

2007-2008 State 4-H Cabinet

Holiday Lake 4-H Center

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Attendance:

Brandon Pierce	Southeast/President
Angelina Blackmon	Central/Vice President
Sarah Mullins	Southwest/Secretary
Mary Elmer	Southeast/Reporter/Historian
Brad Copenhaver	Southwest/Past President
Charles Stephens	Northern
Emily Goodwin	Northern
Lauren Hartburg	Northern
C.J. Sweat	Northwest
Melissa Lloyd	Northwest
Maggie Gregg	Southeast
Marcus Thomas	Southeast
Brooke Lampert	Southeast
Hannah Hudson	Southwest
Cody Weddle	Southwest
Zach McCann	Southwest
Zach Hughes	Central
D.J. Doss	Central
Brandy Scott	Southwest/Mentor
Jessica Ingle	Southwest/Mentor
Tonya Taylor	State Office/Adult Advisor
Crystal Peek	Washington County Extension Agent/Adult Advisor
Ruben Brown	Adult Advisor
Billie Jean Elmer	Surry County Extension Agent/Adult Advisor

Friday November 16, 2007

Jessica Ingle called the meeting to order at 7:30pm Friday November 16th 2008. Maggie Gregg said the American Pledge and Melissa Lloyd gave the 4-H pledge.

Each cabinet member introduced themselves and gave a bit of information on what they had been doing within and outside of 4-H.

- D.J. Doss reported that he had been working on a water resources workshop at the Holliday Lake 4-H Center. He has also been writing an article for his local newspaper informing the public of 4-H.
- Zach Hughes stated that since the last meeting he had gone to the Canadian National 4-H Congress with Brad Copenhaver. He has also contacted many agents in the process of creating a district council.
- Maggie Gregg has been to the state horse show, helped with the young McDonald's farm and played with the baby ducks. She has written an article for Va. Beach Clover Clips, informed many others in her unit of cabinet within her

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- county horse club. She participated and helped organize the Harvest Fair fundraisers, and the Neptunes Festival Parade Ride.
- Charlie Stephens put an article in his local newspaper, took younger members of 4-H to the state fair, went to the state horse show and helped with the Harvest Fair.
 - Lauren Hartburg participated in Southern Regional Judging and Hipology. She went to the AQHYA World Show Horse Judging, Arabian Nationals Horse Judging, and Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup- horse bowl. She went to the State horse show, state fair and talked to her 4-H and non 4-H groups. Participated in the All Star board meeting and the Albemarle Achievement Night.
 - Brooke Lampert has talked to her local agent about new events in 4-H. She did a presentation at Airfield 4-H Center about activities outside of your 4-H unit.
 - Emily Goodwin contacted her agents, helped with old McDonald's farm, participated with Madison achievement, went to the state horse show, and wrote an article for her newspaper.
 - Melissa Lloyd participated in showing her livestock for her county fair, held an all star workshop and has been very busy with her community college and high school classes.
 - Zach McCann has been playing basketball, showing lambs and going to the state fair. He could not show his horse because his horse was sick. He showed his lambs at the state level.
 - Marcus Thomas has given a presentation and promoted 4-H activities.
 - Brandon Pierce has been busy with college things and also football. He went to his local schools to promote 4-H and also spoke at his teen weekend.
 - Mary Elmer updated Myspace and Facebook for cabinet and has had a lot of opportunity for promoting 4-H. She has also been accepted to Virginia Tech.
 - Ruben and Tonya have been very busy with work.

Opening Thoughts:

- Maggie Gregg applied for early admission to VT
- National 4-H Congress is going to be held next weekend November 23rd-27th

C.J Sweat made a motion to approve the minutes taken from the August meeting.

Emily Goodwin-- 2nd

Aye's won

Zach McCann read the ground rules for the meeting and also tapped them on the wall.

