

thinking ahead

annual 4-H project plan



Project Leadership Year 2009

What I want to do and learn in this project (goals)

Officer Goals: My goal in 2008 was to be elected Regional and State Chief...now that I have realized that goal for 2009 I want to work to leave a legacy for the 4-H'ers to come. This really is an important goal. Seven of our 10 All Star officers will graduate this year so the new council will be very young and will need all of the help they can get. So For that reason it is very important for me to do a good job and provide a good example of what a Chief should be.

Leadership skills: Since I hold two state positions, a regional position, a county position, and a position on the Youth Fair Board... probably the most important skill to develop is organization. I want to continue to work on my people skills and delegation skills this will be important. I want to try and give some of the younger All Stars a chance to develop so they will be ready to serve in the coming year.

Working with Younger 4-H'ers: I am very excited about becoming an adult volunteer leader by the end of this year! I want to be able to serve as a judge as well as a judging team or speech coach or project leader.

Study of Leaders: Graduation will not stop me from learning from great leaders of the past. I have learned that there are an endless supply of great leaders from our past...and they all have something to pass on to us!

How I plan to reach my goals

Officer Goals: I will ask some of my friends who graduated last year advice on how to best prepare younger All Stars for service. My fellow outgoing officers and I are already sensitive to the fact that we will have so many new officer's next year. We will plan our annual Leadership Retreat (we always have a leadership with the outgoing and incoming councils) with this in mind. **Leadership skills:** I do need to improve my organization skills with all duties and responsibilities I have. I would like to take an organization class. Having great organizational skills will be a big benefit to me in college. **Working with Younger 4-H'ers:** I want to join collegiate 4-H as soon as I get to college. I would like to become available as an adult volunteer leader. I plan to attend the state and regional volunteer leaders forums and I would also like to go to Southern Regional Leaders forum in Georgia. **Study of Leaders:** I hope to take some trips and learn more about some of the leaders I have studied in the past.

Resources I can use (money, supplies, equipment, help from others, reference material, etc.)

Planning the All Star leadership retreat will be important. We hope to have the retreat at Lincoln Memorial University again. We will need help from our All Star advisors and from the Regional Staff to fund and plan this event. I will also need help if I am going to find a organizational workshop. Both of my parents should be of help in this. Again I want to continue to work with younger 4-H members in a leadership role, in order to do that I will have to plan and work around my college schedule. I will have to fund my own way in order participate in a big conference like the Southern Regional Volunteer meeting at Rock Eagle, Georgia. As far as my continuing study of famous leaders from the past... I will certainly continue to do this. My parents and my grandfather continue to study and learn about the past long after their 4-H and college days are over. I will use my own money to purchase books and movies which help me to learn more about these great leaders from yesterday.

Signed _____ 4-H Member Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

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looking back

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What I learned (knowledge and skills)

Officer Goals: I met my goals with both of my All Star positions. I was elected to Regional and State Chief in 2008. I learned to never take anything for granted and to work hard to make sure everyone knows what you stand for. I was not elected Tennessee Valley Fair President but I was elected Vice-president and I felt that was probably OK with the time needed in the other positions. We had a great fair in 2008 and I feel I contributed to that.

Leadership skills: I found some information about parli-pro online but we were able to have a workshop at our council retreat which really helped. It gave me a chance to practice my skills in a hands on way...and I learned. I became a much better speaker in 2008 both in prepared speeches and my ability to stand up and talk in meetings.

Working with Younger 4-H'ers: I really enjoyed working with my Clover Bowl team. The team won the county and Regional contests. But I think they really learned a lot of useful info and became closer as a team.

Study of Leaders: I actually learned a lot about presidents Jackson, Jefferson, Adams and Roosevelt. I read the book 1776 and learned a lot about Jefferson and Adams as well as George Washington. I learned that each of these men were great decision makers & hard workers. I have found both of these skills are important to leadership.

I feel I met my goals (or did not meet my goals) because

Officer Goals: I feel pretty good about the Officer goals because I was elected to both positions and I feel the best scenario happened in the Tennessee Valley Fair position being elected Vice-President. These positions have been great for me because I have learned more about how to be a more effective leader as well as how to conduct meetings and just how to deal with people. **Leadership skills:** These are very closely tied to my officer goals...I learned more about parli-pro because I got to use it more, my speaking skills got better because I practiced them more in practical situations. **Working with Younger 4-H'ers:** Each time I work with a group in a leadership way I get better and more effective as a leader, teacher or coach. I always learn more from my team than they learn from me. **Study of Leaders:** It has been interesting to find a wealth of practical leadership info from these men.

Resources I used (money, supplies, equipment, help from others, reference material, etc.)

Officer Goals: People are the biggest resource. Friends really helped me more than anything else to reach my goals as Regional and State chief. I did spring for some tootsie pops to give out at Spring Conference! I also used e-mail and facebook to get my message out to a lot of folks around the region and state. **Leadership Skills:** Used the internet some but the workshop I mentioned above was the best. **Working with Younger 4-H'ers:** Mom & Dad Helped by providing a place to meet and snacks and refreshments. **Study of Leaders:** I read 1776 and I also saw The movie 1776 where again I learned a lot about the founding fathers. My parents took us to the Hermitage and I learned a great deal about Andrew Jackson. I saw a movie about Theodore Roosevelt which really helped me to understand more about him. I love history so finding out things about historical characters is really great for me.

Other things I would like to do (future goals)

I want to continue to develop my leadership skills, even though now I will be using them in my college and career part of my life. Maybe I can become an officer in college. As far as working with younger 4-H members that will be easy for me to do as a 4-H Volunteer leader. So I hope to continue to do that. I want to continue to learn about great leaders of the past. John Adams has become really an interesting character to me. I would like to study him more and possibly go and see his home in Braintree, Mass. I continue to have a great interest in Civil War era leaders. I would like to visit some historical sites which relate to Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain...there is a museum dedicated to him in Brunswick, Me at Bowdin College. I would really like to visit there.

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