

Southern Region 4-H Program Leader Committee January 2013 Conference Call

In attendance: Cathy Sutphin, Keith Diem, Charlene Jacobs, Dorothy Wilson, Susanne LeMenestrel, Andy Ferrin, Mark Tassin, Charles Cox, Steve Sutton, Chris Boleman, Marshall Stewart & Noah Washburn.

Southern Region Volunteer Leader Forum

Volunteer Specialists involved in reorganizing the leader forum provided an update from the January 11, 2013 conference call. The reorganized conference will not be a regional conference or use any established funding from previous conferences. Kentucky, North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia are host states. Participation will be open. The event will be called "4-H Volunteer Conference of the Southern States". More information and conference calls will be forth coming.

Southern Region Horse Show

Noah reported SR Horse show information gathered from the horse specialists. This year Louisiana will host the show in West Monroe, La. The next four years the show will be held in North Carolina. North Carolina has a wonderful facility with minimal cost to the SR show committee. The horse specialists are looking into a management group to handle the labor and funding issues involved with this show. Program Leaders have some concerns and questions with moving to this type of management of a SR event. More detailed information needs to be found out before this happens. Noah will continue to monitor and report back to this committee.

PLN

Cathy reminded everyone about the "Call for Proposals" for PLN. Dorothy serves on the PLN committee and reported the theme of the conference, "Connecting with Communities." Registration fees will increase from \$325 to \$350 to help with outside speaker costs. Action plans will be completed by committees before arrival to the conference. Chris reported that the new break-out session approach will require "hands on" proposals. The 2013 conference will be held in Nashville, TN.

Update from 4-H Headquarters

Susanne LeMenestrel reported- (copied from hand-out provided)

Multi-State and National 4-H Events

As many of you are aware, a new process for identifying multi-state and national 4-H events has been developed. This process was developed by a task force supported by the P3 Working Group. All 4-H events that involve multiple states need to submit their event information into the new 4-H Events Calendar. Events looking to be designated as "National 4-H" must also pass a peer review. The full process is explained in a 15 minute webinar:

http://nifaconnect.nifa.usda.gov/event_policy

The submission portal, calendar, and numerous resources can be found at:

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/nea/family/res/youthdev_res_4h_events.html

This process went into effect on January 1, 2013. Questions about this process can be directed to 4HNE@nifa.usda.gov.

CYFAR RFA Released

The CYFAR SCP RFA has been released and proposals are due February 20, 2013. THE request for applications can be found here:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=p6jpQbNRkS1py6dQHKpxv20NgQPWK2X1sScGFJf1zLqRq8mvFjMT!-2129049045?opId=212933&mode=VIEW>

National 4-H Conference

Registration for National 4-H Conference is due February 4th. There is a \$50 late fee for every youth and/or adult registered after the 4th. After the 11th, no registrations, no exceptions. The registration information can be found here: <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/registration/>
4-H Science

There will be a 4-H Science e-Academy preview for state program leaders. Jim Kahler sent an announcement on December 20 regarding a preview of the 4-H Science e-Academy that will be conducted in February and March 2013. This preview web conference will be conducted on January 22 and repeated on January 23. Registration is required. Please refer to Jim's December 20 e-mail for details and registration links. The preview is for 4-H Program Leaders, not staff.

National 4-H Hall of Fame

An e-mail was sent by Jim Kahler on January 7 regarding the Call for Applications for the Hall of Fame ceremony in October. Each State/LGU 4-H program is invited to submit one MC and one Entertainer application for consideration. MC and Entertainer applications are due by June 1, 2013. Copies of the National 4-H Hall of Fame letter and application form originally sent to SPLs and foundation directors in December were also included in this message. Each state/LGU 4-H program may nominate one person to be considered for selection to the Hall of Fame. The applications are due February 28.

National 4-H Council update

Andy Ferrin reported on the Canada 4-H "Youth Ag Summit", a global essay and video competition for youth ages 18-25 from 21 countries around the world. Ten youth from the United States will attend. Jeff Howard is the contact person for this effort.

There is a ten state pilot to develop an alumni engagement campaign aimed at involving alumni. There will be a webinar on Feb.15 to discuss in more detail.

National 4-H council was recognized in the Social Impact Ethanol100 index.

The National Mentoring Program is continuing into its third year.

Changes to the Website – USDA is making changes to the NIFA website to reduce the amount of content on the .gov site.

National 4-H Program Leaders Conference

Reminder to reserve your room by Jan. 24 for the New Orleans conference.

Agenda items for next conference call

Next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2013.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Noah Washburn