

Southern Region Collegiate 4-H Taskforce
Listening Session
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Taskforce Members:

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Approximate Number in Session:

14

Schools Participating:

Louisiana State University-4
Oklahoma State University-1
Langston University-7
Advisors-1
Alabama-1

Results

- Issue 1—Collegiate 4-H Image
 - Replies**
 1. Focus on service (if not now, more soon)
 2. Community service
 - *Response:* Ask each club to implement a philanthropic project and turn in a summary with pictures to be posted in Regional and National newsletters
 3. Teach some of the leadership I have learned to youth
 - 4a. Give back to the community
 - 4b. Help kids the way I was helped
 - 5a. Volunteer
 - 5b. The youth
 - 5c. Like the motto! Focus on it more
 - 5d. Being there
 - 5e. Not just about agriculture

- Issue 2—Communication
 - Replies**
 1. Need a website that is used/updated
 2. Have a membership sheet that lists everyone's contact information from every school in the region

- *Response:* As club contacts to put together an address book for their club, this could be used for their club's use and the region as well
 - 3. Involvement on campus—improve chapter
 - 4a. E-mail/listservs
 - 4b. Facebook!
 - 4c. Joint projects
 - 5. Postal
 - 6. Word of mouth
 - 7. Regional leaders should visit each school's program
 - 8. Publicity
 - 9. Commercials
 - 10. Regional communication UNITE
- Issue 3—Governance
 - Replies**
 1. Making sure every club member is included in everything
 2. More National and Regional involvement
 3. Year round focus between clubs and regional and national
 - 4a. More respect for individual members vs. powerful officers
 - 4b. Fair Balance Unbiased
 - 4c. Regional involvement unite
 - 4d. Know Robert's Rules of Order AND follow them
 - 4e. More voting delegates per number of members
 5. Need to define the SRC-4-H/NC-4-H fiscal year
 6. More support/guidance from Nationals but not telling us what to do
- Issue 4—Relationships
 - Replies**
 1. For club night out, in reference to clubs communicating with other clubs, there should be an outing or an ice breaker to invite other clubs with each other
 - *Response:* Do something like a wife swap
 2. Collegiate members should be recognized as adult 4-H volunteer in county/state levels, Collegiate 4-H is what bridges the gap between youth 4-H and adult volunteers
 3. Better activities to interact with each other
 4. No hooking up with participants of activities you chaperone
 5. Better relationships with different parishes/counties other than surrounding parish/counties near school
 6. Need to be known more by Extension educators as a group of young volunteers, need to be communicating with NAE4-HA, possibly through a C-4-H liaison

- Issue 5—Opportunities

Replies

1. Reinforcement of the National Service Project, more information and ideas for clubs to help support the project. Gives unity to all clubs involved
2. Need more representation at National 4-H events
3. Networking about job opportunities
4. Should coordinate with larger summer camps and provide positive feedback for involvement/employment at the camps and with other children
- 5a. Any and all events they can
- 5b. Leadership role models
6. Involvement with campus opportunities after graduation opportunities
7. With school systems
8. Workshops
9. State conference volunteers

- Issue 6—Other Concerns and Ideas

Replies

- 1a. Have other workshops that deal with 4-H (For example, “How to do different fund raisers,” “Quick activities with children”
 - *Response:* As stated in other sheet, there should be workshops that deal with 4-H’s purpose, for instance, better ways to reach the community, how to raise money for your 4-H club, quick ways to improve skills that already exist, different ideas about volunteering (maybe interesting things people may not know about)
- 1b. Make efforts to communicate with other Historic Black Colleges and Universities (1890 schools)/Networking between all schools
2. Lets get back to focusing on service and stop all the politics that keep us from keeping with our main mission
3. Regional and National leadership should provide more info/help to the individual clubs
4. Learn how to become friendly and accepting to others/feel free to ask others questions and be able to do so
 - *Response:* If hosting the event it is very important that people participate as well as remain friendly to other that may not be familiar to the city or the place that the event is being held
5. Are delegates chosen to vote, voting on there members response to the motion?
6. Keeping with our main mission
7. E-mail