

Workshops for the 2008 NJ 4-H Volunteer Leadership Summit

< Workshop Session 1 > 10:00am – 12:15pm - two hours

1 – A ‘4-H 101 – What Every Volunteer Should Know About 4-H’, Chad Ripberger, Mercer County 4-H Agent.

Learn the four essential elements of 4-H and how you can create opportunities for them within your club and county program - to insure that you are providing the best experience possible for your members. Plus, we often say 4-H develops life skills, but what are life skills? Which life skills does 4-H target? And, how can we structure our clubs and other programs to foster life skill development?

< Workshop Session 2 > 10:00am – 11:00am

2 - B “In their Space, In their Words, In their World ... Understanding Teens and their Styles of Communication”, Laura Bovitz, Middlesex County 4-H Agent

This workshop will provide an introduction to the world of teen communication, and will give a view into the technology that teens use to keep in touch with friends and share information about themselves. The workshop will also include teen communication styles and preferences, and information on on-line safety for teens.

2 - C “Community Service and Parent Involvement”, Tracey Connell, Gloucester County Volunteer and teen presenter

It is challenging at times to get parent participation in club and program events, and sometimes one or two leaders in a club just can't do it all. We will explore ways to draw parents into community service projects, roles that parents can assume, and how to keep them involved.

2 - D “Bringing the Ocean Sciences to 4-H”, Janice McDonnell, Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) 4-H Agent

Bring the ocean to your club through the Marine Activities Resources & Education or MARE program. Our goal is to support interdisciplinary, collaborative, student-centered, hands-on, and engaging learning environments for children. In this presentation, we will demonstrate activities and web sites that improve your ocean literacy (your impact on the ocean and its impact on you)

< Workshop Session 3 > 1:15am – 12:15pm

3 - B “Group Games for 4-H Clubs”, Jim Nichnadowicz, Union County 4-H Agent and teen presenter, Lindsay Nichnadowicz

In this workshop you will learn about a variety of pre-meeting “Get-to-Know-You” games and group challenges that will help your club run more smoothly and encourage members to feel socially comfortable. Be prepared to move around and have some fun.

3 - C “Help Youth Discover Science in the World Around Them” Jeannette Rea-Keywood, Cumberland County 4-H Agent and teen presenter

In this interactive workshop adults and teens will explore a variety of 4-H science activities/curriculum and will learn how you can utilize these resources in your club and county programs such as 4-H Prep Nights; overnight and day camps; school enrichment and after-school programs; 4-H Fair; summer programs and other special events.

3 - D “Working with teens and volunteers: Easy activities for team building”, Phillipa Myers, Essex County 4-H Agent

Experience fun and easy team-building activities that you can take back to your program! Designed for teens and adults, this workshop will focus on group development concepts and in particular cooperation, communication, and conflict resolution skills.

< Workshop Session 4 > 1:30pm – 2:30pm

4 - A “4-H 101 - The Ages/Stages of Youth Development and Why They Matter”, Chad Ripberger, Mercer County 4-H Agent.

Learn the ages/stages of youth development and how this knowledge can benefit your 4-H program. The typical characteristics of children and youth in four groups - grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9 and up will be discussed. Learn how you can use your understanding of this information to plan age-appropriate learning environments and recognition for your 4-H members.

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