

**State 4-H Advisory Board Meeting Summary**  
**April 26-27, 2008**  
**Everett, WA**

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Todd reviewed the current status of the budget and the changes in the budget requested at the January 2008 meeting. Stock market investments are down. The dues for 2007-2008 are coming in. Dues have not been received from six counties.

4-H Staff – Because of financial difficulties Wahkiakum County has experienced, their office has lost a staff position. Jennifer Leach is now full time in Cowlitz County, Carrie Kennedy is working with the 4-H program, Lore Twiet (who has over 25 years in the county) is now working less than ½ time and no longer has benefits. The new 4-H agent in Pierce County is Brian Brant who was a Challenge site course manager. William Fiestas is the new Skagit County 4-H agent. Kittitas County has a new agent by the name of Dale Larson started work on April 1.

Know Your Government – 4-H KYG Governor Caleb Klein, Chip Taylor, and Jan Klein went to Portland and met with Laura Bush. In 2009 the subject of the KYG conference will be the judicial system. A 10 minute promotional 4-H DVD will be created using film footage shot during this year's KYG Conference.

Tufts Study – A longitudinal study on youth development is being conducted. Washington participated in the first part of the study for 6-8 graders. It documented that in 8<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers are 3.5 times more likely to show positive youth development and 1.5 times less likely to participate in risk taking behaviors. A total of 4,400 youth and 2,100 adults from across the nation took the survey. A survey of 9-12 graders has begun.

SE District Report – SE District teen rally is taking place in Asotin County on October 24-26, 2008, at Field Springs State Park just this side of the Oregon border. The teens are making a video on how to do or not to do a demonstration. The new educator in Kittitas County is talking to science teachers in Kittitas County about using the 4-H curriculum. Bob Kinion shared information about an “animal” bowl that took place in Walla Walla last year for the first time. Each of the animal superintendents at the county fair provided some questions that were used in a knowledge bowl attended by youth from all of the animal barns. At the Western Regional Forum Julie Sorensen attended a workshop about a Working Ranch Horse Project that is taking place in Utah and Idaho. It involves youth from throughout a district traveling to clinics that rotate throughout the district. At the clinics youth learn some of the skills used at a working ranch (moving cattle, reining, trail – range/ranch style, roping, fitting & showing, etc.).

SW District Report – There will be a SW District Teen Rally in North Clark County the first weekend in October in Lacamas Community Center. The 2009 forum will take place at Great Wolf Lodge. We will be using the entire facility. Our room rate will be \$99/room. This facility has an indoor water park.

NE District Report – The NE District Teen Rally will take place September 26-28 at the Bar 41 Ranch near Lake Roosevelt. The rally will have a “survivor” theme “live out, lead out, teach

out, serve out.” The All Leaders Dinner is scheduled for October 6 in Colville. The annual fishing derby will again take place in Stevens County on June 7. The 2010 forum was discussed. One possible location would be Spokane. A multiple county 4-H camp will take place in Ferry/Okanogan County.

NW District Report – Snohomish County is hosting the 2008 forum in October. The NW District Rally will take place on October 10-12 in Island County at Camp Casey. The next Science Center Camp-In may be taking place at the Museum of Flight. The King County teen leadership group has a grant to produce a DVD on how to create a teen group.

2008 Forum Live Auction - The auction committee is going to try to take a digital photo of each item that will be included in the live auction. The photo will be displayed during the live auction.

Challenge Committee Report by Phil Linden –The Challenge Program now has a 14 person canoe on the Colville reservation. They are still working on getting a mobile climbing wall. They are trying to get as much of the program portable as possible to be able to transport it to remote locations. The Colville Reservation After School program enrollment went from 86 to 225 kids per week since using the challenge program.

2011 Western Regional Leaders Forum in Washington State - Pat BoyEs was asked to move forward with arranging to hold the 2011 Western Regional Forum on a cruise ship to Alaska.

Funding Shortfall Briefing – The implementation of a member fee to be implemented no earlier than the fall of 2009 was discussed. An inability to pay the fee will not prevent youth from being able to participate. We are already seeing an impact in the funding available for new projects, volunteer training, and WSU sponsored travel. The current plan is to wait and see what happens with this legislative session, the new government, the new legislators, and the economy. The potential for using license plates as a funding source is still a possibility.

Fund Development - The legislators need to be contacted concerning using the licensing plate to provide funding for the 4-H program. A letter needs to be sent from this board to the state legislators.

Blue Ribbon Program - The 4-H enrollment in Washington State could be going to a web based system.