President’s Corner

By Tass Heim, State Leaders Association President

Happy Birthday Idaho 4-H! One hundred years of serving Idaho’s youth is certainly something to celebrate. I encourage, urge, and make an appeal to all leaders to help our members do just that, celebrate!

Make celebrating Idaho 4-H’s 100th Anniversary a BIG deal! Share an interesting 4-H fact at every project and general meeting. Set-up a 4-H booth at a community event and share our message. Make posters for your fair celebrating 4-H’s contribution to your community by showcasing alumni. Have 4-H members offer their service at a pancake breakfast, festival, grand opening, or other event in your town and make sure the kids wear a 4-H t-shirt so they are easily identified.

We have all been challenged to complete 100 hours of community service during the year. Organize a 4-H a clean-up day for a park, town entry way, roadside or elderly person’s yard. Host a day camp where 4-H members share skills with other youth. Encourage your 4-Hers to offer to provide a petting zoo for a local event. Ask your members to contact the library and ask if they can teach an afternoon class in a project area of interest to kids.

The list of ideas to celebrate 4-H is endless. I’m sure your 4-Hers can come up with more plans in one brain storming session than we could think of in hours. And please don’t forget to share our message with your local media.

As I write this message I know it’s the last opportunity to say thanks to Arlinda in the Leaders Corner. It’s hard to know where to begin, but for me, our state director became an instant friend and mentor the first time I met her in 1992. Arlinda has supported the leaders of Idaho through thick and thin. There have been times when we needed a swift kick and other times we needed a shoulder to cry on and an understanding ear to hear our struggles. Arlinda was always ready with whatever we required and the result is one of the strongest and most capable State 4-H Leaders Associations in the country. I can’t think of bigger compliment than a state full of capable, committed leaders to carry on your work Arlinda.

We thank you for all your efforts on behalf of 4-H members and volunteers. We wish you a happy, healthy, and long retirement. Thanks for the memories Arlinda!

God Bless the Nauman Family and you leaders who keep striving “To make the best better”.

Respectfully,
Tass Heim

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July 1
Articles for the Leaders Corner are due

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Thank You Dr. Arlinda Nauman

By Mary Jean Craig, retired 4-H Youth Development Specialist

Dr. Arlinda Nauman is retiring this summer after serving as Idaho State 4-H Director for 24 years. Arlinda grew up on a farm near Vici, Oklahoma where she was a 4-H member. She received her BA from Southwestern University in Oklahoma in 1971 and her MS from Oklahoma State University in 1972. She served as an Extension Home Economist in Creek County Oklahoma, as an Extension Human Development Specialist, then as 4-H/Youth Development Specialist at South Dakota State University, before coming to Idaho as State 4-H Director in June 1988.

During her time in Idaho, she also served a term as Interim Extension Associate Director. After coming to Idaho, Arlinda was instrumental in organizing the Idaho 4-H Advisory Committee, serving as chair and now advisor. She served as advisor for the Idaho 4-H Leaders Association being a strong supporter and advocate for the leaders. She has been an active member of the Idaho Friends of 4-H Board (formerly 4-H Endowment Board), helping with several fundraising campaigns. She has chaired the Idaho Youth and Families at Risk Task Force, the Western Region 4-H Program Leaders group, served on and chaired the Board of Directors for the 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System, served on the National 4-H Congress Planning Committee, and served on and chaired the States 4-H International Programs Board. When she was chair of that board, she had the opportunity to travel to Japan with the LABO delegates, and hosted several conferences in Idaho for the International programs staff.

Arlinda is looking forward to joining her husband, Ralph, a retired pilot, in retirement. She is especially looking forward to being able to do whatever she wants to on her own timeline rather than someone else’s timeline! She and Ralph plan to stay in Moscow near their son, Michael, his wife, Christine, and their two daughters. They also plan to do some traveling and spending time with their son, Sean, his wife, Jane, and their two sons in Anacortes, Washington, and their daughter Alyssa and her husband in New York, as well as visiting family in South Dakota and Tennessee. We may see Arlinda at some future 4-H events, but it will be a spontaneous decision to attend!

Editor’s Note: We wish to thank Dr. Nauman for her years of service to Idaho 4-H and wish her all the best in the new season of her life.

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Mark Your Calendar for the District IV Leaders Mini Forum
April 28, 2012
at the Bannock County Fairgrounds
FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Tournament

by: Erik Brynestad, Idaho 4-H S.E.T. Program Coordinator

On February 11th, over 30 teams from all over Idaho and a few outside states joined in Moscow at the University of Idaho for the FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics tournament, hosted by Idaho 4-H. The tournament was a chance for the teams to showcase their months of hard work and preparation in getting ready for this fun and exciting event.

The FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is a global robotics program for high-school students. FTC is designed for students who want to compete head-to-head, using a sports model for the robot game. FTC teams design, build, and program their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Teams, working with coaches and mentors, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles. Awards are given for the competition as well as for community outreach, design, ingenuity, and other real-world accomplishments.

From the Moscow tournament, the winning alliances (an alliance is created by the efforts of three teams) were invited to the World Championship tournament in St. Louis, Missouri. The Finalist Alliance Award went to: Team 5423 Cyber Squires from Shoreline, Wash., coached by Mike Thompson, Team 3991 Intelligent Design Robotics, and Team 5026 Tesla's Coils from Twin Falls, Idaho coached by Jay Sneddon. The Winning Alliance Award went to: Team 4590 Cyber Daze from Shoreline, Wash., coached by Mike Thompson, Team 3705 Portal from Fairbanks, Alaska coached by Robert Parsons, and Team 54 Grey

FAMILIES SOUGHT TO HOST JAPANESE STUDENTS

by Claudine Zender, 4-H Extension Associate

Idaho 4-H families are needed to host 15 visiting teens from Japan this summer. The Japanese students, all of whom have been studying English for many years, are ages 12-14. They arrive July 22 and depart August 18.

Host families need to have a child of the same gender and approximately the same age as the student they will host. Applications and program information, along with descriptions and photos of the incoming students, are posted on the International Programs page of the state 4-H website, www.idaho.edu/4h (click on Programs, then select International Programs). Host families may complete applications and upload family photos online. To request the link to the online application form, email 4hinternational@uidaho.edu.

