Hello, 4-H Volunteers!

June is a month when many 4-H members around the state have the opportunity to attend camps, workshops, and conferences away from home. 4-H Camp, Purdue Science Workshops, State Jr. Leader Conference, and Round-Up are just a few of these opportunities.

Members in your club will be learning new information, participating in fun activities, and meeting new friends. In all likelihood, the members will return home full of excitement and ready to share with others.

Please encourage these young people to share their experiences with other members in the club. These opportunities will give the participants great practice with talking in front of a group. Further, the information that they share will likely excite others in the club who may be interested in participating in future years.

Over time, our best recruitment efforts for these area and statewide events have proven to be the participants themselves.

Thank you for giving them these opportunities to share!!

Sincerely,

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June
9-11 Purdue Science Workshops
11-13 State 4-H Electric Workshop, Purdue
15-18 State 4-H Jr. Leader Conference, Ulindy
19-21 State 4-H Band, Purdue
19-23 State 4-H Chorus, Purdue
21-23 4-H Round-Up, Purdue
July
1 Registration due for Indiana State Fair Youth Leadership Conference

In the 4-H Spotlight …

“Robert Schultz, LaPorte County Volunteer”

Robert Schultz has served as a volunteer in the LaPorte County 4-H Program for 50 years. Although he never had the opportunity to participate as a 4-H member, he has touched the lives of thousands as a leader and has 4 of his own children who participated for 10 years each. Bob shared his passion for tractor maintenance as well as serving as a beef leader for many years. He hosted beef workshops teaching members selection, nutrition and breaking tips.

Bob continues to assist 4-H members with beef tagging, county beef shows and lending advice. Bob and his family own and operate a registered Hereford and Angus beef farm. In his spare time, he enjoys restoring antique tractors for his neighbors and attending the 4-H fair and visiting with the youth while they showcase their projects.

Thank you, Bob, for your continued service to 4-H!

You are invited to submit a brief article to Steve at the State 4-H Office (mckinles@purdue.edu) highlighting a person, club, or activity that can be included in future issues of this newsletter.

County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educators: Include information specific to your county in this text box that you would like to share with your 4-H Volunteers.

POINT TO PONDER

“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.”

- Nelson Mandela
Activity Corner – “Chase the Rabbit”

Supplies needed: 2 rags in knots, or 2 balls

Players stand or sit in a circle. Start to pass a rag or ball representing a rabbit around the circle (players pass it from hand to hand as rapidly as they can) until it gets back home. After they have practiced a bit with the rabbit, announce that the next time a hound will chase the rabbit.

Start the rabbit, then start another rag or ball (the hound) after it. The players pass the hound as fast as they can, trying to overtake the rabbit.

At the same time, they try to keep the rabbit from getting caught. The person who has the rabbit when it is caught by the hound must drop out. Continue until there is a small group of “winners”.

Bright Idea! - Celebrating Friendships

The 4-H program has long been a great way for young people to make lifelong friends. Members enjoy participating in similar projects and activities, attending trips together, and learning with each other.

What are some ways that we can be a good friend to others? Here are some tips:

- Be honest and sincere.
- Respect friends’ boundaries and don’t smother them.
- Stay positive; no one likes to be around a constant complainer!
- Be a good listener.
- Meet in a variety of places with activities that you both enjoy.

There are many benefits of maintaining these friendships. Research shows that those with a good support network of friends have an extended lifespan, lower blood pressure, and a reduction in obesity and smoking.

By continuing to provide opportunities for young people to develop friendships through 4-H, we are helping them to grow and develop more effectively!

Source: WorkLife Programs, Purdue University, February, 2009

Update from the State – 4-H Adult Volunteer Day, August 14th

You are invited to attend the 2010 4-H Adult Volunteer Day to be held at the Indiana State Fair in the Farm Bureau Building on Saturday, August 14th. The Volunteer Day program is designed to recognize your contributions to 4-H and to say thank you for all that you do for 4-H throughout the year.

Registration for Volunteer Day will be held from 9:30 –10:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and include performances by the Indiana 4-H Chorus, presentations by several special guests, and recognition of Tenured 4-H Volunteers.

While supplies last, each 4-H Volunteer in attendance will receive a special goody bag provided by our “Family of Sponsors”.

Check with the County Extension Office to pick up a more detailed schedule for 4-H Adult Volunteer Day and to obtain a complimentary admission ticket to the Indiana State Fair.

Those 4-H Volunteers who are being recognized for their tenure will receive separate correspondence from the State 4-H Office with details regarding the tenured volunteer recognition program.
4-H Volunteer Vision