Community Service or Service Learning…
What is the Difference?

A significant part of any 4-H’er’s experience is giving back to their community in service. Today, the buzz word is Service-Learning – so what’s the difference?

**Community Service** is thought of a one-time event. Examples include: Coastal Clean-ups, Collecting food for local food banks, etc. This is the traditional community work that has been done by groups for years.

**Service-Learning** is more involved coordinating the service with a local need and reflection, evaluation, reporting and recognition. 4-H has a national curriculum for this as a project for your youth councils and clubs. “…our hands to larger service…” is a significant part of our positive youth development.

Selecting a **service-learning** focus can relate to the sustainability mission of Extension in our new Roadmap. Work with others in your office to develop and conduct a joint needs assessment of your county. Then engage 4-H youth from different clubs to support the need.

Using the 4-H Curriculum on Service-Learning will help you guide the project. Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Tennessee and California 4-H programs have some great webpages and activities on service-learning. If you don’t have this curriculum, contact me for a copy.

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COMMUNITY PRIDE PROJECTS - Proposals are due to the County 4-H Office no later than Friday, October 25, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE, an important part of a young person’s life. Developing a concern for others, the community, and the area in which we live is something that must be learned. Conducting a 4-H community service project within the 4-H club will help our young people learn the importance of the responsibility each of us has to help make our community a better place in which to live. If your club’s community service project could use some financial assistance, the “4-H Community Pride” proposal is just what you need. Funding ranges from $50 to $200. ACT NOW!

Also visit: http://florida4h.org/youth_/awards-and-recognition/group-opportunities/community-pride-awards/

GREAT TRAINING @ our 3rd District Training Event
September 14, 2013 – Manatee County Extension

Thanks for everyone’s participation. I am finalizing the evaluation to send and will report back to you for your ROA. Each year we grow – special thanks for Dr. Bryan Terry for his personal and fiscal support of our Forum.

Facts About South Central 4-H Programs and Staff

⭐ Only district with no turn over in 4-H staff in 3 years!!!
⭐ Most tenured 4-H staff in the state.
⭐ Projects such as shooting sports, dogs, 4-H Tropicana all have their start in South Central!
⭐ In the last 5 years, 3 of the State 4-H Council Presidents were from South Central! Sarasota: Sean R, Jared P and Pasco: Rachel W.

Do you know a great FACT about our 4-H region? Please share!
Extended the deadline to October 18th for you to turn in workshop proposals for the Youth Development Institute: Mobilizing the Power of 4-H and the Passion of Volunteers. YDI will be held January 14-16 at the Ocala Hilton.

Attention: the State 4-H Program is requesting that all County 4-H Agents and Program Staff, State 4-H Faculty/Staff, Other Extension faculty with 4-H responsibilities, County Extension Directors, and IFAS Faculty sign-up for the Conference through PDEC.

The agenda and final registration will be sent out by early to mid-November. Travel costs for all 4-H Agents will be covered, as well as your share (1/2) of the hotel room, through central administration funding. (carpooling is encouraged)

2014 Request for Workshop (1.5 hours) and Bell-ringer Proposals (10-15 min)- Now Due October 18.
Workshop objectives:
1. Engage more volunteers in the delivery of programs and activities;
2. Use the best curriculum and resources that positively impact youth;
3. Ensure a balanced program that promotes diversity and inclusiveness;
4. Emphasize positive youth development principles and practices; and
5. Create statewide systems that strengthen the local program and provide statewide consistency.

To submit the proposal, please click here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ERRBNvWWPu0TfjB24hccca_aY2CetvycBbmJcJgbyHo/viewform

IMPORTANT: South Central 4-H Staff should submit a topic, perhaps team teach at this peer-reviewed event. If you need assistance, give me a call.
My Projects for OCTOBER:

FAE4-HA, Small Animal Committee, Online modules update, invoices for OMK grant; Awards review for 2014 year, and send out County Events updates.

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  All Members welcome |
| 22               | 9-12P Collier County..ROA/POW |
| 25               | 1pm Dr. Tegl at GCREC-PCC for VT video project |

If you have any needs or questions – don’t hesitate to call or email.

Who’s New to Florida 4-H?

**North West**
Jackson County - Angel Granger  
Escambia County - 2nd agent 4H opening

**North East**
Duval County – Jessica Altum  
Citrus County - Dr. Marnie Ward

**Central**
Marion County – Ashley Stewart  
Osceola County – interviewing  
Orange County – Karen Milife (2nd agt)  
Sumter County - Kalan Agers

**South**
Martin County 4-H/CED,  
JP Gellermann will start Sept 30  
Seminole Tribe 4-H Agent,  
Aaron Stam, started Sept 3  
Miami-Dade 2nd 4-H Agent,  
Ruth Santos started Aug 19  
Brevard 4-H 2nd position closed with interviews at the end of September

**South Central** – No newbies!