For more information on hosting contact Claudine Zender, Idaho 4-H International Programs Coordinator, by email at 4hinternational@uidaho.edu, by telephone at 208-885-7700, or through the mail at state 4-H Youth Development office, PO Box 443015, Moscow, ID 83844-3015.
A Birthday Gift for the Future
by Linda Webb, President, Idaho Friends of 4-H

Everyone loves a birthday party. The balloons, the gaily wrapped gifts, the beautiful cake covered with flickering candles and the birthday song. It is a celebration of the past and a promise of the future. This year Idaho celebrates the 100 year birthday of Idaho 4-H. Parties are being planned all across the state as a way to commemorate the past of 4-H and the future of 4-H in Idaho. They are sure to be a special occasion to remember how 4-H has impacted so many lives of Idaho youth.

As part of the celebration, the Friends of 4-H has organized a fund raising campaign to raise $2 million to help in continuing financial support for the outstanding 4-H programs. You can be a part of this campaign by giving a Birthday Gift back to Idaho 4-H.

The 4-H program is highly dependent on private gifts in order to continue the outreach to youth. Programs such as Teen Conference and Know Your Government would not occur without the substantial gifts made possible by Friends of 4-H. Each year senior 4-H members are given college scholarships. Top 4-H members are able to attend National Congress and National Conference with travel scholarships from Friends of 4-H. Volunteers are given travel support to attend state and regional trainings. New project curriculum and materials are purchased for district and local offices with support from Friends of 4-H. All of this financial support is made possible by the private gifts given to the Idaho Friends of 4-H.

As part of our centennial celebration, we are inviting 4-H alumni, volunteers, clubs, members, and families to give a gift back to the Idaho 4-H program. Why not give $100 for the 100 years of 4-H in Idaho? Or make a pledge to give a larger gift to 4-H over the next year. You can even designate where you would like to see your gift used for 4-H. If you wish to have your gift used for volunteer development, you may check “Other” and write in “Volunteer Development.” Your gift of any amount will help us to continue the necessary financial support to assure that these outstanding programs continue in the future. Of course, your birthday gift to 4-H is tax deductible! We usually don’t get to write off our birthday gifts, but this time you can!

Use the pledge card below and send your gift today. Send your birthday gift to Idaho 4-H now.
100 Centennial Celebration Ideas for the County or Club Level

Looking for 4-H Centennial Celebration ideas for your club or your county 4-H program? The Centennial Committee has put together a terrific list of ideas for the coming year. Use this list or create your own ideas to honor 100 years of 4-H in Idaho.

51. Work on a video depicting 4-H history.
52. Audio or videotape older 4-H alumni talking about their 4-H memories. Make copies to preserve in the Extension Office. Be sure to get written permission from the person if you intend to share your work with television or radio.
53. Make a weather-proof 4-H History display for the local Farmer’s Market.
54. Choose a current 4-H project and find out all you can about it’s history.
55. Have outfits at the Fair’s Fashion Revue contest represent each decade.
56. Make/have clover masks for children to wear at the county fair.
57. Consider sponsoring a 4-H treasure hunt or 4-H history hunt through the barns and buildings during the local county fair. Activity or information stations can be set up all around the buildings and fairgrounds where 4-H projects are exhibited. When they have competed the treasure hunt, participants could turn in their maps or answers for a prize.
58. Sell clover-shaped cookies at concession stands.
59. Invite outstanding local 4-H alumni for an autograph signing party.
60. Put a 4-H message on or in grocery bags.
61. Conduct a 4-H theme coloring contest for Cloverbuds.
62. Have a 4-H Centennial cake decorating contest.
63. Host a 4-H talent show.
64. Have your club create a list of 100 ways 4-H has positively influenced lives.
65. Increase 4-H members/volunteers by 100 in your county.
66. Plant clover or have a four-leaf clover finding contest.
67. Create a scrapbook of past and present 4-H activities.
68. Donate $100 for 100 years to the Idaho Friends of 4-H as a birthday gift to Idaho 4-H.
69. Do 100 hours of service to community to celebrate the 100 years of 4-H in Idaho.
70. Host a 4-H Run/Walk/Stroll (5K, 10K, etc) to celebrate Idaho 4-H.
71. Decorate 4-H Clovers at county fair and display.
72. Host a Birthday party at the local county fair.
73. Have photo display of the past 100 years of 4-H in your county.
74. Have a centennial 4-H exhibit, where alumni can bring back their 4-H exhibit such as an apron, a woodworking project, poster, etc.
75. Honor families with 4 or more generations who have been active in 4-H. Write an article for local paper; share with state office. Make a photo display for the 2012 county fair to honor those families with long term commitments to 4-H.
76. Do an 4-H alumni class as the 2012 fair. They bring an exhibit today similar to what they did when they were younger.
77. Have a 4-H alumni fitting and showing contest, fashion show, cookie contest, etc.
78. Interview 100 alumni and ask the question “How 4-H made me who I am today.” Share locally and with the state office.

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79. Place a geocache with 100 4-H project pins.
80. Post a world map with pins to designate home towns of 100 international exchange 4-H participants.
81. Celebrate during “Lights On” afterschool events.
82. Run 100 miles with logo over the year.
83. After school sites collect $100.00.
84. Have a booth or activity during Cinco De Mayo and Independence Day events
85. Create at Dialos Ninos (April)
86. Plant 100 plants or flowers in the community
87. Have a local art contest incorporating the logo and theme
88. Have an Idaho 4-H Alumni website with donation strategy
89. Have schools participate in Wear Green Day
90. Everyone in 4-H throughout state Wear Green one day.
91. Have billboards in county
92. Color popcorn green for an event
93. Clover up your animal event during fair
94. Clover photo contest
95. Clover scavenger hunt around town
96. Green recipe contest
97. Green food division in open class at fair (Intentional green food)
98. Window display contest
99. Have youth do sidewalk art throughout the community
100. Leader’s Council do 100 of something every month.
Sport Fishing: It’s easier than you might think!

by: Tina Holmquist, Canyon County 4-H Program Coordinator

I fondly remember many a day when a few sandwiches, snacks, and a six-pack of Pepsi were tossed into a cooler alongside the fishing gear as my grandpa and I headed up the mountain or across the desert to some remote fishing hole. These ventures with my grandpa were common occurrences in my young life starting as a small girl who could barely tie a knot up through becoming a seasoned angler attending college. Today, I am still an avid angler but consider myself extremely lucky to have had so many special times with my grandpa who shared his knowledge, passion, and love for the sport. With today’s hustle and bustle it seems that many youth do not often get these opportunities but 4-H can help. 4-H can give these youth time with a caring adult while learning something that will stay with them their entire life. There are many resources available for leaders and 4-H professionals which will make it easier to work through the sport fishing project.

Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) is the largest resource available to 4-H leaders. They are willing partners for events and have many resources available to 4-H leaders which will help them easily guide members through the sport fishing project. The IDFG is divided into seven regions and one sub-region and although each region has its own programs, they are all very driven to help develop interest and knowledge in the area of fishing. Resources that the IDFG provide include educational permits, “Take Me Fishing” trailers and loaner equipment.

Educational permits are available in every region. The permit is free and waives all applicable license requirements for all participants and their adult helpers for the duration of the event. To receive a permit at least one current fishing license holder needs to fill out a simple one page form before their event. Horse Camp, 4-H camps, day camps, Youth Ice Fishing Day, and Free Fishing Camp are a few of the events in Southern District II that use the educational permits each year, but they could also be used for individual club events.

“Take Me Fishing” trailers are another wonderful resource that IDFG offers. These colorful trailers travel to local ponds around the state and are stocked with equipment and information. There are currently five trailers in the state and to view the trailer schedule in your area go to www.fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/fish/?getPage=79. Trailer event participants can check out equipment on a first-come, first-served basis and do not need a license for the duration of the event.

Another incredible resource offered by IDFG is the loaner equipment program. At this time the Southwest region is the only region with a formal rod loaner program but other regions also have rods available for loan. My contact from IDFG recommends contacting the regional office in your area for more information on what is available. The Southwest region has 5.5’ rods with closed-face reels available for loan. They come in racks of eight so they ask that people request accordingly (i.e. quantities of 8, 16, 24, 32, etc.) and appreciate at least one month advance notice. Those requesting the equipment would need to pick it up and deliver it back to the Nampa office. The same program is available through Fish and Game’s MK Nature Center in Boise. Other regions probably have similar equipment and expectations.

The IDFG is committed to helping everyone learn to fish, so I encourage leaders and 4-H professionals to utilize their resources. Whether you are working with youth at a club, county, or district level remember to contact IDFG. If you are coordinating a larger event I would also encourage trying to partner with IDFG for the event.

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So remember, if you are heading with club members to a family fishing water or adventuring to “No Tellum’ Creek” make it easy by taking advantage of these wonderful resources. Hopefully, your members will have the same fond childhood memories of wacky waters, wild willows, slippery fish and good times just as I do!

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Are you or do you know someone who is GRADUATING?

If attending the University of Idaho or Lewis-Clark State College

Be sure to look for the Collegiate 4-H Clubs
And join in continued leadership activities and 4-H fun!

2013 Western Regional 4-H Leader Forum

Announcing:

IDAHO 4-H DAY

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

On this day, we ask that all 4-H members proudly wear green shirts (or 4-H t-shirts)! We will also be hosting a birthday party at the Lemhi County Fair. Please watch your email and the August issue of Leaders Corner for more details on this event and the Wear Green day.
Chasing The **Winter Blues** Through District II 4-H Mini – Forum

by Melissa McDaniel, Gem County Extension Program Coordinator

What do teens arriving at 6:50 a.m. to help set up, delicious taco salad and homemade desserts for 65 people, extremely talented musicians under the age of 17, wolf calls, sewing machines, conflict training, and grout have in common? Could this be the same event that offered quilling, marketing 4-H, cake pops, wild horse adoption, and quality animal care instruction? Yep! Welcome to the District II 4-H Mini forum!

Emmett High School was a hub of activity on February 25th as Gem County hosted the District II 4-H Mini-forum with the theme of “Chasing The Winter Blues.” For only five dollars, attendees could create mosaic tiles, sew simple projects, or learn the art of quilling. Other classes offered wild animal calling with World Champion Elk Bugler Matt Askew, “Tooting Your Horn For 4-H” with 4-H legend Tass Heim and how to have “Mustard Meetings” (fun ways to ‘catch up’ on Record Books with 4-H Ambassadors Allie and Flora Gertsch.) For only five dollars more, everyone was treated to fantastic fiesta food and home baked heaven such as cheesecake and lemon crème pie. During lunch, a local 4-H family held a recital using their young musicians as “background” music. Violins, clarinets, piano, harp, and other instruments were proudly played by students as young as 6 years old.

“The music during that fantastic lunch was the icing on the cake. I learned so much at the Conflict Resolution class . . . best mini forum ever!” exclaimed Barb Brody, Educator for Malheur County in Oregon.

“I didn’t want to go home,” grinned Brandi Vega, Vista Volunteer. “The mosaic tile class was so awesome! My sister and I took the quilling and mosaic classes and I can’t wait to share this with our 4-H after-school programs.”

Gem/Boise County 4-H Ambassadors were on hand to help set up the event, assist presenters with props and tools, and clean up when the event was over. “I’m glad I took the wild animal calling class,” explained 4-H Ambassador Tyler Reed. “Matt had all different kinds of calls and did wolf calling, coyote calling, elk bugling, and even turkey calling! We all got our own turkey call, too!”

To defray attendee costs, the Gem County Extension Office gathered local businesses to sponsor those classes that would have normally charged an additional materials fee. Mosaic Tile instructor Allyson Statz was given $ 150.00 by High Desert Feed and Supply of Emmett. Karen Alldredge was reimbursed $ 160.00 for her quilling materials from the Gem Supply Co-op of Emmett, and Debbie Lowber was given $ 50.00 from a local fabric shop, Missing Pieces of Emmett. The POP Cakes class was sponsored by the Gem/Boise County 4-H Ambassadors. Materials for the POP Cake class would have been over $ 80.00 out of attendees pockets.

