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**Randolph Teens Serve at Kids Kollege:
Another 4-H Success Story**

4-H: Members Only!

2008 Mid-Winter Teen Leadership Retreat
February 15–17, 2008
Mark Your Calendar!

Alabama National Fair

Friday, October 5 – November 14

4-H Pet Show

Marion County
Saturday, October 20

Outdoor Sports Activity Day

Lauderdale County
Saturday, October 20

Farm City Day

Montgomery County
Monday, October 22

4-H Competition

Walker County
Thursday, October 25

Shotgun Leader Training

Tuscaloosa County
October 26-27, 2007
Registration Due: October 17, 2007



"Kids Kollege" is an outreach program of Southern Union State Community College. Students in grades 1-6 take classes from Southern Union faculty, including performing and visual arts and science.

Six Randolph County 4-H Teen Leaders provided "learning by doing" service, acting as role models and counselors for the younger students. They used their leadership skills to direct 60 campers in exploring and developing new skills. The Teen Leaders also learned about programs and activities that SUSCC provides to Randolph and surrounding counties.

This project was a great opportunity for the 4-H teens to practice Generosity. Besides helping younger kids, it connected the teens with Randolph County and let them serve as good 4-H citizens.

A Tip of the Hat to the Marion County ACES Staff

Marion County 2007 4-H In-School Club Program Surveyed Youth Strongly Agree or Agree that:

- 95% - I can choose activities that make me healthier
- 76% - I am more active every day
- 79% - I can work with others
- 71% - I can plan how to do things
- 78% - I express my thoughts
- 68% - I am more involved in my community

To learn how to gather impact in your community, contact your 4-H Regional Extension Agent



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How to Start a 4-H Interest or Project Club

A Guide for Parents and Other Volunteers

4-H provides opportunities for young people in your community to develop Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. These qualities can be learned through a wide array of subjects, including the arts, technology, plant and animal sciences, and more.



There are adults in every community who are passionate about their hobbies or careers. They may want to share their interests with younger people, perhaps teaching them about quilting or martial arts.

Here are some simple steps for developing an interest club in your community.

- 1: Set clear goals. Write down how 4-H would benefit from the program. 4-H is more likely to approve an activity that promotes the 4-H mission among youth in your community. (For information on that mission, see www.Alabama4H.com)
- 2: Gather support. The simple rules of supply and demand apply here. If you can prove there's a demand for a program, 4-H will likely get behind you.
- 3: Talk with your county 4-H office about chartering the club.
- 4: Name a leader or leaders. Many times, the person who starts a program isn't qualified to lead. It's common for an active parent to come up with the idea, and then pass the program on to someone with more experience. Make sure this leader is organized enough to coordinate with youth in 4-H and their parents.
- 5: Determine the rules. The leader should work with the club members to set guidelines, such as who is eligible to participate and what the club wants to achieve. The rules should line up with the general rules of 4-H.
- 6: Get feedback. Students and parents will likely have strong ideas about what they'd like to see in a program.
- 7: Schedule meeting times and special events. A clear schedule allows parents and students to make plans to participate. That support is essential for a new 4-H program.

