



Winter 2006 Notes – YOUR NAE4-HA Regional Newsletter



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President's Message:

Running a marathon takes time, dedication, and commitment--- much like being a NAE4-HA Professional! This year I've signed up to be your "coach" as I serve as NAE4-HA President. As your NAE4-HA "coach", I propose a training plan and will include tips in each newsletter to provide the proper "hydration and nutrition", training experiences and group support. You as members will need to sign up for this next year, pay your dues, and commit to this professional development "training plan". The NAE4-HA training plan includes leadership and learning experiences within your state and national associations.

FIRST TIP: Sign up to attend the JCEP Regional workshops!

SECOND TIP: Sign up for the Reflections on Extension Leadership sponsored by Epsilon Sigma Phi (see more info. in the newsletter)

THIRD TIP: Strive for balance between personal and professional! Get proper rest, hydrate appropriately, and find a great support group--join NAE4-HA!

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Lisa Lauxman :)

Your NAE4-HA "COACH"

JCEP Regional Officers Workshops
Western – February 7 - 9, 2006
N. Central – Feb. 28 – March 2, 2006
Northeast – February 22 - 24, 2006
Southern – February 1 -3, 2006

Earlybird Registration –
January 6, 2006 @ \$210.00

Visit the JCEP website at www.jcep.org for more registration and workshop information.

With shifting climate for funding and personnel, Cooperative Extension professionals must be able to weather the climate by developing effective relationship with stakeholder advisory groups. The 2006 JCEP Regional Leadership Workshops, “Extension’s Changing Climate” are designed to help you gain new information to benefit your professional association. Attendees will share and learn new ideas, interact with professionals from other state associations and take back a training program to assist others in their state to effectively weather the climatic changes ahead for Cooperative Extension.

Who can attend? Anyone can attend this professional development opportunity for state officers. **However NAE4-HA will only reimburse one officer per state (usually the President). Contact your Regional Director for registration details BEFORE registering on-line, PLEASE!**

What you need to bring with you?

1. State Leadership Handbook
2. NAE4-HA handbook copy from web site (www.nae4ha.org)
3. Concerns or issues from your State.
4. Completed state report (**sample format can be found on**

nae4ha.org web site) should be sent electronically to Regional Director no later than one week prior to Regional workshop)

5. Positive attitude!
6. Ideas on ways to help you become a better professional.

Reimbursable Funds from NAE4-HA

1. One officer from each state will be reimbursed for most of their expenses while attending JCEP.
 - **Lodging** – Half of a double occupancy for two nights ONLY.
 - **Airfare** – Reimbursement will be made for a ticket equal to the 21 day SUPER-SAVER rate.
 - **Mileage** – Mileage will be divided by the number of riders in that vehicle at the current NAE4HA rate. Reimbursement is made only to one officer
 - **Meals** - Meals will be reimbursed at the current NAE4HA rate (B - \$6, L - \$9, and D -\$17, total \$32/day). This is for meals not covered in registration.

Please make sure you have a copy of your airline ticket and any other receipts you might have. Your Finance RD will be able to determine the cost of your room.

JCEP is truly a “training ground” for Presidents and President-elects. It helps to reduce the learning curve and exposes them to information they will need to become a more effective officer.

ATTENTION

State Membership Chair

Please continue to update your membership on a regular basis, as you get new members or as member info. changes.

2006 PILD Conference Information is Online, Clyde Jackson – PILD Liaison

The 2006 PILD-Public Issues Leadership Development conference, April 24-27, 2006, will focus on **“Capital Steps Towards Leadership.”** Plan now to attend PILD and learn about strengthening current partnerships around public issues and building new ones. PILD is open to all Extension staff and administrators and is sponsored by JCEP, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals. Conference information and registration information is available at www.jcep.org.