“The Mini Forum was a fantastic event!” stated Tina Reay, 4-H Leader from Horseshoe Bend. “4-H puts on so many different educational opportunities during the year that are open to the public! It can be hard to choose which ones to attend. I am glad that I took the time to go to this one. The speakers, musicians, and workshops were excellent!”

The 2012 District II Mini forum attracted 4-H Leaders, parents, and youth from nine surrounding counties. Held from 9 a.m. until noon with ten amazing presenters, you can imagine that lunch was loud and full of “networking” between counties. Overheard during the talkative lunch, a 4-H teenage boy, exclaimed “4-H is my happy place!”

“Chasing The Winter Blues” District II Mini Forum was a happy place for many of us on that cold dreary day.
Canine Love Conquers Cash Needs
by Rachelle Drake, Gem County 4-H member

“Our goal this year was to raise more money for the Pet Adoption League (PALS) than we did last year,” explained Korenia Gertsch, 4-H Leader with the Freezeout Friends 4-H Club of Gem County. “In the last seven years, we have raised $13,000 during our “Love At First Walk” Dog event, but last year was our record. We raised $5,000.00 last year!”

The eighth annual Love At First Walk fundraiser was held on Saturday, February 11th. This year’s walk brought in over $4,000 for Gem County’s local animal shelter. Over one hundred families and their canine companions shared in the good news as the event came to an end.

“This community is amazing and $4,000 is incredible!” exclaimed Maggie McGuire, volunteer for PALS, “unfortunately, $4,000 might only last eight weeks. All animals adopted from PALS are vaccinated and spayed or neutered and we often have animals brought in with injuries. We just adopted out a puppy with a broken femur bone. After surgery, with pins and wiring put in her leg, the bill was $800.”

Love At First Walk is an annual event hosted by the Freezeout Friends 4-H Club of Emmett. This community – service learning project was started by the Wild West Waddies 4-H Club and was handed over last year to a new club to carry on. The youth involved in this project not only raise funds for the local humane shelter, they tour the kennels, learn about the importance of spaying and neutering their pets, and get a firsthand look at the horrors of animal abuse and neglect. The annual “Love At First Walk” event offers goodie bags, bandanas, water, and door prizes for a $10 sponsorship to raise funds for PALS. The event also features guest speakers such as hospital therapy dog trainers, K 9 handlers, and this year, a veterinarian whose mission is to fight obesity in dogs and their human friends. However, it’s the Gem Community and surrounding areas that are the champions of this fundraising effort.

“We can’t believe, in this economy that over 100 families would turn out and raise over $4,000! “Now, we need to have a cat fundraiser to match the dog walk,” said Melissa McDaniel, 4-H Program Coordinator. “PALS needs money on a constant basis. They also need materials such as cat litter, blankets, white vinegar, and liquid laundry detergent. If you would like to be involved in helping PALS in hosting a cat benefit or are simply searching for a community service learning project in the Gem or Boise County communities, please call 365-6363. Thank you so much for helping us help our communities!”

Members and leaders of the Freezeout Friends 4-H Club of Gem County.

Learning Resources from Idaho Commission for Libraries
by Jana Kemp, State 4-H Volunteer Development Specialist

Here are some great video and learning resources to support 4-H materials and project meetings.
- www.Scout.lili.org - Videos and learning resources for every school subject. Plus a grouping of videos specific to Idaho: adventure; history; people and culture; places; natural resource issues; science; and wild things.
- www.lili.org - LiLI connects you with top quality academic and professional resources for people of all ages. Explore research, find something to read. Uncover health information. Full articles, magazines and reference tools are available.
- Local Library – Your local librarian can help you and members locate an abundant set of resources, and information.

In some library settings, 4-H members are even doing demonstrations at the library! Explore what your local library can work with you to accomplish.
Purple Up! For Military Kids
Friday, April 13th

April marks the nation’s “Month of the Military Child,” a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, Idaho’s Operation: Military Kids (OMK), part of the 4-H Youth Development program of University of Idaho Cooperative Extension, invites you to join us for the 2nd annual “Purple Up! For Military Kids.”

We are encouraging everyone across the state of Idaho to wear purple on Friday, April 13th, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. OMK hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes.

Be creative....the goal is for military youth to actually see the support of their community! Need some ideas to get you started?
• Ask local, regional, and state officials to wear purple on April 13th
• Spread the word by inviting newspaper and media outlets to feature a story about Purple Up! For Military Kids
• Involve area schools, sports teams, youth organizations and clubs, after-school programs, recreation departments
• Engage the Chamber of Commerce, fraternal organizations, social clubs, Elks, Kiwanis and Rotary groups
• Request local businesses post a Purple Up! message on their roadside signs, and ask their employees to wear purple
• Ask stores and restaurants to offer a discount to all patrons who wear purple
• Invite coworkers, members of your spiritual community, exercise class, or golf league to join you in showing support for the military youth in your town

Email us your plan!
4-H Gives Cancer The Boot!

by: Melissa McDaniel, Gem County Extension Program Coordinator

In celebration of a century of hands-on learning, Gem and Boise County 4-H Program is challenging 4-H Clubs to have fun with “100’s.” The Gem County Extension Office staff is participating in the community Relay for Life event and is beginning to gather 100 people for their team. “We have ten members so far and we just started,” explains Evie Russell, Gem County Office Administrator. “The event is in late August, after Fair, so I’m sure we’ll reach 100 people and have a blast at the event. Relay for Life is a wonderful way to celebrate survivors of cancer and fund research to find the cure for cancer. Our team name is “4-H Gives Cancer the Boot!”

The Gem/Boise County 4-H Program is also in the planning stages of a 100th birthday party. Brandi Vega, Vista Volunteer and 4-H Leader, is the “bossman” for the Barnyard Bash Birthday Party scheduled in Emmett for May 19, 2012. Country music to dance to, line dance lessons and activities for every age are planned, along with a concession style BBQ dinner. Various 4-H clubs will provide free activities such as face painting, “boothill”pong, decorating horse-shoes, a cupcake walk, and even stick horse barrel racing! Everyone is invited and promoting of the Barnyard Bash has begun.

