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Important Reminders

- **TAE4-HW Award Winners**
Check out the winners announced at the joint meeting in April. Southern Region winners are also included.
- **NAE4HA National Meeting**
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- **Bradley Running for Southern Region Director**
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Tennessee Hosting 2006 Southern Region Leader Forum

by Carmen Burgos, State 4-H Staff



Tennessee is hosting the Southern Region 4-H Leader Forum to be held at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA, October 5-8, 2006. Information about registration will be available soon and sent out via e-mail and through the website at

<http://www.4hsrlf.org/06SRLF/index.htm>. Recruit volunteers to attend the forum and participate in hosting this year.

★ The theme is **"4-H: Sounds Good to Me."**

Committees are being formed to help with the various events and activities at the forum. Interested volunteers and agents are encouraged to contact the [Carmen Burgos](#) in the State 4-H Office to participate.

★ Speakers on the schedule include Dr. Robbie Kendall-Melton, Amy Gallimore, and David Hunter. Kentucky is in charge of the workshops with over 100 workshop choices plus 20+ funshops. Each delegate will have the opportunity to attend six workshops and three funshops. Dr. Melton will also offer a workshop.

★ The Tennessee Showcase will feature events and festivals held across the State of Tennessee each year. The

theme is **"Tennessee - The Stage is Set for You."** Counties who would like to promote a local festival or event should contact Kathy Finley, Robertson County, kbfinley@utk.edu. Contact Pat Whitaker, Rutherford County, pwhitaker@utk.edu, if you know of a bluegrass player who would be willing to perform at the Showcase. The Showcase is on the program for Friday afternoon, October 6.

★ Three scholarships per region will be available for volunteers attending the forum, sponsored through the Tennessee 4-H Foundation. Transportation will also be provided via a chartered bus. The bus will be filled on a first come-first serve basis.

News from the President

by Melissa Henry, President, TAE4-HW

Greetings from your President! The Quest for Spirit and Imagination – sounds like a Disney movie doesn't it? This is the theme for the 2006 NAE4-HA National Meeting to be held in Milwaukee, WI, October 22-26, 2006. National meetings offer you a chance to develop your professional and personal self through workshops, tours, seminars and good old fashioned networking! You get the chance to see what other 4-H professionals from across the country are doing and possibly gain ideas that you can use in your own county program. If you've never attended before let me encourage you to attend. I often appreciate our 4-H program here even more after attending a national meeting and seeing how other states programs are quite different yet similar to our own. Be sure to check out the website <http://4h.uwex.edu/nae4ha/> for updates and information. Don't forget about applying for the Career Development fund; don't let your \$200 go to waste! I look forward to seeing many of you in Milwaukee!

Other updates:

- Special thanks to everyone involved in the Joint Association Conference. Our members stepped up to the challenge by serving on the committee and presenting programs. Thanks to the officers for making the board meeting and business meeting run smoothly! Plus it was great to see so many new members in attendance.
- Extra special thanks to Donna Bradley for her work compiling information and votes for our Awards. Also to Jamie Harris for her work gathering communication entries and getting them judged on time. I appreciate the time and effort they expended recognizing our members. Start your folder now for items for communication awards for next year; it's never too late to begin!
- Planning is underway for our 2007 TAE4-HW State Meeting. Committees are being formed and the Specialists promise a great meeting in Pigeon Forge!

TAE4-HW Service Award Winners Announced

by Donna Bradley, Chair, DSA/Awards Committee

At the Joint Conference held in April at Paris Landing State Park, the following service award winners were named. Congratulations are extended to each recipient.

George Foster Award

Becky Bonner Carpenter, Shelby
Nikki Mitchell, Cheatham
Janet Newton, Henderson
Melanie Spurgeon, McMinn

Achievement in Service

Justin Crowe, Davidson
Heather Deckard, Benton
Tiffany Rogers, Hamilton
Taunee Whittenbarger, Cumberland

Distinguished Service Award

Joseph Donaldson, State
Melissa Henry, Putman
Gary Rodgers, Hardeman
Jim Stewart, Central Region

American Spirit Award

Steve Sutton

Meritorious Service Award

Pat Whitaker

Air Force Recruiting Salute Award

Glenda Booker

25 Years of Service

Mike Gordon, Western Region
Richard Powell, Western Region

TAE4-HW Members Named Southern Region Award Winners

by Jamie Harris, Chair, Recognition Committee

Congratulations to the following TAE4-HW members who are Southern Region Award Winners:

Michael Barry	Educational Package – Individual
Michael Barry/Jamie Harris	Promotional Package – Team
Sierra Ham	Radio Program
Becky Bonner	Excellence in Teen Programming - Individual

Check out all of the state winners on the list below:

