



2016 NAE4-HA Task Forces Annual Reports

Ag Literacy Task Force:

GOAL: Gather & Share - Fact finding of resources; existing programs that can be replicated; linking to national organizations

ACTION STEP (COMPLETED):

- ✓ Identified necessary information that will be gathered.
- ✓ Developed form.
- ✓ Identified Ag Literacy Task Force member to serve as gathering point – Bob McNary, Missouri
- ✓ Posted on website at: <http://www.nae4ha.com/committees-task-forces>
- ✓ Included (on website) additional links of national organizations and connections will be posted on same website.

“Programs & Resources

[NAE4-HA Ag Literacy Programs & Resources FORM](#)

Extension Professionals are encouraged to share Ag Literacy Programs & Resources by completing and submitting

AREA of EMPHASIS:

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| - Ag Festivals | - Afterschool Programs |
| - Camps/Conferences (Youth) | - Club Programs |
| - Grant Opportunities | - Professional Development (Staff) |
| - School Enrichment | - Stakeholder Education |

PLAN OF WORK:

- ✓ Market form and process for all NAE4-HA membership to take part; designate categories; post results on NAE4-HA Task Force website by category;

GOAL: To secure a speaker/presenter who is focused in ag advocacy. The speaker/presenter will provide an opportunity for our membership to learn how to be stronger advocates of ag and be able to train their clientele how to be stronger advocates.

ACTION STEP: Ag Literacy Task Force member, Tanya Nickerson (New York) worked with the American Farm Bureau Federation and completed a NAE4-HA Seminar Proposal for an Ag Literacy workshop.

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GOAL: To provide input regarding ag literacy on a national program level.

(Ag Literacy Task Force – continued)

PLAN OF WORK:

The Ag Literacy Task Force will be meeting with Jim Kahler, National Program Leader for STEM, Agricultural Science & Technology during the 2016 NAE4-HA Conference in New Orleans. The task force will be given the opportunity to provide input and discussion of priority ideas in 4-H Ag/Ag Literacy for next 5 years.

Animal Science Task Force:

Greatest Accomplishments:

- Members volunteered and assisted with review of the National Youth Quality for the Care of Animals (YQCA) curriculum.
- Updated the Animal Science Resource list.
- 4 regional award winners for the Excellence in Animal Science Award. We increased involvement of committee members selecting the national winner.

Working on:

- Updating of the resource list is ongoing.
- Identifying a multi-year donor for the Excellence in Animal Science programming award.
- A major portion of the task force time at the 2016 conference will be focused on an overview of the National Youth Quality for the Care of Animals (YQCA) curriculum and further feedback from the task force.

Camping and Environmental Education Task Force:

Completed:

- Board-supported seminar proposal accepted. Camp Evaluation Seminar to be presented in New Orleans
- Solicited bid to host National Camping and Environmental Education Institute and awarded to Virginia. Virginia will host in March of 2017

Still Working on/Ongoing into 2017:

- Started plans to host Seminar on Wheels at Indianapolis NAE4-HA conference
- Submit board-supported seminar proposal for Indianapolis Conference
- Solicit a bid to host NCEEI in 2019 by Indianapolis Conference

Citizenship Task Force:

Key accomplishments:

- Global Citizenship Meal – Meal is planned for the 2016 NAE4-HA Meeting.
- Conference Seminar – developed a workshop proposal which was accepted and will be presented at the 2016 NAE4-HA Meeting.
- Task Force Award – Excellence in 4-H Global Programming Award was judged.
- Task Force Promotion – We are once again listed in all NAE4-HA Conference materials. A couple of years ago we were not listed apparently.
- Task Force Webinar Series – Members delivered quarterly webinars on outstanding Citizenship Programs. Three webinars have been delivered so far with the final one for the year being scheduled in November.
- A new website has been developed which houses resources, a database of partners and provides an opportunity for taskforce members to share new resources.
- Quarterly Conference calls have been held and have been well attended.

Communication & Expressive Arts Task Force:

Greatest Accomplishments:

- Securing a donor for our NAE4-HA awards
- Both Poster & Seminar presentations accepted for national meeting to promote our efforts
- Developing a survey tool that includes Common Measures to use with our Grab & Go Lessons

Working On:

- Co-ownership and jointly updating our website
- Developing more Grab & Go lessons that incorporate national mission mandates
- Preparation of ePoster and seminar presentations in New Orleans

Diversity & Inclusion Task Force:

Plan of Work Accomplishments:

- Organized a Preconference for 2016 annual conference
- Organized Webinars to provide education on creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ youth

Currently Working On:

- Meeting Monthly – only missed one or two months!
- Researching and compiling resources on Bridging Cultures and Youth with Disabilities in preparation for future webinars.
- A survey to gauge knowledge and perspectives of LGBTQ+ youth and inclusion in 4-H programs.

