

SOUTHERN REGION 4-H VOLUNTEER FORUM



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October 1-4, 2009
Rock Eagle 4-H Center
Eatonton, GA
www.4hsrlf.org

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Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

4-H Volunteers.....A Southern Tradition



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Host State: Alabama

Mission and Purpose:

The mission of the Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is to increase the capacity of volunteers and salaried staff to contribute to the achievement of the mission of 4-H Youth Development and the Cooperative Extension system. The primary purpose of the SRVF is to educate and prepare participants to share the information that they learned and practice the skills that they have developed, through participating in the forum, at home in their own 4-H programs and activities. Participants benefit from the experiential learning activities that require them to discuss, use, and apply what they learn. The ultimate application is for individuals and teams to teach others.

Coordination:

The SRVF is conducted by the cooperative extension services of the state land grant universities in the thirteen states in the Southern Region, the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National 4-H Council.

Registration:

Registration is coordinated by the Alabama 4-H Office. The conference registration fee is \$225.00 which includes all meals and lodging on-site. All active Alabama 4-H Volunteers will receive a registration scholarship of \$25.00 and first time attendees will receive a \$50.00 scholarship. In order to adhere to Southern Region Volunteer Forum deadlines, registration is due to the State 4-H office by Friday, August 21, 2009. Additional fees apply for individuals who plan to arrive at the camp prior to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1st to cover meals and lodging. A \$50 late fee will be assessed on all registrations received after the August 21st registration deadline.

Transportation:

The Alabama 4-H program will provide transportation for delegates based on registration numbers and delegate dispersion in the state. These logistics will be planned and communicated after the registration deadline.

Participants:

SRVF delegates include adult volunteers and Extension staff from the 13 states in the southern region, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Lodging:

Delegates will reside in heated (and air-conditioned) cottages as a state. Towels, linens, and blankets are furnished, however you might want to bring your favorite pillow. Cabins have bunk beds with comfortable mattresses. If you have special roommate requests or need special accommodations, please contact Nancy Alexander, Extension Specialist (334) 844-2219 or alexana@auburn.edu

Forum Updates:

Additional information and forum updates will be available periodically by visiting the forum website at www.4hsrnf.org.

Special Event Information

Cabin Decorations: Decorate your state cabin or area for special recognition and extra fun. The forum theme is “4-H Volunteers.....A Southern Tradition.” Showcase your state’s southern traditions and help set the stage of a wonderful volunteer forum. States with outstanding theme and decorations will be recognized at the Saturday night banquet.

Dress: Dress for the forum is casual. Be sure to look for any special costume and clothing instructions for special activities including Flag Ceremony, Saturday Afternoon Activities, Friday and Saturday Night Dinner. Comfortable shoes are a must! October weather is mild with midday temperatures ranging from the mid-50’s to 70’s and evening temperatures in 50’s and 60’s. Be prepared for changes in weather. Visit www.weather.com – Eatonton, GA for local weather predictions.

Phones: Pay phones are available for delegates to call out. However, delegates are not easily accessible to receive calls. *Emergency calls only should be made to (706) 484-2831.* Cell phone service is improving, but is not always reliable.

Trading Souvenirs: This popular get-acquainted activity is held Thursday afternoon. Small trinkets, representative of the delegates’ states, are encouraged for trading. Popular items have included lapel pins, printed buttons, and handmade items. Your local Chamber of Commerce as well as your state’s Department of Tourism, Department of Commerce and Parks Department are all likely sources of good trade items, usually at no cost. If you want to get into the spirit of the SRVF, bring items to trade.

Exhibits: Arkansas, the exhibit host would like to extend an invitation for you to show off your programming, fund-raising, educational projects, etc. by setting up an exhibit. You don’t have to staff the exhibit, but handouts are helpful. If you are interested please contact Mike Klumpp at mklumpp@uaex.edu; call – (501) 671-2105 or visit the forum website at www.4hsrflf.org for further details.

