

Southern Region 4-H Program Leaders
March 2, 2017 8:30 a.m.
Atlanta, GA

Participants:

Kevin Allen, Oklahoma State; Pam Ardern, Clemson; Jodi Black, Central State University (Ohio); Tom Broyles, Tennessee State; Ashley Burns, Clemson; Sue Chapman, Georgia; Richard Clark, Tennessee; Prosper Doamekpor, Tuskagee; Mitzi Downing, North Carolina State; Andrea Harris, National 4-H Council; Rukeia Draw-Hood, Prairie View A & M; Janet Fox, LSU AgCenter; Ed Jones, Virginia Tech; Molly Gregg, Auburn; Lisa Lauxman, 4-H National Headquarters; Mark Mains, Kentucky; Shawn Moore, Kentucky State; Martha Ray Sartor, University of Arkansas; Mark Tassin, LSU AgCenter; Misty Terry, North Carolina A & T; Leslie Weaver, Fort Valley State; Dorothy Wilson, Langston; Teki Winston, University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff; and Mike Yoder, North Carolina State

PLN

Pam reported that Southern Region PLN Conference is slated for August 21-24, 2017 in Fort Worth. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together to work together across state lines, exchange of ideas, and professional development.

Three questions regarding the Southern Region PLN Conference are:

How can we cut out one day at PLN?

Suggestions: We need to do homework ahead of time. The state reports have been cut down to about 10 minute reports. The number of people that leave early on Thursday creates an issue. The travel time is an issue on the last day in order to get out. Another issue is joint program leaders having conflicts. The keynote speaker can be cut out. We can work on the plan of work in prior conference calls.
Disadvantages: The cross committee work would be a challenge. Travel time provides challenges to cutting it down. This meeting is important for new Program Leaders. We need to strive to finish business Wednesday. We have Council and Headquarters meeting with us that makes it critical to The group determined that we would not recommend cutting the conference down by a day.

Other questions to be answered:

How much time do you need with the administrative advisors?

How can we structure if we cut one day?

National 4-H Congress Advisory Committee

Pam reported on the National 4-H Congress Advisory Committee. The advisory committee has developed a brochure to promote participation in National 4-H Congress. Mitzi reported that thirty-six states participate in the National 4-H Congress. Cost is a limiting factor. Shawn suggested that we share ideas on raising money to support National 4-H Congress. As a result of show of hands, everyone reported the Southern Region pays for the majority of their delegates' way as an awards trip. Most states get support from their 4-H Foundation. The service experiences are very rewarding but in a few cases it's important that the sites know you are coming. Chris Boleman was supposed to be the program committee chair for this year. He was going to appoint a representative from Texas to take his place.

Committee Appointments

Due to vacancies, the following committees need appointments:

Horse Committee: Mike Yoder

*There was a discussion around who is officially hosting the Horse because of liability and manpower issues. Could the show purchase liability insurance versus a Land Grant University handling the liability? Which University is taking in the money and playing the bills? The Horse Show is currently being held in Perry, Georgia.

Congress: Chris Boleman who is leaving has identified a representative from Texas

STEM Committee Lead: Kevin Allen

*The STEM Committee feeds into a national committee which might be chartered in the new PWG working committee. We are trying to determine a regional contest held in Nashville, TN. Because all of the state SET Contests are different, it was suggested that we get a theme a year ahead of time so states compared. Ashley will send the STEM Contest results to Arch who will send to our group.

1862 ECOP Committee: Arch Smith

The term is in the beginning of 2nd year of a 3 year term. The ASRED Meeting is in April in New Orleans.

We need to make a recommendation to ASRED and they will approve the recommendation.

Mike Yoder made a motion that Arch Smith takes the place and seconded by Mark and Mitzi.

Music Matters Summit

Georgia has received the grant again from the CMA Foundation. It will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, July 18-20, 2017. The Summit is open to rising 7th through High School seniors. The specialty areas were: vocal, instrumental, dance, music production, musical theatre. Registration is \$110 and covers all the expenses while at conference. Partial or Full Scholarships are available. It was requested that Arch send it out to the list serve.

Collegiate 4-H Conference

A Collegiate 4-H Conference will be held on April 7-9, 2017 at Fortson 4-H Center which is 30 minutes south of the Airport. The registration fee includes t-shirt, lodging and meals. The Collegiate 4-H program helps us make connections to all the youth from college to real life. Georgia is inviting other states to attend this contest. The Conference is designed to recognize the collegiate 4-H chapters, both current and upcoming, that supports 4-H by allowing them to network, expand, and share ideas. Space is limited to 174 participants.

The next meeting is May 9, 2017 at 8 a.m. (Central) and 9 a.m. (Eastern). Agenda item would be to work on the plan of work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.