As well as the goal of 100 Relay for Life team members and celebrating with a 100th Birthday Party, Gem/Boise County has challenged each 4-H club to participate in at least 100 hours of community service-learning this year, and to collect 100 boxes or cans of non-perishable food for our local food banks per club. Some of the 4-H clubs are also creating their own way of honoring 4-H’s 100th birthday in Idaho and of course, we’ll incorporate the 100th into our 2012 Gem/Boise County Fair and Rodeo. We’d love to hear what other counties are doing to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Empower Yourself

25 years of Know Your Government

by Sarah Hibbert, Idaho 4-H Youth, Eastern District

With the opening of the 2012 4-H Know Your Government Conference (KYG), delegates and volunteers celebrated the 25th anniversary of KYG in Idaho. The conference began in March of 1987, due to the efforts of Mary Jean Craig, a long time 4-Her and leader. After she began working at the Latah County Extension Office, she was asked to help start KYG here in Idaho. The response was so great that counties were limited to bringing only 2-3 delegates. Expressing her passion for KYG, Craig stated, “It is amazing to see the growth and maturity develop in the youth that go through KYG.” At the first KYG, there were a total of 100 delegates gathered at a small hotel in downtown Boise. Butch Otter (at that time Lieutenant Governor) spoke at the evening session of the conference. Feedback of the conference was extremely positive and KYG was a success!

At KYG, delegates explore how the State Judicial system works and what is involved in bringing a case to court. Delegates have the opportunity to observe the Legislative process in action through debating and passing or amending a bill. Meeting and sharing ideas with legislators, judges, and other elected officials over breakfast on Monday morning is another highlight of the weekend. Most of all, KYG lets 4-Hers from all across Idaho make new friends. As Mary Jean Craig put it, “One of the most important things a KYG delegate can take from the conference is the fact that they can be involved in their community and Idaho’s government.”

The legacy of the KYG program has lived on and will continue to inspire and teach youth and leaders for many years to come.
51. Give out 100 balloons, pencils, or pins at your local county fair.
52. Bake 100 4-H cookies or cupcakes and give them to the local police, fire, and ambulance workers to say thank you for their service to the community.
53. Sew 100 hats, neck warmers, pairs of mittens and donate them.
54. Sew 100 lap robes for nursing home patients.
55. Decorate 100 4-H banners or flags to hang from lamp posts or buildings in your town or county.
56. Volunteer to lead the Pledge to the Flag at town meetings, city council meetings, county commission meetings, or any similar public meeting.
57. Paint a mural about the history of 4-H inside or outside of a local building.
58. Host an ice cream social and invite people in your town to celebrate the 100th birthday of 4-H.
59. Write letters to the editors of newspapers describing the difference 4-H has made in your life.
60. Build and put up 100 bat houses or bird feeders.
61. Give 100 potted plants or flowers to nursing home patients.
62. Donate 100 hours of service at a local agency.
63. Plan several Make It, Take It crafts and let children do them free at the fair, a mall, or similar event.
64. Build or renovate a hiking trail in town and put up a sign dedicating your efforts in honor of the Idaho 4-H Centennial.
65. Read 100 books aloud to children at your local library or day care center.
66. Ask your town if you can paint some manhole covers with the 4-H clover.
67. Volunteer to sit for young children so their parents can attend parenting classes or important town meetings.
68. Raise money or donations to build and maintain a clover shaped flower or herb garden in your town.
69. Do face painting for free at a local event. Paint 4-H clovers on everyone!
70. Call your county 4-H professional and volunteer to help at the next county 4-H event.
71. Clean up a local park.
72. Conduct a “Color Me Green!” coloring contest for youth at local store who will display entries.
73. Help an elderly neighbor-mow, pull weeds, shovel snow, paint, or clean.
74. Have each 4-H member, club, and/or volunteer compile a list of 100 ways that 4-H has positively influenced their lives, family member, or someone they know.
75. Challenge all 4-H’ers to do 100 PSA’s on local radio stations throughout the year.
76. Challenge each club to adopt an “honorary 4-H family” in need of a sponsor for the holidays.
77. Work with local county 4-H professionals to contact other states (or counties in Idaho) to arrange a “postcard exchange.”
78. Host a county-wide arts and crafts contest or festival where 4-H’ers and volunteers make something that represents 4-H in the past, present, and future.
79. Host a local health fair where local health care providers are available to speak to families on a wide range of child and adult health issues.

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Solicit 100 recipes from current and former club members. With each recipe, ask each contributor to share what 4-H has meant to him or her. Compile the recipes and put them in a simple book of recipes to distribute to club members or at events.

Coordinate a 10-K run/walk-a-thon or a 100 mile bike rally, or similar event with a centennial theme.

Collect 100 pictures from the past of 4-H events and activities. Donate them to the local county Extension office.

Organize a coat drive in which old coats are donated for use by needy people.

Decorate a Christmas tree at a nursing home, hospital, school or homeless shelter.

Deliver 100 May Day baskets.

Conduct an Easter Egg Hunt for needy children.

On St. Patrick's Day, don't only wear something green, care for something green!

Volunteer to return shopping carts during National Supermarkets Month in February.

Make 100 Spring baskets for seniors' residential facility, neighbors or homeless shelters.

Make 100 Halloween Safety Kits for youth at local elementary schools.

On Johnny Appleseed Day in March, deliver apples to homeless shelters.

During July on National Cheer-Up Day, share a smile and cheer someone up.

Raise money for Braille or large print books for blind or visually impaired people.

Read books or the newspaper on tape for blind or visually impaired people.

Collect food and supplies needed for a local zoo or animal shelter.

Make 100 quilts for overseas, homeless.

Arrange for a 100 lbs or 100 items of pet care/food products to food pantries.

Fill suitcases with personal care items to assist local battered women's shelters or other assistance organizations.

Create decorative shoeboxes filled with stationary items for children of offenders to write their incarcerated parent.

