

TAE4-HW Headlines

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Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers

Important Reminders



Mark Your Calendar

May 4-6, 2005
State TAE4-HW Conference.

Opportunities in 4-H Performing Arts

Start recruiting your singers and dancers for the Troupe. Deadline for audition tapes is January 15.

Bits & Pieces

New ideas that work!

Send news for the next issue of Headlines by March 1, 2005.

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Report from TAE4-HW President

Dear Members,

The recent national meeting in Oklahoma City was a huge success! Tennessee's attendees represented the state well in committee and regional meetings and all other conference functions. One of the highlights for me was the Research in Youth Development Pre-Conference which was also attended by Jill Martz.

Of course, the election results proved to be the week's biggest highlight! Congratulations to our newly elected Southern Region Director, Brian Signaigo of Chester County.

The TAE4-HW Breakfast at the recent State Extension Conference was super! TAE4-HW expresses its appreciation to:

- *Charles Norman for the opportunity to have breakfast together while we conducted our business meeting.
- *Alice Ann Moore for the excellent Tennessee 4-H update she provided.
- *Shirley Hastings and the Conference Planning Team for the entire conference which was a terrific professional development opportunity!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year for TAE4-HW! Serving you is my pleasure and serving you better is my goal!

Joseph L. Donaldson
President

Get in T.U.N.E. with Nature

by Emily Osterhaus, 2005 State Conference Co-Chair

Plan to get "In T.U.N.E. With Nature" at the TAE4-HW State Meeting May 4-6, 2005 at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill, TN. Plans are already being made to eat at the famous Miss Mary Bobo's and tour Jack Daniel's Distillery. Don't miss this exciting event so mark your calendars now so you can Transition, Uplift, Network and be Enlightened at the TAE4-HW State Meeting.

Tennessee Hosting Leader Forum Workshops

by Patrick Hamilton, State 4-H Staff

Tennessee 4-H Youth Development is pleased to be hosting the workshop/funshops at the 2005 Southern Region Leader Forum (SRLF), October 6-9. The Request for Proposals for workshops and funshops for the 2005 SRLF is now available!

Proposals may be submitted either electronically or hard copy. To submit electronically or obtain a copy of the RFP, please visit

<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/volunteers/rockeagle/SRLF%20Proposal.htm>.

Please note that the RFP's are due in the Tennessee state 4-H office by March 15, 2005.

Begin promoting the 2005 SRLF now! If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Patrick Hamilton at 865-974-2128 or via e-mail at patrick@utk.edu.

Bits and Pieces

What new ideas have you learned at a conference that worked in your program?

👉 I took the communications workshop that Teresa Collard taught from UT Martin. She placed us in groups of about 5 people and we had to come up with a nursery rhyme and present. In teaching public speaking this fall, I tried it with my 4-Hers. They had a blast!

Mandy Drewry, Dyer County

👉 While at a National 4-H Health Rocks training in Olive Branch, MS one of the trainers facilitated several team building exercises. One was Play-dough dictionary where people are divided into equal groups and each person in the group takes turn being an "artist" where he or she have to mold a creation (the name of the creation given to them by the facilitator) at which time the other group members try to guess what the creation is. The first team to guess correctly wins that round. To encourage group participation each person in the group must "mold" at least once.

While at the same conference the same facilitator introduced me to a quick and easy team-building game which utilizes small puzzles. The object of the "game" is for the group to put together all nine pieces of the puzzle the way it is supposed to be. The first team wins. The drawback is the puzzle has some kind of image on all four sides of each square puzzle piece. It is actually very difficult to put together.

If anyone would like to receive more information about either of these please contact me. I would be happy to share. *Justin Crowe, Davidson County*

👉 I have picked up all kinds of programs and ideas from different conferences I have attended but this year one of the best things I brought back was not actually a formal program. As I traveled to Rock Eagle this year a volunteer from Davidson County, Vicky Riggins, peaked our interests as she talked about Geocaching. She informed us that it was using a GPS receiver to find hidden items that people from all over had hidden and if you got on www.geocaching.com you could find the coordinates for your GPS. To me this sounded very complicated because I know nothing about GPS systems but on the way home from Rock Eagle Vicky had pulled some coordinates off and we did some Geocaching and it was so much fun. I just had to try this with a group of youth but not having a great knowledge of GPS's I was afraid. I talked to one of our 4-H'ers who really likes technology and has attended Tech Camp if he knew. Well, of course they had even done it at Tech Camp. He taught the class on the GPS (I listened very close) and we found 5 different hidden cache's in Bedford County. The youth loved it!

Emily Osterhaus, Bedford County

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☞ I just loved the ladies from UT Martin! What a refreshing change! I wish people would sing in all the workshops. I really got something out of the "Keeping Your Audience Engaged" workshop. It wasn't so much what they said but how they said it...with enthusiasm! It inspired me to be more enthusiastic for my audience and it's working! I've had more 4-H'ers participate in public speaking this year than ever before!
Sharon Davis, Blount County

☞ Here are a few ideas and information I gathered at NAE4-HA:

The following are three resources you may use if interested in Parliamentary Procedure:

Parliamentary Procedure Jeopardy

<http://192.17.100.4/Portals/Portals/8ab29ed0-2da9-4b3a-84ca-3ec6a659bdbe/pp-jeopardy.ppt>

Developed by Ruth Ann Vokac - Illinois Extension Educator Youth Development

Who Wants to Be A Parliamentarian?