Extension Educators are encouraged to submit a RFP for Posters. Ten applicants selected receive a \$100.00 scholarship to attend PILD. The posters must show educational programming outcomes in the area of Public Issues Leadership Development. Poster submission guidelines are on the JCEP website at www.jcep.org. **Deadline** for submitting the poster RFP is **January 5, 2006.**

All Extension professionals are invited to attend PILD, learn what makes Washington tick... and how to use this “big picture” to improve your Extension programs. General Sessions will include preparing your message and preparation for visits to Capital Hill and Federal Agencies, breakfast with the National Program Leaders, and include off-site visits to Federal Agencies and National/Community organizations. Concurrent sessions focus on Grass Roots Advocacy, Leadership, Marketing, International Experiences, Community and Food Security Issues, Youth and Governance, Diversity, EDEN, Alternative Energy and related topics.

JCEP, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals is made up of the five the Extension professional

associations: Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals, Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

For further conference information and details can be found at www.jcep.org or contact **Luann Boyer**, Chair, lboyer@coop.ext.colostate.edu or Janice Stimpson, Co- Chair jstimpson@uidaho.edu or Clyde Jackson, NAE4-HA Representative cfjack@vt.edu

Meet Your Regional Directors:

**Steve Wagoner – IL
North Central Region Jr. Director**

Steve has been with Extension for over 22 years in Illinois and Wisconsin. He currently is an Extension Educator, Youth Development, with University of Illinois Extension and works out of the Edwardsville Extension Center. His primary interests in youth development work include youth-adult partnerships, youth leadership, starting new 4-H groups, and GPS/GIS. He serves a nine county area along the Mississippi River and makes his home in St. Louis. Personal passions include photography, reading, writing poetry and stories, antiques, American history, understanding cultural differences, and going to the gym. He looks forward to serving you in his new RD capacity!

**Kimberly Gressley – Arizona
Western Region Jr. Director**

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as Western Regional Jr. Director. I have been involved at some level with the 4-H Youth Development program since the age of 12. I was an active member of the Pima County 4-H program in Tucson for many years. I then volunteered as a horse leader during my college years while I majored in Agricultural Extension Education. My first 4-H Agent position was with the University of Minnesota, but I soon returned to sunny Arizona and then assumed my current position in Pinal County, Arizona. Somehow I found the time in between 4-H events and trainings to raise two little guys, assist with our family farm, attain a Masters Degree, build a new home and enjoy a few of my favorite pastimes: football on Friday nights, traveling, snorkeling, boating and skiing.

I am a sounding board for you. As the Jr. Director for the west, I will serve you as the communications director, actively conversing with the membership and offering the opportunity to conduct state visits upon your request. Please don't hesitate to let me know your concerns, thoughts, questions and needs. I will do my very best to give you the attention you deserve. As one of two Regional Directors, we both look forward to hearing from you and are anxious to meet the Western Region Presidents at JCEP in Phoenix in 2006!

**Michael S. McManus - SC
Southern Region Jr. Director**

I want to thank all of the people who voted, supported, and encouraged me to

run for Southern Regional Director. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent the Southern Region. I enjoy my involvement with 4-H and believe that 4-H makes a difference in the lives of families and youth.

Currently, I serve as 4-H Youth Development Agent, in Marlboro and Chesterfield Counties and Lead Agent in Marlboro County, South Carolina. I have worked in Extension in Georgia and South Carolina. I am Past President of the South Carolina Association of Extension 4-H Agents. I have served as President-Elect, Vice-President, Membership Chair, Recognition Chair, and Chair for our State Association meeting.

My mission is to have a positive attitude, provide support and encouragement, be a communication link for the Southern Region, and to remind all to enjoy work and life.

I am honored to serve as one of the Regional Directors in the South. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the JCEP workshop and visiting with your State Association meetings. Please share your concerns, suggestions, ideas, feedback, and good news. Brian, Carolyn, and I are here to represent you.

**Carolyn Langley - NC
Southern Region Jr. Director**

She is a life-long 4-H'er. Beginning in the program at age 9, she attended National 4-H Congress and is a NC 4-H Honor Club Member. Carolyn has been employed with NC Cooperative Extension for over 25 years; 17 as a 4-H agent, and nearly eight as an Information Management Agent. Last

year, she was promoted to County Extension Director in Randolph County. She also has had responsibility with the NC 4-H International Exchange since 1997 and currently serves as Coordinator for the Program.