Volunteer at local soup kitchen.

Teen Conference 2012 will be held June 11-15 on the University of Idaho’s Moscow campus. Volunteer chaperones requesting State Leaders’ Association scholarships to offset registration fees must submit their applications to the state 4-H Youth Development office by April 1. The SLA scholarship form is posted on the Teen Conference page of the state 4-H website (www.uidaho.edu/4h; from the home page, select Events, State Events, then Teen Conference).

Registration fees for adult chaperones and delegates will remain the same for 2012 (due by April 16 with full payment, $225 delegates, $150 adult). After April 16 delegate fees will be $250, adults $175.

Conference registration packets will be mailed in mid-March to past delegates of Know Your Government and Teen Conference eligible to attend based on age. Adults and teens interested in receiving a registration packet by mail or email may request a packet through the Teen Conference page of the 4-H website.
Teen Opportunities – Just Ask

By Shaylee Berheim, State Ambassador, South District III Teen Representative

Some people say that 4-H has nothing to offer for the teens and that is why we tend to lose the older kids in 4-H. I do not understand this; for I am busier now that I am a teen than I ever was before with just my regular 4-H projects. The 4-H program has a lot to offer kids my age. I get frustrated when I hear from my fellow teens that they didn’t know about an activity or they didn’t know that program existed. This past year in November, I had the opportunity to participate in State Ambassadors in McCall. I am now a State Ambassador from District III. So as a State Ambassador, I am writing this to share some of my experiences that I have had as a teen in District III 4-H.

My first taste of the teen scene in 4-H was the ability to be a Teen Leader in my 4-H club. I loved having the responsibility to be a mentor to those younger members, especially the newbies. They look up to you and watch everything that you do, so they can learn. This taught me that I always needed to be aware of my actions, so that I was setting a good example.

Organized camps and being a camp counselor was next. I have participated in the Winter Camp that District III Camp Board puts on every year. The chance to participate in a camp of just teens and adults, as well as learning to enjoy the outdoors during winter is a great opportunity. Camp opening and closing were another opportunity brought to me by the District III Camp Board. I have had the privilege of being a Camp Counselor several times through 4-H and am soon to be with OMK (Operation Military Kids) as a counselor. This is another great opportunity to be a mentor to the younger kids. Those kids that have never been away from home or that do not belong to 4-H are the ones that I like to mentor the most. I want them to know that they are participating in a super program.

District education camps and contests are another way that I stay active. Our District III has a book that is published with a lot of the day camps that are offered throughout the year. The opportunities for learning are endless. These camps and contests are a great way to make friends throughout your district and even the state. The camps range from livestock to science and from cooking to sewing, as do the contests. I have been lucky enough to have participated in a lot of these contests and camps as a participant and as a presenter.

State activities are awesome!! Teen Conference was a blast. The chance I had to participate in workshops and activities with other teens from across the state was really amazing. State Ambassadors and T.A.L.K. are also one of those awe inspiring events that have changed my life and can change yours as well. The development of leadership skills that will prepare you for anything life throws at you. Know Your Government is a great opportunity to see how government works from the perspective of a voter to a government official. I have learned to appreciate my constitutional rights that have been given to me by those before me and by those that want to make this a better country and state to live in.

Club, county, district, and state leadership roles are abundant through the 4-H Program. I have been privileged enough to be a club officer and Twin Falls County Teen Association Officer. I also get to set on the District III Leaders Association as a Teen Rep from my county. I have had the opportunity to sit on the State Leaders Association as a Teen Rep from District III. I am currently working with the Centennial Committee. These opportunities are there for any teen to take advantage of, just ask how.

As a teen youth, you may participate in State Leaders Forum and Western Regional Leaders Forum (WRLF). I have had the opportunity to participate as a presenter and a participant at a SLF. What a great way to learn and develop skills that will come in handy throughout your 4-H career.

I have yet to participate on the National level but I am planning to. I would like to participate in National Conference and National Congress. I can’t wait for that opportunity to arrive.

We have all heard of the movie “The Bucket List.” Well, I have a 4-H Bucket List. I have accomplished a lot that is on it, and I am in planning to remove a few more from that list this year. Some items from my list are: become a Senior Ambassador, become a State Officer, participate in a National program, become a member of National Honor Society, become a 4-H Leader, become a County, District, and State Leaders Association Officer, and participate at WRLF. These are just a few. I hope that I have shed a little light on the opportunities that are out there for the teens to participate in. I urge those that read this to spread the word about teen involvement and what it can be. I want to eliminate the words “I didn’t know” when it comes to the involvement of teens in 4-H and what there is to offer.
**Under Cowboy Skies**

by Carma Scheer, 4-H Volunteer, Gooding County

“Under Cowboy Skies” 2012 Western Regional Leaders Forum (WRLF) was hosted by the state of Wyoming in Cheyenne. A warm welcome awaited us at the Historic Plains Hotel. Most activities took place between the Plains Hotel and The Depot which was located across the street. Our opening guest speaker, Dr. David Walsh, took us through a journey of the teen brain with “Why Do They Act That Way: Survival Guide to the Teen Brain.” His short presentation was entertaining as well as enlightening to the workings of the teen brain. The workshops that followed were well planned, informative, and hands on. Each workshop addressed the general topics that each state 4-H program faces in today’s world. The closing speaker Ann Moore, left us with an inspiring message from The Center for Cowboy Ethics and Leadership, “everyone needs a code… a creed to live by.” She told us of her use of “The Cowboy Ethics” as a teacher in an urban high school, and what impact it made in the lives of her students. When Hawaii step up to the stage to invite us all to the 2013 WRLF, you could feel the weather change to warm sunshine and feel the sand under your feet, for they will be hosting next at the Marriott Resort and Spa on Waikiki Beach March 21-24, 2013.

I encourage all to attend a forum whether it is a Mini-Forum in your district or Western Regional Leaders Forum. We as leaders only become better by getting involved and passing what we have learned down to our youth. We set the example for them to follow.

Editor’s Note: During the Saturday night banquet, the regional winners for Salute to Excellence Lifetime Achievement and Volunteer of the Year awards were presented. Idaho’s own Carma Scheer was presented with the Lifetime Achievement award for her twenty plus years of working with youth in 4-H.