<http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/who>

Developed by Dave McMurtry - Illinois Extension Prevention Educator

4-H Club Parliamentary Procedure Activity Kit

<http://hardin.osu.edu/4h/Downloads/ParliamProc.pdf>

Developed by Kenneth R. Lafontaine - Ohio State University Extension Educator, 4-H/Youth Development

Everyone should be getting Clover Corner news by e-mail. If you are not, sign up today - www.4husa.org this site has many great features for you and your 4-H members.

Nancy Rucker, Cheatham County

Payroll Deductions – An Easier Way to Give

by Mark Gateley, Extension Specialist

I don't know about you, but it is easier for me to pay on monthly installments than in lump sums. My auto insurance, home owners insurance, utility bills, etc. all are set up to pay monthly and, where possible, by automatic deduction from my checking account. This has simplified my life tremendously.

I do my giving to 4-H in the same way - it's called "payroll deduction." Each year, I decide how much I want to give to the 4-H Foundation. I complete a payroll deduction pledge card and the University takes one-twelfth of my yearly pledge out of each payroll check. It's great! I hardly miss it on the monthly checks, but I get to support the 4-H programs in which I am most interested for the year.

You, too, can designate your payroll deduction gifts to your county gift account, to the 4-H Foundation, or to other UT programs of your choice.

Interested in simplifying your giving through UT? Send me an e-mail and I'll have the Alumni office send you a payroll deduction pledge card.

Looking for Leadership

by Michelle Atkins, TAE4-HW President

If you have ever thought about taking a leadership role in this association, now is your chance! In May, new officers will be elected in TAE4-HW. We need you to run!

We need candidates to run for vice-president and candidates to run for treasurer. The vice-president term will be 4 years and will include one year each as vice-president, president-elect, President and Past-President. The treasurer term is a 2 year term.

To be on board, you will need to have one year experience as a district director or state committee chair.

Please consider running for one of these positions, it is well worth your time and effort! Please contact me if you are interested. If not, I will be contacting you!!!

Policy and Resolutions Committee Report

by Nancy Rucker, TAE4-HW Policy & Resolutions Committee Chair

By-laws committee will be reviewing the association by-laws. Changes, if needed, will be presented at the winter board meeting and to the association in May. If you know of by-law changes, please contact Nancy Rucker.

Presented at TAE4-HW meeting during 2004 Extension Conference, November 8-11, 2004.

The following was passed at the November TAE4-HW Business meeting and is now policy.

As Extension undergoes changes, TAE4-HW must also make transitions. The following proposed changes to the TAE4-HW By-Laws will be voted on during the 2004 Extension Annual Conference TAE4-HW Meeting. This written notification is presented to the membership via *Headlines* prior to the 30 day requirement.

Change wording to clarify directors, since change to regional areas. Replace District Directors with Regional Directors.

Due to the change to regions, directors for each region shall consist of Senior Regional Director, Junior Regional Director and Junior Regional Director-elect. Each region - West, Central, East, Specialist shall elect an eligible member for each position. The responsibilities for each shall consist of the following:

Senior Region Director - voting rights, serves one year, coordinates: membership, program awards, regional meeting, activities, social events, educational workshops

Junior Regional Director - voting rights, serves one year, coordinates: regional report and communication awards; shall advance to Senior Regional Director. Member eligible to run for office, requiring one year service on the board, after serving in this position for one year.

Junior Regional Director-elect - may attend board meetings and have voting rights in absence of the Senior Regional Director or the Junior Regional Director; shall advance to Junior Regional Director. Member is not eligible to run for other office requiring one year on the board after serving in this position, unless member has served in other capacity to be eligible.

Central Region TAE4-HW Report

by Sierra Ham, Region Director

December 14th will be the Central Region Program Sharing and Holiday Celebration. All TAE4-HW members in the Central Region are invited to attend and participate. The festivities will be held at the James E. Ward Agriculture Complex in Lebanon. We will begin at 10:30. Justin Crowe has also arranged a service project to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville. Please e-mail Sierra Ham to sign up for food and program sharing. This will be fun and educational event.

Membership is going well. The Central Region now has 38 members. Thanks to everyone for sending in their dues.

Western Region TAE4-HW Report

by Rita Jackson, Regional Director

- The Western Region currently has 24 members including 4 new members
- A wonderful time was had by all those attending the National meeting this year in Oklahoma. Those from the Western Region were Michele Atkins, Staci Foy, Brian Signiago, and Donna Bradley
- Congratulations to Michele Atkins for receiving the DSA and to Brian Signiago on being elected the new Southern Region Director at the National meeting.
- The Western Region TAE4-HW members will have their annual Christmas Sharing Day on Friday, December 17 at 11:30 at the home of Janet Newton in Jackson TN. This is a time when all members can come together to share ideas, stuff their stomachs and have some fun.
- We'd like to send well wishes to Gary Rogers and his wife Shannon on the birth of their daughter Bailey Marya born on July 18, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and is doing great. She was welcomed home by her big sister Mallory.

Happy Holidays and A Wonderful New Year!

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