Maggie suggested playing "Human Knot" to start off the get acquainted games. After playing that game we moved onto playing "Zip Zap"

The meeting was continued at 8:30 and wrote "thank you" cards to Dr. Bob Meadows for the shadow box

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Jessica announced that the shadow box can not be presented this meeting because Dr. Bob will not be able to make it. It was then decided to be presented to him at the 2008 Congress.

Zach McCann motioned to present the shadow box at the 2008 Congress

C.J Sweat 2nd

Aye's won

We then split up into the three committees

- Public Relations
- Statewide
- Congress

Coming back together as a group each committee presented what they had discussed.

- Public Relations is working on a PowerPoint or some type of presentation to promote cabinet, statewide and congress.
- Statewide made some changes to the schedule, discussed dates, prices and also how many people would be allowed to attend.
- Congress went over a variety of things; they discussed what was liked and disliked at congress last year and how to make different things or events successful.

At 10:00P.M. we broke up once again into districts to discuss possible themes logos and district goals.

Northwest

Goals:

1. Better communication with agents
2. Organize a teen weekend
3. Better enthusiasm in pep rally
4. Better involvement with attending congress

Logos:

1. "Long Distance"
2. Heritage, different places in Virginia
3. "MasterCard"
4. "to find happiness at Congress"
5. Total price of congress....\$150.00
6. Total price of gas to get to congress....\$70.00
7. Cost of pizza for Wednesday night....\$5.00
8. Total price of pies in the face.....PRICELESS!!
9. "4-H takes you places"

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Central

Goals:

1. Recently the central district has had low attendance. We are making efforts this year to increase attendance:
2. Contacting county extension agents
3. Articles in newspapers are in the process to “boost” awareness
4. Conference with teen and agents in counties.

Logos:

“Time to think clearly”

Northern

Progress:

1. Attempt to contact agents
2. Non 4-H groups involved----Not just agriculture clubs
3. Working for more ambassador competition

Goals:

1. Gain back trophy from congressional games
2. Talk to 4-H groups and agents
3. Going to schools to recruit younger youth

Logos:

1. Shooting for the stars
2. Shooting clover in a night sky of stars
3. Head over heels for 4-H
4. Head, heart, hands and health
5. Stand up and Stand out
6. Person standing with clover on shirt.

Southeast

Goals:

1. Contact local agents
2. Write letters to local newspapers
3. Inform teens about teen weekend
4. Work on unit participation
5. Inform more teens about 4-H

Accomplishments:

1. Had informative talks
2. Wrote article to Clipper
3. Successful teen weekend
4. Article for Virginia Beach Clover Clips
5. Emailed Agents
6. Talked to Unit Clubs

Logos:

1. Jump into 4-H
2. Person jumps on 4-H trampoline

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3. 4-H rocks our socks
4. Socks with clovers on them and also musical notes surrounding them

Southwest

Themes:

1. The future of 4-H
2. Blast from the past

Goals:

Contacted agents

To Achieve:

Organize council meetings.

C.J made a motion to have curfew for 12:57 A.M.

D.J 2nd

Aye's won

CJ retracts motion

DJ made a motion to set curfew for 1:00 A.M.

Charlie 2nd

Aye's won

The meeting has been recessed until Saturday November 17th at 8:15 A.M.

Saturday November 17, 2007

Brandon Pierce called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M.

Everyone went around and restated what they had been doing since the last meeting. Once everyone finished introducing themselves Brandon explained the get acquainted game.

There were colored pieces of construction paper with everyone's pictures on a separate piece. Everyone had to write something about that person on every sheet.

Next item that we covered were committee reports, Tonya suggested we break into each committee. We broke into committees at 8:45 A.M. and came back together at 9:02 A.M.

The Committee Reports went as follows:

Public Relations-

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They opened up Myspace sites. If you wanted to see or the address for the Myspace account talk to them later. The goal for the next time is to start working on statewide stuff.