Host State Showcase & Tailgate Party: Join host state Alabama as we celebrate one of the South’s greatest traditions – FOOTBALL with a Southern Region Tailgate Party on Friday. Alabama tailgate traditions will be highlighted in the end zones with each state having a designated tailgate location around the football field. Each state will be responsible for decorating their own tailgate area and will need to bring everything they need from tents, chairs, and decorations to food and drinks. Make sure you wear your favorite Land-Grant University colors because this event is sure to be a crowd favorite.

Friday Dinner: The Southern Region Tailgate Party will move to the Senior Pavilion for dinner at the lake as you enjoy great southern food and take in the sounds of Deepstep, Georgia’s 2008 Country Band of the Year. Wear your tailgate attire and be prepared to perform your school’s fight song during evening intermissions.

Saturday Dinner: “Clovers Unlimited” – Camouflage Not Required

Saturday evening dinner will take on the feel of a Ducks Unlimited type dinner with great country cookin’, silent and live auction items, Auburn University raptor display and many more natural resources activities. Wear your casual best and work early to identify the best duck or turkey calling 4-H volunteer in your state. Enjoy the inspirational cap-note speaker, Dr. Marie Rush, as she shares her special story and the impact 4-H Volunteers have made in her life.

Service-Learning Project: The Service-Learning Project focus for this year's forum is Veterans Administration hospitals and services. Participants from each Southern Region State are asked to volunteer and serve Veterans services in their local communities and states, and report state successes at the Southern Region Volunteer Forum. The Regional Committee hopes that volunteerism, service, and fundraising activities are held during the year in honor of Ralph Meacham, long time Southern Region Volunteer Forum Planning Committee member. To find out more information about Veterans Services in your local community or state, visit www.va.gov. Reporting information and service learning suggestions can be found at the forum website www.4hsrlf.org

Meal Tickets: For those individuals traveling and arriving earlier than Thursday, October 1, 2009, for the dinner meal, there will be meal fees if you plan to eat on campus in the cafeteria. You will have to pay the fees and receive a *Meal Ticket* for each meal you've paid for. You must have this meal ticket to be allowed into the cafeteria to eat. Please contact your Volunteer Specialist for more information.

Speakers and Entertainment

Jeanne Robertson - Professional Speaker, Humorist, & Author

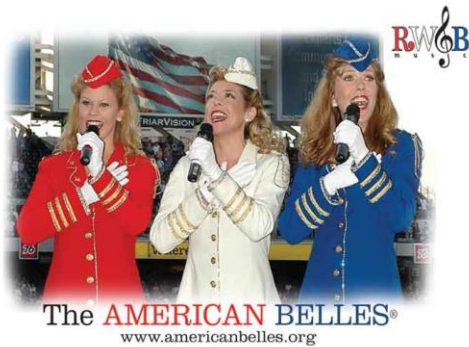
www.jeannerobertson.com



Jeanne Robertson reached her 6'2" stature at age thirteen. Perhaps it was an indication of a future speaking career that would soar to great heights. As a former Miss America Pageant Miss Congeniality winner, Jeanne's life turned into a succession of events which led her to be one of the funniest, busiest and most popular professional speakers in America today. Jeanne has produced five humor DVDs and CDs and written three books on humor – *Humor: The Magic of Genie*, *Mayberry Humor Across the USA* and *Don't Let the Funny Stuff Get Away*.

Jeanne received her degree at Auburn University and taught physical education in high school and college, a career she enjoyed for nine years. Jeanne stopped teaching and began professional speaking in 1976. During her speaking career she has received the 1998 Golden Gavel Award, was the first woman to receive the National Speakers Association Cavett Award in 1989 and was honored by the NCAA Southeastern Conference as Auburn University's Woman Entrepreneur of the year in 2000. Jeanne also served as the President of the National Speakers Association.

The American Belles – www.redwhiteandbluemusic.org



Known for their dynamic patriotic flair and their smooth harmonic vocal blend, the critically acclaimed American Belles will delight and entertain with a high energy show featuring American standards and patriotic favorites. Direct from New York City, these morale boosters travel this great country and abroad entertaining our troops and veterans. The American Belles are sure to put a smile on your face and pride in your heart as they inspire and remind you of just how wonderful it is to be an American! Join us as we honor our military 4-H volunteers with America's premier patriotic entertainment.

