

**Southern Region Program Leadership Network
Conference Call Minutes**
1-712-432-0931; participant code 572585#
January 10, 2017 ♦ 8 a.m. Central, 9 a.m. Eastern

Participants: Richard Clark, University of Tennessee; Woody Hughes, Jr., Valley State University; Mike Yoder, NC State University; Janet Fox and Mark Tassin, Louisiana State University AgCenter; Tom Broyles, Tennessee State University, Arch Smith and Sue Chapman, University of Georgia; Dorothy Wilson, Langston University (Oklahoma); Jodi Black, Central State University (Ohio); Mark Mains, University of Kentucky; Martha Ray Sartor, University of Arkansas; Kelly Batch, West Virginia State University; Pam Ardern and Ashley Burns, Clemson University; Larry Alexander, Mississippi State University; Chris Boleman, Texas A & M; Tiki Winston, University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff; Boyd Owens, South Carolina State University .

Arch Smith called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. (CT).

4-H ECOP Task Force on Defining and Reporting the 4-H Learning Experience

Chris Boleman and Woody Hughes, Jr. reported on the 4-H ES237 discussion that has been share from the region to the 4-H ECOP Task Force. The group is utilizing the “Designing the 4-H Learning Experience: A Framework for Learning and Teaching in 4-H” as a foundation for the discussion about the 4-H ES237. The group will examine the following components: 1. what is the definition of the 4-H positive youth development framework? and 2. How does it link to the challenges of the day? Once consistent learning experiences have been defined, the group can begin to identify categories for participation numbers.

Global Youth Summit

Janet reported that the Global 4-H Youth Summit will be held from July 11-14 in Ottawa, Canada, 4-H youth, leaders and professionals from 70 countries around the world will have an unprecedented opportunity to showcasing 4-H to a national and global audience. Canada’s 150th birthday celebration will coincide with the 4-H Global Network Summit in the Nation’s Capital, providing an ideal backdrop for coast to coast engagement of 4-H Clubs, rural and communities and the Canadian agricultural sector. Janet reported that presentations have been selected in December. Jim Lindstrom, Global 4-H Board Member from the University of Idaho and Erin Smith, Program Director of 4-H Canada, are co-chairs for the 2017 Global 4-H Network Summit Program.

Arch reported that the total number of US participants will be 100. The 4- H Program Leadership Working Group (PLWG) met and discussed the options for selection and determined they would opt to allow those accepted as presenters as first choice to be included in the number with limitations and then regionally determine participation numbers for youth, volunteer leaders and professionals. A count has been received by state and a request for names of those accepted as presenters has been made. This information will be shared with the five regional state 4-H program leader PLWG representatives ASAP. Each region will then be given a number of youth and adult participants and it will be up to them to determine a selection process regionally. Registration and payment of fees is the responsibility of the individual once selected unless a region or state has indicated other payment options.

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The fee structure is indicated which includes the cost and what is included with registration. The youth delegates will range in age from 16-25 years. For, USA Youth (50 places available), the registration fee is \$800 Canadian and includes Summit registration and full experience, shared accommodations, meals and ground transfers during Summit. For 4-H Professionals, the registration fee is \$800 which includes Summit registration and full experience, meals (does not include breakfast) and ground transfers during Summit.

Delegates from the U.S. 4-H program will be recruited and selected within the five regional state 4-H program leaders group. In Canada, please contact your provincial 4-H council for more information on how to attend the 2017 Global 4-H Network Summit. In the U.S., if you are interested in participating in the conference, contact 4-H National Headquarters within the Division Youth & 4-H USDA NIFA @ 4hhq@nifa.usda.gov.

2017 August PLN Conference

Pam reported that the Southern Region Program Leaders Network will be on August 21-24, 2017 in Fort Worth. The 4-H group would like to shorten the conference by a day. A group is working on a preconference

Update on National 4-H Leadership Meeting

Arch Smith reported that the National 4-H Leadership Meeting is slated for February 27-March 2 in Atlanta. The meeting will begin mid-afternoon. A preconference designed to orient new State 4-H leaders and 4-H Foundation Directors will take place on February 27 at 1 p.m... The Southern Region 4-H Program Leaders Network would be slated for Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Southern Region 4-H Youth Leadership Fund

Richard Clark reported that Tennessee has a Southern Region 4-H Youth Leadership Fund totaling for \$13,700. The monies came from a state fund in Louisiana. Mark reported that the Southern Region 4-H Youth Leadership is designed for youth who were on the design team for National 4-H Congress. Mark and Richard will write an agreement on what the appropriate expenditures and how to access the funds. They will report at March 2, 2017.

Biennial Conference

Richard Clark reported that the University of Tennessee is pleased to host the 2018 Southern Region 4-H Biennial Conference, scheduled for April 11 – 13, 2018 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. This conference promises opportunities for both professional and personal development, fellowship and fun! With recent devastation in the Smokey Mountains, we are anxious to help our friends and neighbors rebuild by

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bringing in business to that community. Please share with your specialists and professional staff. More details about the conference will be forthcoming.

4-H Camp Cell Phone Policy

In Tennessee, Risk Management is advising that they cannot bring their cell phones to camp. Kentucky has a policy that 4-Hcampers cannot bring their cell phones. Adults and camp counselors can bring their cell phones. Mark indicated that Louisiana has similar guidelines. Arch will send Richard the cellphone guidelines for all 4-H events. At Arkansas State, Tiki Winston reported that cellphone use is prohibited during presentations at 4-H events.

Wildfire

Richard thanked the Southern Region 4-H Families for their support of 4-H families impacted by the recent Wildfires. Unfortunately, two 4-H members were lost in the fire. Based on the generous donations, Tennessee 4-H were able to give 60 families \$1000 each to help with recovery costs.

Enrollment Cards

Jodi Black asked that states send her sample 4-H Enrollment Cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m. (CT).

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