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**Idaho 4-H Centennial Seeking Century Families**

Are You a Century 4-H Family? Find out.

4-H Years that are applicable:
- You can only consider direct-line family members. Aunts and uncles, cousins, etc. may not be considered. Stepparents, stepchildren, or adopted children may be included.
- Supporting documentation is not necessary.
- Paid staff years (Extension or other positions supporting 4-H) do qualify.
- In some instances, local Extension Homemakers or Farm Bureau members committed significant time and energy to establishing and leading local 4-H clubs. Years of service to 4-H in those capacities are applicable.
- Volunteer years devoted to 4-H club work on the county, regional, and/or state levels are applicable.
- 4-H membership or leadership in Idaho or other states can be included.
- Years as an enrolled Cloverbud may be counted.

Nominate your family at: [www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/events/stateevents/centennial](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/events/stateevents/centennial); deadline is July 15, 2013.

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**Idaho Wool Contest**

By Jeni Bywater, Minadoka County 4-H Program Coordinator

The Promotion Division of the Idaho Wool Growers offers awards to Idaho 4-H members who make garments from wool fabric or yarn at the Basic and Advanced levels. Contestants will participate in judging at the county level on construction and fit (style revue or interview) and at the state level on construction and their Wool Contest Portfolio.

Contest rules and requirements are published each year in the Wool Contest brochure. Brochures and entry forms are available online at [www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awards/scholarships/contests/asc/statecontests](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awards/scholarships/contests/asc/statecontests) and also at your county extension office. District and State winners will be announced and displayed at the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum in Burley, November 2012. Cash awards will be provided to district and state level winners.

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Hayleigh Green
4-H and Robotics

By Susie Steiner, 4-H Volunteer, Canyon County

4-H and Robotics, what a great combination! I know some people hear 4-H and only think of animals and cooking, but 4-H is so much more. In 2009, FIRST partnered with 4-H as part of the “One Million New Scientists. One Million New Ideas.” program.

Within FIRST, there are four program areas: Jr. FLL is for children 6-9, FIRST Lego League is for children ages 9-14, FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) and FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) are for 14-18 year olds.

Each year FIRST has a different 'game' or set of challenges to solve. This last year the FLL themes revolved around food safety called “Food Factor” and “Snack Attack”. FTC’s game is “Bowled Over” and FRC’s game is “Rebound Rumble”. Where you manipulate balls to score points either by rolling bowling balls or shooting baskets!

FLL is divided into four parts: Robot Performance, how well does your robot work; Robot Design, how does your robot do what it is supposed to do; Teamwork, how well does your team work together to solve a problem; and, my favorite, the project where the team researches a problem and then they solve it.

There can be up to 6 children on a Jr. FLL team and 3-10 on a FLL team. Most teams have 5-8 kids on a team.

Robot Performance is pretty obvious, can the robot score points? These aren't remote controlled, these are autonomous which means the kids have programmed the robots ahead of time. Each round is 2 ½ minutes long. Two years ago the Idaho State Champions could score 390 out of the possible 400. This was very impressive! This team went to the World Jamboree and had a great time! There are several FLL teams sponsored through 4-H. Check with your local county extension office, they may have Lego Mindstorm kits to use to start a FLL team. Costs vary, but are about $800 for a rookie team. This does include nearly $400 in Lego Robot pieces and once you buy the NXT you don't need to buy a new one the following years. These costs do not include travel.

FIRST Tech Challenge is for high school students. Each team has up to 10 teens. These robots are about 2 feet long by 2 wide. This year the robots need to maneuver ramps and move bowling balls up and down. These robots have both a programmed autonomous period and a driver controlled period of competition period. Ada County fielded a team for the first time this year. I spoke with them a couple weeks before their competition, they were very excited. FIRST estimates costs of about $1100 the first year and about $900 thereafter. These costs do not include travel.

FIRST Robotics Competition is also for high school students. This season runs from January to March divided into a 'build' and a 'competition' season. During the six week build season the teens design, build, and program a robot. Then the robot is packaged up ready to go to competition. Our team is going to Salt Lake City for competition this year. These robots can be much bigger weighing in at 150 pounds. The Bot's of Prey robot is about 3 feet long by 2 ½ feet wide and 3 feet tall. The challenge this year is to shoot basketballs into one of four hoops on the other side of the field. Here is a picture of our robot. It can pick balls up off the floor they travel up the shoot and are shot through the wheeled shooter. We can shoot basketballs about 50 feet!

We are a very young rookie team with 11 members. Each round is

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2 ½ minutes long using both an autonomous and driver controlled period. As you can imagine this is the most expensive of the programs, but it is also probably the most intense. Without travel a team will spend about $15,000 a year. We received a grant from JCPenney which paid our rookie registration because we were a 4-H team. There are many other grant opportunities to help fund a team.

Our understanding is we are the only FRC 4-H Club in Idaho and one of 5 in Idaho, Utah, Oregon, and Washington.

Within 4-H, there are three project paths for robotics. Our club is using the Junk Drawer project. This project marries very well with FRC robotics teaching the design process, how to think and speak like an engineer, as well as basic construction. This is a great way to introduce the principles and ideas we’ll then use to build a “BIG” robot.

For more information please visit these sites or contact me at suzie@familycom.org
http://www.botsolprey.org
http://www.usfirst.org
http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/robotics/aboutidahoroks

Greetings from the Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Council
by Suzanne Sideroff, President, Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Council

The purpose of Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Council (I4HYHC) is to coordinate horse activities in Idaho and to obtain maximum benefit of the horse in developing youth. The role of the Council is advisory and promotional for the youth horse program development.

We have just completed our Spring video conference meeting on March 12, 2012 and have elected new officers. They are:

President: Suzanne Sideroff, Southern District II
Vice-President: Myrn Gosse, Southern District II
Secretary: Gail Chambers, Eastern District IV
Treasurer: Dana Kolstad, Southern District II
Past-President: Andria Brotnov, Northern District I

The 2012 State Horse Contests will be held in Sandpoint, Idaho, hosted by Northern District I. The dates of the contest are July 9-10, 2012. Oral Presentations, Horse Bowl, and Hippology (excluding the judging portion) contests will be held on Monday, July 9. The Horse Judging contest will be held on Tuesday, July 10.

