

## **Partnership Working Group Description and Roles of Members** **Updated May 2009**

### **Partnership Working Group (PWG) Description:**

The PWG is convened by 4-H National Headquarters. The PWG is a communication tool that provides opportunities for communications (allowing rapid response, a sounding board, a feedback loop) across 4-H. These communications inform decisions made at 4-H National Headquarters, USDA.

The PWG is a communication and information sharing network comprised of: 4-H National Headquarters staff; one representative from each of the five Cooperative Extension regions who is elected/appointed by that region; President of National 4-H Council; the Chair and also Chair Elect of the State 4-H Program Leaders.

The group is convened on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1-2 PM Eastern by 4-H National Headquarters staff. The agendas for calls are developed by 4-H National Headquarters staff, with input from members of the PWG.

### **Role of PWG Members:**

- PWG members serve two-year volunteer terms as representatives of their respective regions (1890, North East, North Central, South, West). Terms end at the National 4-H Leadership Annual Meeting.
- PWG members share updates and any outstanding communication issues on behalf of their entire region.
- PWG members are responsible for compiling updates, bringing communication topics, questions and outlook to the attention of the group chair; and sharing what they have learned with their regions.
- PWG members are responsible for participating in the monthly teleconferences or appointing a representative to participate.
- PWG members are responsible for contributing agenda items, as applicable.