

Connect the Dots

Please put the State Leaders' Forum on your calendar. It's happening in Santa Rosa, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th. The goal: to provide valuable and relevant tools to our adult volunteers as you lead projects, reach out to your neighborhoods, seek to engage the centennial generation, and work to create a welcoming, safe and thriving community of 4-H youth and their families. The theme: **Connecting the Dots . . .**

The keynote speakers are "thought" leaders. Friday's is a leading educator in the field of gender and media. Saturday morning features a veteran change agent who focuses on creating true adult - youth learning partnerships. Sunday morning we hear from an executive and mediator who specializes in creating collaborative communities around the topics of agricultural innovation and other potentially divisive issues. These learning assemblies are buttressed by Saturday's workshops and poster session to provide tools and information that are relevant today. And then there's the unadulterated fun stuff we're injecting throughout!

Here is the registration fee info: (doesn't include hotel costs, which are \$119/night, but does cover food):
April 15 to May 15 - \$150/person for entire event or \$75/person for Saturday only
May 16 - June 15 - \$175/person for entire event or \$100/person for Saturday only
After June 16 - \$200/person for entire event or \$125/person for Saturday only

If you can't make it for the full weekend, plan to join us for a very full day on Saturday the 12th, as that's the "workshop" day. Signing up early would make it less expensive for you to get this intensive series of interactive workshops to support your development as adult volunteers.

Note: Workshops are being organized by "track", with workshop submissions welcome through July 1.

Some of the workshops that are in the works:

- Effective use of Curriculum resources (In this workshop, attendees will have the chance to choose 2 of 4 sets of project related curriculum, and then learn how to teach it in a way that truly connects - according to the latest UC Davis research).
- Connecting with Cloverbuds (projects and activities that really work well for youth aged 5-9)
- Reaching out to Diverse Communities - what resources are available from CA 4-H?
- CA 4-H Foundation Resources - how can we help your club/county?
- Successfully engaging with ALL 4-H'ers; a panel representing LGBTQIA, Latino/Latina, Youth on Spectrum, Youth with special physical needs, Youth with ADHD and Youth with MESH (mental, emotional, social health) challenges:
- Engaging Teens: Discussion Meet
- Engaging Teens: Iron Chef
- Engaging Teens: What is an authentic youth/adult partnership?
- Engaging and retaining young alumnae
- Team Building across your Adult (and Youth) Community - Learning and Connecting through Play
- Animal Science Curricula - what's available, what's really good (and why)
- Best Management Practices from Feed to Slaughter

Our volunteer community can bring so much to the party - your knowledge and skills you could share either as a poster or as a full 90 minute workshop. So please put this on your calendar - register early, and consider what you could share with your peers across the state! There will not be another SLF next year - take advantage of this opportunity!

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