Deepstep - www.deepstepband.com – Georgia's 2008 Country Band of the Year



Deepstep's music spans a wide spectrum of eras deftly merging the classic country sounds of all-time favorites such as Merle Haggard, George Jones and Conway Twitty with the newer generations of country music from artists such as George Strait, Allen Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley, and Keith Urban. Strong lead vocals, smooth multi-part harmonies, breathtaking solos and a fiery stage show have earned them rave reviews from media insiders and fans alike. As one of the most sought after bands to ever come out of Middle Georgia, Deepstep sets the standard that other bands aspire to reach. This dynamic dance-until-you-drop band nails a high-impact performance every time with a unique stage presence and full speed ahead style that keeps the house vibrating with energy and excitement.

Come and enjoy the music of Deepstep Friday evening at the Senior Pavilion.

2009 Tentative Workshop Topics

Final workshop descriptions and information will be available at www.4hscrf.org prior to the forum.

If you are interested in presenting a workshop at this year's Forum PLEASE visit the Forum website to complete the proposal form utilizing the given directions. We are still looking for a wide variety of workshops for the Forum. Workshop questions should be directed to Jenny Jordan, Georgia 4-H Program (706) 542-4H4H or jwj4h@uga.edu

Workshops to Include:

Arts & 4-H Work
Attracting Birds to a Variety of Areas
Bullying
Career Exploration
Electricity & Magnetism
Great Messages Equal Great Events
Generations Working Together
Hosting a Military Family Day
History Fairs
Leadership
Line Dancing
Service Learning
Preserving our Past and Present for Future Generations
Teaching Techniques
Youth & Adult Partnerships

Funshops to Include:

Art of Collage
Huck Weaving (Swedish Embroidery)
Knitting
Line Dancing for Fun & Exercise
Polymer Clay Covered Crafts

2009 Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum TENTATIVE Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

- 2:00 p.m. SRVF Planning Committee Meeting, Executive Dining Room
- 3:00 p.m. SRVF Alabama Committee Registration Assembly, Callaway Building
- 6:30 p.m. SRVF Planning Committee Dinner, Executive Dining Room

Thursday, October 1, 2009

- 6:45 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, Dining Hall
- 11:00 a.m. SRVF Planning Committee Lunch, Executive Dining Room
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. State Coordinators Check-In, Callaway Building
(State Coordinators register for their entire delegation)
- 2:30 p.m. State Welcoming Meetings, Assigned Buildings
- 3:30 p.m. Welcome Reception & Pin Swap, Dining Hall Lawn
- 4:30 p.m. State Coordinators Meeting, Executive Dining Room
- 4:30 p.m. Parade of States' Flag Practice, Talmadge Auditorium
- 5:00 p.m. First Timers Orientation, Callaway Building
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Dining Hall
- 6:45 p.m. State Meetings for All Delegates, Assigned Locations
- 8:00 p.m. Opening Assembly, Talmadge Auditorium
Presiding and Welcome – Patricia Bryant, Alabama
Parade of Flags – Alabama
Pledges – Kathleen Smith, Mississippi
Thought of the Day – Diane Sturges, North Carolina
Greetings from Rock Eagle - Arch Smith, Georgia
Introduction of Special Guests – Patricia Bryant, Alabama
Monsanto Representative Introduction – Sue Lynch, Kentucky
Salute to Excellence Awards –April Beeland, Georgia
Introductions of 2009 Planning Committee – Patricia Bryant, Alabama
Introduction of the Speaker – Alabama
Professional Speaker – Jeanne Robertson
Announcements – Patricia Bryant, Alabama
- Close of Assembly Creative and Expressive Arts Workshops, Assigned Buildings
Dance, Senior Pavilion
Coffee Shop

