



Illinois Leader

Publication for Illinois 4-H Leaders

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Welcome to new State
4-H Leader
Dr. Denise Legvold



University of Illinois Extension welcomes **Dr. Denise Legvold** as Assistant Dean and Director, 4-H Youth Development. Dr. Legvold received a Ph.D. from Mississippi State University in 2008 with an emphasis in Extension Administration. Dr. Legvold's most recent work experience has been as a 4-H Program Coordinator/Regional Extension Agent for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. From 2000-2002, Denise served as Unit Leader, South Suburban Cook County, University of Illinois Extension. She also worked for Michigan State University Extension and Iowa State University Extension.

**4-H Program Fee
implemented to help
maintain quality**

Beginning with enrollment of 4-H members in September 2009, a \$20 per year **4-H Program Fee** will be applied to members of community clubs, special interest groups, Cloverbud groups, and after-school programs that meet regularly. Most of the fee will stay locally and be used by the local program to help 4-H support costs. Six dollars will be forwarded to the State 4-H program to provide educational, technical, and logistical support to maintain the 4-H program at all levels. No individual will be denied participation in 4-H due to the inability to pay. Extension offices may be contacted for scholarship information or other payment assistance. Clubs and groups may choose to do fundraising or collect donations to offset the 4-H Program Fees for their members. For more information, contact your local Extension Office. The program fee will be used to help maintain the quality of the 4-H program as shared in the "Waves of the Future" research study conducted by Tufts University that compared 4-H members to youth in other out-of-school programs. The study found that "4-Hers do better in school and are more likely to see themselves going to college" and "are less likely to engage in risky behaviors."

*"4-Hers are more likely
to be active in their
community."*

**Illinois 4-H Web Site
Revised**

The **Illinois 4-H web site** (<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state4h/>) has been revised recently. Please take a few minutes to check out the new sections of the site: About 4-H, Members, Volunteers, Give to 4-H, Parents, Teachers, Cloverbuds, 4-H Military, and 4-H After School. In addition there are sections on What's New, Events, Photos, How to Join, Links, and Contact Us. We will highlight a different section in future issues of the *Illinois Leader* this year.

**New Curriculum
2009 – 2010**



The Illinois Clover will be available by early September. Check out the new projects and/or curriculum resources listed below.

Bicycle 1 & 2: *Bicycling for Fun, Wheels in Motion, and Helper's Guide*
Cloverbud: *Exploring Farm Animals; Vegetable Gardening A—See Them Sprout and Helper's Guide; and Veterinary Science 1—From Airedales to Zebras and Helper's Guide*

Foods & Nutrition: *4-H Cooking 301*

Horticulture: *Vegetable Gardening A-D—See Them Sprout, Let's Get Growing, Take Your Pick, Growing Profits, and Helper's Guide*

Leadership: *Leadership Skills You Never Outgrow 1: for Grades 3-6*

Veterinary Science: *Veterinary Science 1-3—From Airedales to Zebras, All Systems Go, On the Cutting Edge, and Helper's Guide*

Video: *Filmmaking* (available online only)

Wind Energy: *Power of the Wind and Facilitator's Guide*

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**North Central Region
Volunteer Forum
Oct 1- 4, 2009
Lincoln, NE**

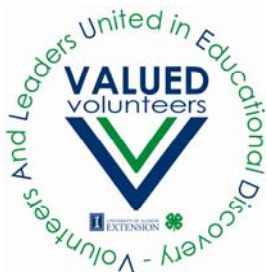
The **2009 North Central Region Volunteer Forum** will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, **October 1- 4, 2009**, at the Downtown Holiday Inn. The theme of the forum is “*Giving them our BEST.*” The forum will feature speakers, seminars, educational tours, entertainment, and networking. All 4-H leaders are welcome to attend. Program, lodging, and registration information is available on-line at <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>. Early bird fee by **Aug. 15** is \$200.

**4-H National Youth
Science Day October 7**



On **4-H National Youth Science Day – October 7, 2009** – millions of young people across the U.S. will participate in a live demonstration of how organic materials can be converted to fuel to supply energy. The experiment offers several activities to showcase how cellulose and sugars in plants can be used to create ethanol. The National Science Experiment will encourage a national youth debate to discuss the “best” biofuel based on experiment outcomes. Youth will be engaged before, during and after the experiment via several popular communication mechanisms and through the 4-H.org web site. To download youth and facilitator guidebooks go to www.4-H.org/NYSD. Additional information on Illinois 4-H activities will be coming soon.

**Valued Volunteer
Orientation Program
Available Statewide**



The **4-H Valued Volunteer Orientation Program** was implemented in 2005. Since that time 87 Illinois 4-H leaders have completed 4-5 of the six modules and 103 volunteers from 35 counties have completed all six modules in the Orientation Series. Those that complete receive an engraved 4-H nametag. New and less tenured volunteers are encouraged to enroll in this orientation program through their local Extension office. The six-one hour sessions can be completed by attending face-to-face meetings, toll-free telephone conference calls, and/or by going on-line.

The orientation topics include: volunteer roles in 4-H, club organization, club program planning, positive youth development, communications within the 4-H club, and experiential learning. The objective of the program is to help newer leaders develop skills to initiate or strengthen their own local club programs.

Additional topics for more experienced volunteers are available through the **VALUED Volunteer Training Series**. There are nine topics included in the series including several on-line. Look for additional information soon.

**State Fair Advisory
Committee Members
Sought**



Do you have an interest in the 4-H portion of the State Fair? Want some input into project exhibits, exhibit locations, 4-H promotion, or the dormitory? Then consider serving on the State Fair Junior Department Advisory Committee! This committee makes recommendations for the non-livestock, general 4-H area of the State Fair. Applications for new adult and older teen members for 2009-2011 are being solicited. Teens must be 16 or older. Adults and youth from the same family may not serve on overlapping terms.

Terms are for 2 years. The committee meets 3-4 times a year, including 1-2 face-to-face, Saturday meetings and 2-3 teleconferences. Mileage and lunch expenses are covered for the face-to-face meetings. The teleconferences are toll-free. The committee has openings in all of the Extension regions except East Central. Applications are due **Monday, August 24** and can be found on the 4-H website, http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state4h/members/leadership_sfjdac.cfm. Late applications for unfilled positions will be accepted until **September 15**.