Statewide-

They revised the schedule for Sunday and will use last year's flyer. The delegate's will sign-up or choose their workshops when they are checked-in. It will cost a total of \$75. Each committee member will be responsible for a 50 dollar sponsorship. Billie Jean and Mary point it out that it was the same weekend as an all-star meeting. Therefore they need to try to promote and let agents know as soon as possible, because they are fighting other events.

Congress-

They basically filled Sarah in with what they discussed the night before and got her opinion. Billie Jean, also, brought up the flag processional and how we wanted that to be different.

Charlie moved that instead of flag bearers we have a leader (youth) come up to the microphone and say their name and number of delegates

C.J. seconded

Discussion if we have a slideshow.

Ayes- won

After that we broke into districts at 9:24 A.M.

At 9:37 A.M. Brandon reconvened everyone from their district to one big group. At that time each district told what they talked about in that ten minute time frame.

Southwest-

Talked about goals they had set and how they worked to accomplish them. Also they talked about district weekend that was held on November 9-11. Also hosting a senior district contest day, in which they promote cabinet at that event.

Southeast-

Talked about accomplishments, successful teen weekend, new goals, helping Northeast with a teen weekend.

Central-

They talked about how to increase attendance at 4-H events, making a district council, having better contact with agents, and also forming a teen weekend for there districts.

Northern-

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Talked about what they have done so far to reach their goals. Also start working on a teen weekend for there districts. Work on participation at congress and recruit younger 4-Her's. Keep in contact with there agents.

Northwest-

To have better communication with agents, better involvement in pep rally at Congress, overall more participation at congress, and organize teen weekend.

We took a break at 9:50 A.M. We joined back together at 10:10 A.M.

We then continued brainstorming the 2008 Congress themes.

The newest theme was "Taking H by H." Marcus came up with the idea. He saw it by having a hand taking an H off the clover each day of Congress.

After that we broke into the brainstorming sessions at 10:15 A.M.

Before breaking up Tonya talked about some Congress ideas. She told us to think about them and we would discuss them in more detail later in the meeting. They were as followed:

- Service learning 3 hours- splitting time up half and half (with amount of people) Service learning and VT College fair from different schools within VT.
- Opening and Closing Assembly (entertainment at opening and speaker at closing)
- What we want in the information packet.
- Where we want to have the group picture
- Banquet how do we want to have it. How do we want to do it? More money for registration.
- Congress Crier
- Congressional Games- Dr. Bob is still going to be there.

When we reconvened from our break, the next item moved on to was the new themes.

The new themes were as followed:

- 4-H unlocking your potential
- A ticket to the Future
- H is 4 Highway
- 4-H leads to greatest H

After lunch we will vote for the themes we like.

Now we will put thoughts on for opening and closing assembly and service learning projects.

Now we are signing up for Congress subcommittees.

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Pep Rally

*Angelina Blackman

Emily Goodwin

Lauren Hartburg

C.J. Sweat

Marquitta Walker

Opening and Closing Assemblies

*Sarah Mullins

Zach Hughes

Melissa Lloyd

Cody Weddle

Jessica Ingle

Banquet/Reception

*Mary Elmer

Brandy Scott

Marcus Thomas

Hannah Hudson

Judea Hossien

Brad Copenhaver

Dance

*Brandon Pierce

D.J. Doss

Charlie Stephens

Zach McCann

Maggie Gregg

Brooke Lambert

Tonya reminded everyone about National 4-H Conference and see who would want to go.

Tonya then passed out our cabinet blazers, polo's, 4-H pin, business cards, and our name tags. She also passed out Dime for Dreams piggy bank. Tonya also passed out everyone's invoice for there Blazer and ties for the guys.

After everyone had received all their items we were dismissed for lunch. At 12:00 PM.

At 1:00 P.M. Brandon reconvened.

At this time Brandon told everyone to mark their top five choices for the themes for Congress.