Friday, October 2, 2009

6:30 a.m.	Coffee for Early Risers, Dining Hall
6:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Dining Hall
7:00 a.m.	SRVF Planning Committee Breakfast, Executive Dining Room
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Information Booth Staffed
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Workshops, Session 1
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits,
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break, Dining Hall Lawn
10:30 a.m.	The American Belles USO Show, Talmadge Auditorium
11:30 a.m.	Forums from the Past Slide Show State Photos, Talmadge Auditorium (Delegates will be dismissed by states.)
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Dining Hall
12:30 p.m.	State Coordinators Meeting, Executive Dining Room
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Workshops, Session 2
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Break, Dining Hall Lawn
3:30 p.m.	State Meetings, Assigned Locations
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Alabama Showcase & Southern Region Tailgate Party
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner & Music at the Lake, Senior Pavilion
9:00 p.m.	Creative & Expressive Arts Workshops, Assigned Buildings Deepstep “Georgia Band of the Year”, Senior Pavilion Cyber Lounge, Administrative Building Coffee Shop, TBD

Saturday, October 3, 2009

- 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Early Risers, Dining Hall
- 6:45 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, Dining Hall
- 7:00 a.m. SRVF Planning Committee Breakfast, Executive Dining Room
- 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Information Booth Staffed
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Workshops, Session 3
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Exhibits,
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Morning Break, Dining Hall Lawn
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshops, Session 4
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Dining Hall
SRVF Planning Committee Meeting, Executive Dining Room
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Workshops, Session 5
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Recreation Activities, Arkansas
- 5:45 p.m. State Meetings, Assigned Locations – Travel to Dinner with State
- 6:30 p.m. Clovers Unlimited Banquet & Closing Assembly, Dining Hall
“Camouflage Not Required”

Presiding and Welcome – April Beeland, Georgia
Pledges – Teresa Withers, Arkansas
Thought of the Day – Mary Mantooth, Tennessee
2009 Planning Committee Presentations – Patricia Bryant, Alabama
Introduction of 2010 Planning Committee – April Beeland, Georgia
Introduction of Speaker - Alabama
Dr. Marie Rush – 4-H Alumni & Cap-Note Speaker
Presentation of State Certificates, Patricia Bryant, Alabama
Reflections Slide Show

- 9:30 p.m. 2010 SRVF Volunteer Planning Committee Meeting
- 9:30 – 11:30 p.m. Dance, Senior Pavilion
Cyber Lounge, Administrative Building
Coffee Shop,

Sunday, October 4, 2009

- 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Early Risers, Dining Hall
- 6:45 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, Dining Hall

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Saturday Afternoon Activities

Canoeing – Dock in front of Cottage 3 by the Bridge Area – 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy a serene afternoon out on Rock Eagle's 110 acre lake.



*Mini-Golf Tournament – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Get into the swing and have a ball during the mini-golf tournament.



Natural History Museum Tour – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Learn about animals from our prehistoric past, Native Americans, Georgia Agriculture & Forestry, a working bee hive, a geology mine and the history of Rock Eagle.

**Tailgate Central – Callaway, IP 3, & Hastings – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Wear your favorite University's colors and root your team on to victory.

*Volleyball – Volleyball Courts – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Serve up some action and fun during volleyball. Sign up as a team or individual to join the fun.

Madison & Eatonton Tours Will Continue From Workshop Session 5

For additional information on Saturday recreation contact Mike Klumpp, Arkansas 4-H, mklumpp@uaex.edu or (501) 671-2105

* Sign-up sheets will be posted at the dining hall.
**A schedule of the team match-ups will be posted in the dining hall.

For additional information on Saturday recreation activities contact Mike Klumpp, Arkansas 4-H, mklumpp@uaex.edu or (501) 671-2105.

“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.” – Abraham Lincoln



2009 SRVF Service-Learning Project

United States – Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

www.va.gov

Quick National Facts:

- VA has 157 hospitals and 860 community-based clinics.
- VA hospitals will treat 5.2 million patients this year.
- More than 50 million outpatient visits are made through VA hospitals and clinics annually.
- More than half of U.S. physicians and nurses have received some or all of their training through VA.
- VA manages 120 national cemeteries in 39 states.

Southern Region VA Facts

- The SRVF Represents 45 VA Hospitals, 29% of the Nation’s VA Hospitals.
- The SRVF Represents 205 Out Patient & Community Outreach Clinics.

