Today’s Indiana 4-H Program

Indiana 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference
Seymour, IN
January 23, 2016
Indiana 4-H Mission and Vision

**4-H Mission:** The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

**4-H Vision:** Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.
4-H Program Delivers Research-Based Education

- Federal program through USDA
- Part of the land-grant university system (Purdue)
- Program design and delivery is focused on Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development research

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Indiana 4-H Youth Development Strategic Initiatives 2013-2018

1. We will expand programming to serve new, diverse, and underserved audiences.

2. We will expand volunteer recruitment strategies to recruit more diverse volunteers and provide all volunteers with meaningful development opportunities.

3. We will provide youth with career development and college readiness opportunities.

4. We will program in three primary mission areas: Science, Healthy Living, Citizenship/Leadership
Indiana 4-H efforts toward accomplishing its strategic initiatives

**Marketing Campaigns**
- Life’s Little Questions; 4-H Grows

**Educational Workshops**
- 4-H Round-Up, 4-H Academy @ Purdue,
- 4-H Experience @ Purdue, Teens as Teachers

**Mission Area Teams**
- Science, Citizenship, Healthy Living
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Indiana 4-H efforts toward accomplishing its strategic initiatives

Volunteer Development

- 4-H Volunteer e-Forum, Livestock Volunteer Conference

4-H Curriculum

- Commitment to review and update educational materials

Incorporation of technology

- Online 4-H enrollment system, Robotics, Biotechnology
Policies designed to help Indiana 4-H reach its strategic initiatives

Volunteer application and screening process

- Insure we include adults who have the youths’ best interests in mind
- “Operating Programs for Minors” Training – youth safety and reporting child abuse
- New 4-H Volunteer Orientation

Risk management

- Annual accident/injury insurance for all members and volunteers
- Liability insurance for staff and volunteers
- Financial accounting/reporting procedures
- Basic safety guidelines
Closing Thoughts

• The 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator has the important role of administering the county-based program, ensuring that federal and state 4-H program policies are followed, while meeting local community needs.

• Education always has been and must remain our primary focus. Competition, while recognized as an important part of 4-H, cannot be the driving force of our program.

• If we aren’t delivering the best educational programs to the youth we serve, someone else will.

• When we say, “It’s all about the kids”, then we must truly believe it and serve as positive role models for youth and adults.

• All staff and volunteers in our programs must work together to accomplish the 4-H Program’s goals.
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