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The votes as following:

- Long Distance- 3
- MasterCard- 11
- 4-H Takes you places- 9
- Time to think Clearly- 11
- Head over heels for 4-H- 0
- Stand up Stand out- 8
- Jump into 4-H- 2
- 4-H rocks our socks- 4
- Blast from the past- 2
- Taking it H by H- 20
- 4-H Unlocking Your Potential- 0
- A ticket to the Future- 7
- H is 4 Highway- 0
- 4-H leads to the greatest H (Honor code)- 3

We reconvened at 1:40

Then each group presented what they worked up.

- MasterCard- The theme is 4-H takes you places: a multi cultural ideas and some humor/ “cute”. The front would have two clovers merging together saying green card. The back \$0H it can take you places: Price of Congress \$150, price of Gas \$50. getting pied in the face priceless.
- Shooting for the stars- the t-shirt would have a clover with shooting stars coming out with 2008 congress in their and the t-shirt black or navy. On the t-shirt having the all-star recognized. The first dance have everyone dress like a star. Second dance star décor. In packets put 4-H success stories. Name leadership workshop- shooting 4 the stars. Pick a star song to have. Each day they wanted to have a theme, which the delegates would be shooting for a goal, such as goals, character, leadership, and serving. Use the star for the district competitions
- Stand up Stand out- A newer title 4-H stands. Standing up for 4-H and standing out for 4-H. The t-shirt have people with one with a 4-H shirt and that person is the main focus. Stand up for 4-H, sand out as a 4-h member. Stand for what your heart tells you to do, do what’s right. Stand up for your health, stay healthy. Stand for activities and community service by using your hands. Stand for what you believe in, your head. Service project could possibly be piece of construction paper chain to give to kids that may be sick to show that we stand beside.
- Taking it H by H- Build on last year theme but with some new twist. Monday- head-blue, Tuesday-health- congress shirt, Wednesday-heart- red, and Thursday- hands-green. Give people a since of familiarity, stress the major values of 4-H. T-shirt front have a sub topic, similar to last year clover effect and the back break the clover apart with taking it H by H in the middle.

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The floor was opened to discussion
At that time everyone voted each theme they liked.

MasterCard- 2
Shooting for the stars- 0
Stand up Stand out- 7
Taking it H by H- 7

Then we discussed combining Stand up Stand out and Taking it H by H. Tonya suggested we take in consideration only one title will be remembered and go on with things.

At that time Brandon entertained a motion to add to theme 4-H stand H by H.

Zach Hughes made the motion
Zach McCann 2nd
There was no discussion
“Aye’s” won

After the motion, we went into more discussion about the theme.

Tonya wanted to make sure that if we used two themes that the main theme would be dominant. As a whole Cabinet everyone decided on a general conclusion to combine Stand up, Stand Out and Taking it H by H.

Zach H. moved that we only us Stand up Stand Out as the theme for Congress.
Emily 2nd
There was no discussion
“Aye’s” won

The next item of business was to brainstorm on ideas for a logo.
So Brandon had everyone break into their districts at 2:20 P.M. to design a logo.

Brandon called everyone back together at 2:33 P.M.

At that time each district presented their design

Southeast-

Standup, standout vertically on back middle bottom 4-H

Northern-

Having an arc with in it one person standing up with a 4-H clover on with Stand up and Stand out each district around the arc, basic front.

Central-

Same basic, clover effect front with a back shirt

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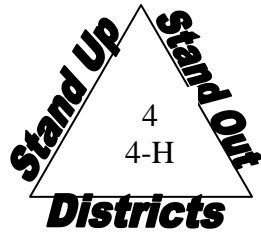
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Northwest-

Same ideas as Northern, talked about silhouette.

Southwest-

The silhouette on the front under 2008 Virginia State 4-H Congress



Sarah moved that we take the Northern idea for the t-shirt design

D.J. 2nd

Discussion was this just an outline of the design and it was decided it was.

“Aye’s” won

Then the discussion began on how to modify the design.