HOW TO GET YOUR STATE INVOLVED:

- Identify where your state VA resources are by visiting www.va.gov – Locations
- Recruit volunteers and 4-H members to identify volunteer opportunities in their area by visiting local VA hospitals and outreach clinics in their community.
- Involve school teachers and 4-H Volunteers in VA Kids programs by downloading lesson plans and teaching resources to increase community awareness. www.va.gov/kids/
- VA Voluntary Service includes five main programs:
 - Student Volunteer Program - <http://www.volunteer.va.gov/StudentProgram.asp>
 - National Salute to Veterans - <http://www.volunteer.va.gov/NationalSaluteVeterans.asp>
 - Volunteer Transportation Network - <http://www.volunteer.va.gov/VolTransNetwork.asp>
 - Corporate Volunteerism - <http://www.volunteer.va.gov/corporate.asp>
 - General Volunteerism or Financial Donations – <http://www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/VOLUNTEERNOW/>

SOUTHERN REGION 4-H VOLUNTEER FORUM
REGISTRATION FORM

Staff Type Volunteer Extension

Last Name _____ First _____

County _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

FAX (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Gender Male Female Ethnicity _____

Emergency Contact & Phone Number:

Do you smoke? Yes No

Is this your first visit to the SRVF? Yes No

Shirt Size (Adult *S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL*): _____

Do you plan to drive to Rock Eagle? Yes No

- If yes, will you be driving your personal car or a county/state car or van? _____
- Could you provide transportation for additional volunteers from your district? _____

Housing at Rock Eagle is cabins with bunk beds. A limited amount of "married" housing may be available, but we cannot guarantee this space. The private space must first be utilized for those with special needs and any remaining rooms will be assigned to married couples. If you have special housing needs, please contact, **Nancy Alexander, Extension Specialist** by phone at (334) 844-2219 or alexana@auburn.edu . List below any specific individuals with whom you wish to be housed. Cabin assignments are made prior to arrival at Rock Eagle. Every effort will be made to accommodate your wishes.

Payment *must* accompany registration forms with checks made payable to "**Alabama 4-H Club Foundation.**" Forms and payment should be forwarded to:

Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum
Attn: Nancy Alexander
ACES/4-H, 206 Duncan Hall
Auburn University, AL 36849

Registration Options

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Time Delegate, Staff & Volunteers | \$200.00 |
| | <i>Registration is \$225.00, But Alabama 4-H is Providing \$25.00 Scholarship Money</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Time Delegate, First Time Attendee | \$175.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Late Fee, If Received After 8/21 deadline | \$50.00 |

Fees Owed \$ _____

*Registration Form, Health Form, and full payment are due in the State 4-H Department by **August 21, 2009***

Georgia 4-H Medical Information & Release

Event or Activity Date of Event/Activity

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phones Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Please list the names of two adults who may be contacted in case of emergency.

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Medical Information

Name of Physician _____ Phone _____

Date of Last Physical Examination _____

Drug Allergies _____

Other Allergies _____

Describe any physical limitations _____

Describe any recent illness or injury _____

Is there a history of heart condition _____ diabetes _____ asthma _____ epilepsy _____ rheumatic fever _____

AGREEMENT:

I understand that should a health problem arise, my emergency contact will be notified but that if he or she can not be reached by telephone, such medical treatment, including surgery, as deemed necessary by competent medical personnel could be rendered; that such necessary information may be released for insurance purposes and that I understand the limitation of the coverage as indicated below. Furthermore, I am aware that participation in this event includes risk including, but not limited to, transportation to/from event, sports and recreational games, water activities, hiking, as well as risks that are not foreseeable. For the sole consideration of the Cooperative Extension Service's arranging for participation in 4-H programming, I hereby release and forever discharge The University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their members individually, and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind that I may have, on my own behalf arising from or in any way connected with my participation in 4-H volunteer activities. I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above I will not sue the Institution, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, its officers, agents or employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out my child's participating in the program. I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Convent not to Sue the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees. I certify that I am participating in the SRVF with my knowledge and consent. I have read and understand all of the above policies

Signature

Date