council in New York.

Oneida County has been involved with the exchange program for many years. They would prefer to host in 1989 as they have traveled in 1988. The exchange program takes place in July or August and the 4-Hers range from 13 to 19 years of age. There are usually 15 4-Hers who participate. Oneida County is located in Central New York. The 4-H interests being: dairy, poultry, and sheep. The primary industry in their county is dairy farming.

Some of the possible sites they visit during the exchange include: Griffis Air Force Base (military base), Vernon Downs (race horse track), Cornell University, 9-Mile Nuclear Power Plant and the State Capitol in Albany.

Contact Pam if you are interested in an exchange program. She would enjoy discussing the possibilities. She can be contacted at:

Second Street
PO Box 748
Oriskany, NY 13424-0748
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(315) 337-2531

Eddie Locklear

PLASTICS

Enclosed are three lesson plans that have been developed and two that have been adapted in support of 4-H and NC Naturally Proud. Try them out and let me know how they work.

Ed Maxa

CITIZENSHIP IDEAS

Enclosed in agents' newsletters are materials which have some good ideas for citizenship projects. The materials include a presidential stamp poster, Celebrate the Bicentennial of the US Constitution leaflet, Guide to Celebrating the Bicentennial of the US Constitution book, and We the People of the US leaflet. Please use these materials as you deem appropriate.

Eddie L. Locklear

**NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL
NAMES NEW PRESIDENT**

Dr. Richard J. Sauer, interim president of the University of Minnesota, joined National 4-H Caouncil as president and chief executive officer January 9, 1989. He replaced Grant A. Shrum who has been named executive vice chairman of Council.

Sauer previously served as Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics at the University of Minnesota; Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station; principal entomologist for a

research management and administration agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Head of the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University. He also coordinated 4-H youth entomology programs while working with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Dalton R. Proctor

**7TH, FUR, FISH N' GAME
RENDEZVOUS**

This once in a lifetime outdoor learning experience for boys and girls 11-15 will be held July 9-14 at Millstone 4-H Camp. We are in need of at least three more male leaders to insure adequate staffing. It is the role of this person to serve as a group leader and cabin counselor for the week. Leaders do receive a camp scholarship and the chance to assist in the development of young people interested in the environment. If you have volunteers who might be interested, please call Gary San Julian at 737-2741.

Ed Maxa

**STATE CUMULATIVE RECORD CATEGORIES
REOPENED**

The following senior division categories were reopened for competition by any eligible member:

Bicycle
Energy
Entomology
Forestry
Gardening
Poultry
Swine
Alumni Recognition

4-H members who wish to submit or resubmit their cumulative record in one or two of these categories should do so by July 1, 1989. The records should be sent to the State 4-H Office where they will be judged by subject matter specialists and a committee of agents and volunteers. If you have 4-H members who have competed in the past but have not been successful, this is an excellent opportunity to help them win a trip to National 4-H Congress or the opportunity to compete for a sectional trip to Congress.

If you have questions about the procedure, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sharon Runion Rowland

AVAILABLE CAMP SPACE

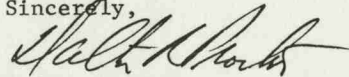
The only significant space available is the week of June 18-23 at Sertoma with all 140 spaces open in the main camp. This was caused by a church group dropping out recently.

With cabin counselors in place at Sertoma we could easily put some counties together that have overflow registrations. Let's hope! Orange County has already filled their 256 spaces at three camps and has reserved 45 more!!

There are a few small number of spaces at Sertoma and Millstone. Call if you need more space.

J. Roland Flory

Sincerely,



Dalton R. Proctor
State 4-H Leader