The Idaho Horsemanship Award testing will be administered in all of the districts at their corresponding extension offices. District winners will be announced at our Fall Meeting.

I4HYHC offers scholarships to youth who have qualified at the State Horse Contests to go on to national competitions. I4HYHC also offers grants to districts and clubs for assistance with their programs. We obtain these funds from annual dues that are collected from each youth horse member.

Participation in I4HYHC is open to any extension professional or volunteer with an interest in the area of 4-H or Animal Science. Please feel free to attend any of our meetings to learn more.

The I4HYHC meets bi-annually, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 4, 2012 in Burley, Idaho. The meeting will begin 30 minutes following the conclusion of the State 4-H Leaders Forum. Please come and join us.

Help celebrate our Idaho 4-H Centennial Birthday!! Volunteer!!!
Distinguished Service Award 2012 – Nominations Now Open

By Beth Kienitz Carter, Chair of the Idaho DSA Committee

It is that time of year again to be thinking about who you would honor with the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) from your county.

Who gets this award? Well, it is a volunteer leader (or couple) who exemplifies what 4-H does. They are the cheerleader at events, haul youth and adults to events in your county, district, or even state. Sometimes they work so well “behind the scenes” that items are done before they were due. Volunteer work that adds up to countless hours, phone calls, and emails given to “Make the Best Better” is what the DSA recognizes.

The award was started in 1984 and has had many outstanding volunteer leaders honored over the years. To be awarded this is very humbling and a true honor.

Please take the time and recognize the amazing work that a volunteer has done on the county level. The applications can be found in two different places, as well as at the end of the Leaders Corner. First place is 4-H website: www.4H.uidaho.edu, look at the left side of screen under Become a Volunteers and then to State 4-H Leaders Association. The second is your local extension office. Applications are due by July 1, 2012 to your district coordinator. The district then selects a district winner and forwards all the applications by August 15, 2012 to Beth Kienitz Carter 2015 S Scranton Way Boise, ID 83709. All recipients will be recognized at the State Leaders Forum, November 2-4 2012 in Burley. If you have any questions about the application, please contact me via mail or email at Bethyk1@yahoo.com. I will also be collecting photos of the winners via email to show during the awards presentation in Burley.
2012 State Leaders Association Officers

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Nomination Form
4-H Distinguished Service Award
Sponsored by Idaho 4-H Leaders' Association

To recognize outstanding 4-H adult volunteers at the county, district, and state levels, who have demonstrated their leadership, initiative and dedication to the Idaho 4-H Program.

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**Nomination & selection procedures.** It is the decision of each county to determine procedures for selecting their DSA recipient; however this nomination form must be used if the nomination is to be submitted to the District for further consideration. It is emphasized that this award is the highest honor that can be conveyed upon a 4-H volunteer in Idaho, and, as such, the State 4-H Leaders' Association recommends that nominees should not be asked to complete their own applications. Volunteers who have previously received the DSA at the state level may not be re-nominated at the county level.

Each county may submit a completed & signed nomination form, accompanied by two letters of support, to their District 4-H Leaders' Association, no later than July 1 of each year. From the nominations submitted, the District 4-H Leaders' Association will select one district DSA recipient. The District Leaders' Association may then submit their recipient's nomination form to the State Leaders' Association, no later than August 15 of each year. The State 4-H Leaders' Association will select one State DSA recipient from the four district nominees.

The State 4-H Leaders' Association will present awards to county, district and state recipients during the annual meeting of the State 4-H Leaders' Association, usually held each Fall during State 4-H Leaders' Forum. In order for a county nominee to be considered for selection as a State DSA recipient or recognized as a county recipient by the State 4-H Leaders' Association, the county must have paid its state dues for the current year.

Do not attach any supplemental pages to this application.

County submitting nominee:

**Background Information**

Nominee's full name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.)

Phone (Home) (Work)

Address

City Zip

Present occupation

Number years as leader

Name of nominee’s 4-H club, if applicable

Spouse's name

Children's names and ages

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1. **4-H LEADERSHIP - Indicate 4-H roles and responsibilities held by nominee:**

   **Club Level** (organizational leader, project leader, community leader, special interest leader, etc.):

   **County Level** (resource leader, advisory member, leader’s council committee or officer, workshop presenter, other):

   **District Level** (resource leader, advisory member, leader’s council committee or officer, workshop present, camp program, etc.):

   **State Level** (resource leader, advisory member, leader’s council committee or officer, workshop presenter, camp program, etc.):

   **Regional Level** (resource leader, advisory member, Regional Forum planning, workshop presenter, other):

   **National Level** (national forums, national event chaperone, national committees, etc.):

   **Other Comments:**

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2. 4-H PARTICIPATION - Indicate specific efforts nominee has made to improve his/her 4-H leadership abilities/skills.

County Level (leader training attended, etc.):

District Level (multi-county/district leader training, etc.):

State Level (state forums attended, etc.):

Regional Level (regional forums/trainings attended, etc.):

National Level (conferences/workshops attended, etc.):

Other Comments:
3. 4-H PROMOTION - Describe nominee's specific efforts to promote 4-H.

Recruitment of members (displays, presentations to groups, information nights, etc.):

Recruitment of leaders (presentations to groups, etc.):

General (contacts with county commissioners/legislators; newspaper articles written, etc.):

Other Comments:
4. 4-H IMPACT - Describe specific impacts nominee has had upon the 4-H program.

Club:

County:

District:

Regional:

National:

Other Comments:

SUPPORT LETTERS (A minimum of two letters up to a maximum of 5—one is recommended for each level of participation that demonstrates knowledge of participation on the club, county, district, state, regional, and national level.)

These should address nominee's attitude, initiative and dedication to the 4-H program. Letters can be attached to this nomination or submitted to District under separate cover.

Signed: (these signatures are required):

County Leaders’ Council President       Date       County Extension Educator       Date