Carolyn has a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Resources from North Carolina State University, a Master of Science in Home Economics: Child Development and Family Relations from East Carolina University, as well as a Certificate in Computer Graphics and Design from Alamance Community College.

Married for 25 years this coming February, Carolyn and her husband, Phil, have a 16 year old daughter, Austin. Austin is proving that the 4-H spirit is alive and well in the Langley family. She recently attended the 2005 National 4-H Congress and was named NC 4-H Youth Volunteer of the Year. In what little free time Carolyn has, she directs her church youth choir and youth band and occasionally gets a chance to downhill ski, which she enjoys.

**Megan Tiffit – New York
Northeast Region Jr. Director**

My career in the Cooperative Extension 4-H Program began shortly after I graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Animal Science. At the age of 21 I began my 4-H career in two Counties in Southern Vermont (one of which I grew up in the dairy program in). After four years of being with UVM Extension and receiving a Graduate Degree in Educational Leadership, I moved across the country to accept a position as a 4-H

Agent in Colorado. In 2004 I moved back East to be closer to family and I am currently a 4-H Team Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Tompkins County New York. I have been a member of NAE4-HA for 7 years and I am thrilled to be serving as Northeast Regional Chair for the next 2 years. I feel that my experience as a young professional and from growing up in the 4-H program will add much value to this position. I can be reached at met38@cornell.edu or 607-342-3387 so please keep in touch.

**NAE4-HA Committee
Updates!**

**Programs Committee, Diversifying to
meet YOUR needs! *Debbie Nistler,
Chair***

Programs Committee now has NINE Task Forces to address emerging and important issues within the Youth Development Profession. If you are interested in getting involved it's not too late! Much of the work of the committee is done through out the year! To get involved simply contact Programs Committee Chair, Debbie Nistler at dnistler@coj.net for more information. The current task forces are:

After School Programming
Animal Science
Camping and Environmental Education
Character Education
GPS/GIS
Urban Programming
Workforce Preparation
World Citizenship (Formally Global Multicultural)
Youth in Governance
Urban Programming

**Member Recognition,
Bill Million, Chair**

2006 Awards Program

Now is the time to pull out your calendar and block off a day to work on your 2006 NAE4-HA award applications. March 1 is the deadline for submitting your entries to your state member recognition contact unless your state has an earlier date. Be sure to check the website under Professional Development – Awards and Recognition for the updated information on award categories, criteria, and application guidelines. Be sure to check out the new Interactive Web Site award. The Krug Award is being discontinued at the request of the sponsor and those funds will be used to benefit the membership as a whole.

Please note, beginning in 2006 any award application that advances beyond the state level will become property of the national association. Every effort will be made to return those applications to the states at the next conference. We are implementing this change to reduce costs. Also, if you received an award in 2005 and haven't sent your note of appreciation to the sponsor please do so at this time. It is easier to garner continued support of national sponsors when they hear how much the members appreciate their award. If you have any questions be sure to contact Bill Million at wmillion@uiuc.edu. Good Luck!

**Deadline for articles:
March 1, 2006
June 1, 2006
September 1, 2006
December 1, 2006**

**Begin Your Quest in the Great
Midwest – the 2006 NAE4-HA**

Conference will be hosted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin October 22-26. There are exciting keynote speakers and super seminar presenters in addition to many opportunities to network with colleagues from around the country.

The 2006 Conference web site can be found at <http://4h.uwex.edu/nae4ha/> On the web site you will find the current conference schedule (subject to minor changes), biographical information on all of the featured speakers, the promotional materials and DVD, seminar proposal submissions and a link to the conference headquarters – the Milwaukee Hilton, the Midwest Express Center and information about Milwaukee. More information will be posted to the web site as it becomes available. Here are a couple of unique logistical pieces you'll want to keep in mind for the 2006

Conference:

- ★ The Milwaukee Hilton is a beautiful historic hotel that has been refurbished to its 1920's grandeur. Because it's a historic hotel, the rooms may be smaller with two double beds. You might want to consider that when deciding how many people you want to have in each sleeping room.
- ★ The commercial exhibit booths will be open on Sunday, noon to 5:30 pm and Monday, 9 am to 4 pm.