A survey to state directors to learn where to help 4-H professionals know their chain of command/organizational chart and where to find policy for serving 4-h youth with disabilities by state.

Geospatial Task Force:

Accomplishments:

- Presenting a pre-conference workshop in New Orleans
- Collected lesson plans and geospatial content into a central location (we are now exploring options for sharing)
- Monthly meetings with professional development

Healthy Living Task Force:

Plan of Work Goals and Successes:

- Secure funding for National Specialty awards for healthy living- Committee members stepped up to the plate to ensure that award would be funded by donating the amount necessary. Many companies and businesses were contacted as potential sponsors, but none of those followed through.
- Promote member wellness and increased self-confidence- The NAE4-HA Wellness Challenge will again take place at this year's conference. we are excited to sponsor this event where conference attendees can challenge themselves to various health-related tasks to collect points. Prizes will be awarded at the closing assembly. Also exciting news this year is that the challenge will be available through the conference app.

(Healthy Living Task Force – cont.)

- Support professional development at National Conference- A poster presentation will be provided at the 2016 NAE4-HA conference highlighting the regional winners of the Excellence in Healthy Living Programming award.
- Quarterly conference calls- Conference calls occurred quarterly where members actively discussed healthy living programs offered within their states, as well as plans for the conference.
- Morning energizers- These will again be held at the conference and this year we will focus on yoga. Yoga will be offered at 6:30am on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

STEM Task Force:

Greatest Accomplishments:

- The creation of our Task Force (established October 2015) and the recruitment of nearly 50 members
- Presenting a Pre-Conference Workshop on Citizen Science at NAE4HA this October

Working On:

- Creation of an online 4-H STEM Resource Hub. Tasks/Sub-goals:
 - Special attention should be paid to STEM training for volunteers and staff.
 - Create a survey to gather the states' best resources to share online (i.e. do not recreate the wheel).
- From the gathered information, create a National STEM Toolkit for training that focuses on STEM within the contexts of positive youth development, experiential and inquiry based learning, etc.
- Offer STEM Task Force sponsored workshops at the upcoming National Camping and Environmental Education Institute to be held at the Skelton 4-H Center in Smith Mountain Lake, VA March 23-26, 2017.
 - Possible topics: Inquiry-Based Science Learning
- Creation of a NAE4HA STEM Award (team and individual) for the 2017 Conference.

Urban Programming Task Force:

Greatest Accomplishments:

- Poster & Seminar presentations accepted for national meeting to promote our efforts
- Developing a survey tool that includes Common Measures to use with our Grab & Go Lessons

Working On:

- A stream-lined approach for keeping members connected throughout the year
- Updating the online directory and ensuring submissions throughout the year
- seminars and webinars to be shared with the network to highlight urban programming across the regions

Workforce Development and Career Exploration:

Greatest Accomplishments:

- Developed a submission procedure and peer review process for new Grab-n-Go lessons.
- Completed IRB approval and survey instrument for research project.
- Developed a supplemental workshop for a Seminar on Wheels at the 2016 Conference.
- Developed a networking activity to be offered at the New Attendees Orientation to build awareness about task force

Working On:

- Developing a history of the task force to maintain institutional knowledge.
- Finalizing a template for Grab-n-Gos.
 - Update current Grab-n-Gos into new template*
 - Use new template for all future Grab-n-Gos
 - Create a consistent look for all Grab-n-Gos
- Hoping to use the research project survey instrument on the National level and in multiple states to gather data.
- Submit a task force sponsored award for 2017.

*Any current Grab-n-Go that cannot be updated into the new template will be archived and still available through the task force's webpage.

Youth Empowerment Task Force:

Accomplishments:

- Members are organizing Board Sponsored Seminar for National Meeting in NOLA. Regional and National Winners for Beyond Youth Leadership Award and Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award are invited to present their programs. Youth/Adult Partnership research will also be shared.
- Poster has also been completed for session at NOLA with members providing input.
- Beyond Youth Leadership Award and Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award submissions were judged by Youth Empowerment Task Force members as well as youth.