As a group we decided on the shirt looking and having the following items:

- Shirt color- white
- Wording-Black and Orange Outline (sun rays)
- Arch- light orange
- Cloud –black
- Person-Light skin with a shirt on
- FRONT-Clover Effect with orange letters, yellow outline

At that time the T-shirt Wording Committee was formed and the members were Melissa, Emily and Charlie

At that time Brandon gave us a break, 3:05 P.M. We reconvened from our break at 3:30 P.M. Following the break everyone broke into their congress subcommittee. Brandon brought us back into one big group at 3:45. At that time everyone told what they had discussed in their meetings.

Dance- Decoration, competitions, music choices, refreshments:

1. logo on a wall
 - a. balloons color of t-shirt
 - b. construction paper chain
 - c. 4-H disco ball with lights
 - d. Old fashion lantern lights
 - e. Black Lights

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- f. Strobe Lights
 - g. Black paper and glow paint
2. competition
- a. send out with packet
 - b. specific sign up time
 - c. judges be in the audience

Brandon also mentioned taking the points from the dance off and adding as part as the Congressional game points.

Pep Rally

- 1. Represent something there
- 2. district dress up
- 3. hula hoop
- 4. balloon games
- 5. beach balls
- 6. going around to keep attention
- 7. judges would be agents for the winner
- 8. D.J. do the pep rally

Banquet

- 1. Sit down dinner for All-star, Cabinet winners, National Congress, Donors
- 2. Everyone else eats @ Detrick
- 3. Everyone comes together in commonwealth Ballroom. Recognition of winners.

Opening and Closing Assembly

- 1. Who would be the opening entertainment
- 2. How the Cabinet would be recognized at the opening assembly (saying something to their position on cabinet, school, and something they plan to do).

Brandon said later that night we will vote on choice for entertainment.

At that time Brandon decided it would be a good time for some icebreaker games
Following the Icebreakers we voted on the opening and closing assembly entertainment.

Opening Assembly

- 1. Step team
- 2. Popular Band

Closing Assembly

- 1. Miss Virginia- Hannah Kefer
- 2. Tim Kaine
- 3. Suzie Vanderlip

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4. John Lemburg
5. Kari Storks

At 5:00 P.M. we recessed for a two hour supper break.

At 7:00 P.M. we met with Tamara which led us in some team work activities.

At 8:10 P.M. reconvened back and began discussing the Statewide Teen Weekend letter to the agents. Brandon began drafting the letter.

Weddle asked for Brandon to reread the letter.

Charlie moved that we accept the letter.

Emily 2nd

There was no discussion

“Aye’s” won

At that time Brandon entertained a motion for curfew time.

Cody moved that curfew be set @ 1:00 A.M.

Brandy 2nd

No discussion

“Aye’s” won

Weddle then moved that we adjourn the meeting until tomorrow morning.

Melissa 2nd

No discussion

“Aye’s” won

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Brandon called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM. Brandy led the 4-H pledge and Marcus lead the American Pledge.

Brandon then moved on to the next item of business. He restated the rules and reminded everyone to have respect. He then had anyone tell anything that would like to add to that. He then had Billie Jean Elmer lead us in the Character Counts Song. Brandon did address the six rule, keeping relationship or personal problems outside the meeting.

The next item we discussed was the group picture and where it would be located. The two suggestions were the 4/16/2007 Memorial and the Burruss steps. Tonya told us to list them from the one we want the most. It went the 4/16/2007 and then the Burruss Steps, just like the previous years.

Mary moved that our first choice be the new memorial (4/16/07) and our second the Burruss steps.

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C.J. 2nd

No discussion

“Aye’s” won

Brandon then asked about themes for congress.

Brad moved to leave the discussion of the theme up to the committee.

Cody 2nd

No discussion

“Aye’s” won

Brandon moved to talk about GSS workshop.

He opened the floor to any suggestions

1. Equestrian
2. Career Planning
3. Cabinet-state-All Star
4. Multi-media
5. Web publishing
6. Sports complex
7. CSI workshop
8. Agriculture
9. The game of life

Sarah read the suggestion from August. Tonya asked if we wanted to keep the cabinet workshop from last year. Brandy suggested having one with interviews and resume.