**2006 NAE4-HA Conference
October 22-26**

- ★ A Wisconsin Market Place featuring Wisconsin made arts and crafts will be open Sunday, noon to 5:30 pm
- ★ Organized fitness activities will be offered each morning.
- ★ The conference concludes at 1:30 pm on Thursday so that almost everyone will be able to be home Thursday evening.

Start thinking about your quest for spirit and imagination at the 2006 NAE4-HA Conference in Milwaukee, October 22-26! We are very excited to see many of you in Wisconsin

**Is the Time Right For You?
(to serve on the NAE4-HA Board of Trustees)**

Mary Williams, Chair, NAE4-HA Organizational Stewardship Committee

How many times have you said it - "I'd like to serve on the NAE4-HA Board when the time is right for me". Well...how about now? Is the time right for you?

Among other things, the NAE4-HA Organizational Stewardship Committee is charged with recruiting candidates for the elected offices to the NAE4-HA Board. During the 2006 Conference in Milwaukee the NAE4-HA membership will elect the following offices:

- *President-Elect
- *VP for Marketing and Outreach
- *VP for Professional Dev.
- *Northeast Regional Director
- *North Central Regional Director
- *Southern Regional Director
- *Western Regional Director

Please contact Mary Williams (maws@ifas.ufl.edu), Past President and Organizational Stewardship Committee Chair, or any member of the NAE4-HA Board if you or a colleague you know is interested in pursuing a national leadership opportunity through a NAE4-HA elected office. We would also like to encourage committee members to visit with your committee chairs about timelines and opportunities for committee leadership. Members of the Organizational Stewardship Committee will be ready to visit with all interested persons about the opportunities to serve NAE4-HA right after the holidays. The time might be right for you – now!

Marketing Tip from Public Relations and Information Committee – Brandi Harrison, Chair

During the holidays is a great time to do a little extra PR for your program. We all send thank you notes from donors after an event. But let them know you are still thinking about their generosity by sending them a Christmas card. This will be a thoughtful gesture from your group and keep your group on their minds as well.

Reminder from Public Relations and Information Committee – Brandi Harrison, Chair

If you have not had an opportunity to send thank you notes to the sponsors and donors of our National Meeting in Seattle, please take a minute to do so soon. Our National meetings would not be possible without all their generous support.

**NAE4HA Presentation Submission
Forms Due January 15, 2006
Website Accepting Submissions Now**

Go to: <http://4h.uwex.edu/nae4ha/> or
<http://4h.uwex.edu/nae4ha/> for the
on-line submission form.

It's time to submit a proposal to present at the 2006 NAE4-HA Annual Conference, "Quest for Spirit and Imagination", to be held October 22-26, 2006 in Milwaukee. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to share a program you developed along with research or evaluation results with other 4-H professionals. Proposals are due at 12:00 midnight Central Standard Time on January 15, 2006.

Presentation proposals, which include a 1000 word proposal and a 200 word abstract, can be submitted in one of the following presentation categories:

1. Research and Evaluation Reports (30 min.)
2. Program Seminars (75 min.)
3. Competency Building Workshops (75 or 150 min. sessions)
4. Poster Sessions

If you have any questions you can contact:

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Poster Chair, 2006 NAE4-HA
Conference
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**National Leadership Trust Position
for Volunteer Leader Rep.**

National Leadership Trust is seeking nominations for Volunteer Leader representatives. Our goal is to have our new representative selected and on board in time to join us for our quarterly meeting in April.

Three documents must be submitted by February 6, 2006. They are:

- 1) A position description
- 2) An application form to be completed by the volunteer and turned into their state leader
- 3) A nomination form to be completed by the state leader on behalf of the volunteer and submitted along with the volunteer's application form.

Remember, submit documentation **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 6th, 2006**. Contact Jennifer below, for more details or information.

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