1. Michael Barry	Educational Package
2. Michael Barry/Jamie Harris	Educational Package - Team
3. Nikki Mitchell	Educational Piece
4. Michael Barry/Jamie Harris	Educational Piece - Team
5. Melissa Henry	Exhibit
6. Sierra Ham/Nikki Mitchell	Feature Story
7. Jamie Harris	Media Presentation
8. Nikki Mitchell	News Story
9. Kathy Finley	Periodical Publication
10. Wayne Key/Melissa Henry	Periodical Publication - Team
11. Mandy Drewry	Promotional Package
12. Michael Barry/Jamie Harris	Promotional Package - Team
13. Kathy Finley	Promotional Piece
14. Becky Bonner	Promotional Piece - Team
15. Kathy Nicholson	Published Photo
16. Sierra Ham	Radio
17. Wayne Key/Melissa Henry	Video Program
18. Kathy Finley	Yearbook
19. Michael Barry/Jamie Harris	Demonstration
20. Donna Bradley	Printed Program
1. Becky Bonner	Excellence in Teen Programming Award
2. Michael Barry/Jamie Harris	Excellence in Teen Programming Award - Team
3. Justin Crowe	4-H Afterschool Award of Excellence
4. Melissa Henry	World Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development
5. Sierra Ham/Nikki Mitchell	Excellence in 4-H Club Support - Team Award
Kathy Nicholson	

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Bits and Pieces

Check out some resources that are free....

Forestry Resources

Here is a site I used to order some stuff for forestry. This page provides information on Forest Education from International Paper's free forest education program, <http://www.iplifeoftheforest.com>
Melissa Henry, Putnam County

More Ideas for Free Stuff

A way to get free items such as rulers, pencils, pencil pouches, erasers and sometimes unique items is to contact the companies in your area that imprint promotional items. They usually give away to nonprofit groups, misprints and defects. The only thing you have to watch for is what the item is advertising.

If you need craft paper to decorate check with your local newspaper sometimes they will give you the end of roll of blank newsprint.

Check with your local fast food restaurants for coupons for free items. Sonic will give you BOGO free cards for burgers and other items, Dairy Queen gives free kids cone coupons and Ritter's Frozen Custard gives a coupon for a free cone, just to name a few.
Barbara Davenport, Rutherford County

Online Survey Instruments

A quick resource for online survey instruments is available at this website.

<http://www.freeonlinesurveys.com>

Sign up for a free account - additional options are available in an update for a reasonable fee. The free account allows you to create a questionnaire of up to 20 questions and receive up to 50 responses over a 10 day period. *Justin Crowe, Davidson County*

National Geographic Program

How much do you know about the world? Can you name the world's most spoken primary language? The largest consumer of oil? The most heavily fortified border on the planet? The current population of the U.S.?

When the geography knowledge of 18- to 24-year-olds across the U.S. was tested to see how much they knew about our world, more knew where the TV show *CSI* is set than can find Iraq on a map.

Lets help change this fact by introducing our 4-H members to their wonderful world at:

<http://mywonderfulworld.org>

There are three main buttons on the home page - one for parents - one for kids and teens - and one for educators(us). Tune in and find ways to give your 4-H members the world.

James McMillion, Blount County

Bradley is Candidate for Southern Region Director

by Kathy Finley, Editor, Headlines

Donna Bradley, Hickman County, is announcing her candidacy for the Southern Region Director for the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Elections will be this fall during the national meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 22-26, 2006. The new election procedures give members not attending the meeting the opportunity to vote on-line. As time nears, look for e-mails asking you to vote for Donna to be the next Southern Region Director and maintain that Tennessee voice on board. If you know other NAE4HA members in the southern states, take time to campaign for votes for Donna!

Brian Signaigo, Chester County, goes off the board this year and has served admirably, representing Tennessee and the Southern Region over the past three years.

Blount County Experiences 4-H Clover Bowl

by James McMillion, President-elect, TAE4-HW

Blount County participated in the 4-H Clover Bowl program this year for the first time and the response and acceptance was tremendous. This program stirred more interest from members, teachers, parents and even grandparents than anything like it before. We introduced the concept in January, which was almost too late. I recommend the fall or earlier if possible. Not every school was gung-ho, but the ones that were, went all out. The others were at least some what warm to the idea. If you are not 4-H Clover Bowling it, give it a look. It can be fairly low cost.

The information that we are asking the members to study covers almost all state curriculum standards - like geography, history, math, sciences, etc.

When we conducted our county contest, we had the most teachers present at an "after and away from school" function than I have ever seen. The parent support was similar to a soccer Saturday. You could hardly turn around. Next year, we are starting earlier, booking a larger facility and expecting larger numbers.

The first year was not without bumps and bruises. We learned as much as the 4-H members and it was still a success.

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