Brandon entertained a motion to give the suggestion list to the state office.

Weddle moved that we give the suggestion list to the State Office

Charlie 2nd

No discussion

“Aye’s” won

Brandon asked about Statewide. He said cabinet needed to know who would attend the weekend. Tonya said she would need to know by December 1st.

Mary moved that we set the Cabinet registration December 1st

Charlie 2nd

No discussion

“Aye’s” won

Brandon said we needed to advertise and make sure your district knows about it. The brochure will be out next week. Call agents in your district about 2 weeks now.

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Brandon entertained a motion to have a BBQ picnic the 1st day incorporated with the pep rally. The campus tour will follow the picnic and end at Burruss for the Opening Ceremony.

Charlie moved the entertained motion

Mary 2nd

Discussion---who would provide the BBQ and the answer was the state office would decide.

“Aye’s” won

Brandon talked about how Brad and Zach H. attended National Canadian Conference At that time Brad discussed it.

At 9:55 A.M. we broke into District groups to discuss advertising for statewide. At 10:06 A.M. we reconvened as big group. Then everyone told how they were going to advertise the Statewide teen weekend in their district.

Southwest- broke down district to who they would call

Southeast- split who they would call

Northern- split up the district for calling-plan to go to school groups about 4-H

Northwest- same as Northern

Northeast- Brad and Brandy would call agents

Brandon then broke everyone into their committees at 10:09 A.M. At 10:23 A.M. we reconvened as a large group. At that time each committee gave a report

Public Relation

- Mary will continue working on Myspace
- C.J. will work on Facebook. He will send out an email and registration with it.
- Help with the Statewide brochure
- SE will reach out to local teen news

Statewide

- Went over schedule and changed times.
- Worked on who would be in charge of board games and movies.

Congress

- Use the Six Pillars of Character
- What each day would mean and what color it was.
 - Monday- Citizenship, purple, Stand Up
 - Tuesday- fairness and trustworthiness, orange and blue, Stand Out

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- Wednesday- caring and respect, red and yellow, Forever
- Thursday- responsibility, green, Together

The next item of business was preparing our stump speeches for the Richmond meeting. Brad gave an example of a stump speech. Everyone then had ten minutes to write one. When everyone was done, everyone presented their stump speech. Tonya was really pleased with everyone's speech.

At 10:55 A.M. Brandon dismissed everyone for a short break. At 11:19 A.M. we reconvened to finish the last session of the meeting. At that time Billie Jean talked to us about changes to the January meeting. The January meeting will be the 22nd and 23rd of January. The next order of business was to write the thank you notes to the Virginia 4-H Foundation. After that Lauren led everyone through the character counts song, this was to build on what we talked about earlier in the morning.

Following the Character Counts song Brandon had us break up into the ad hoc committees. At 11:59 A.M. we reconvened and each ad hoc committee gave their report.

Dimes for Dreams

- Dunking Booth--- find booth
 - Charge \$1.00 for 3 balls
 - Will be Tuesday night between games and Ice Cream social
- Pie in the face--- raffle tickets
 - Charge \$1.00 per ticket-----\$3.00 for 5 tickets
 - Same as last year use the officers
- Center piece raffle---same price as pie in the face
- Flyer will be mailed to everyone

Leadership

- Better training for CIT and Counselors for camp
- Brad will get PowerPoint emailed to everyone for leadership workshops
- Katie Lafon will help with getting workshop choices

Brandon turned the meeting over to Tonya. At this time everyone told what they planned to do between now and the January meeting. Brad reminded everyone to schedule appointments for their meeting in January.

Brandon entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting

Mary moved the entertained motion

Brad 2nd

No discussion

“Aye’s” won

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The meeting of the Virginia 4-H State Cabinet on November 16-18, 2007 was adjourned at 12:19 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Sarah Mullins

Secretary

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