

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION WORLD CAFÉ

PLANNING SESSION REPORT

November 18, 2014

World Café process facilitated by Art Lersch, UW-Extension, Lincoln County

Fifteen (15) people, including members of the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association Board of Directors, discussed what goals the Association and in general the 4-H program should pursue over the next couple of years. They used a World Café format (round robin, small group conversations). The Association leadership and membership will prioritize the ideas generated from the lists below over the next several months. Considering the limited capacity of the Association, it may be able to pursue only a few of these ideas at any one time. Conversation was based on the following questions.

- How can we start more clubs and increase youth participation?
- What new programs or activities should/could Lincoln County 4-H offer?
- What current programs or activities should/could Lincoln County 4-H change?
- Are there new or innovative ways of holding 4-H Activities?
- How can 4-H utilize new technology to engage and connect with each other better?

How can we start more clubs and increase youth participation?

- More newspaper articles and pictures showing activities
- More club Facebook pages
- More project clubs- leaders
- Sewing- learning patterns/cooking – canning/fishing club – summer and ice fishing
- Make it worth your time to be there
- Persistency needed (i.e. dedication to the process of club creation; realization that it will take time)
- Stick with development (i.e. do not give up when things are delayed)
- Less adult control (i.e. more youth leadership)
- All county clubs meet once every 3 months - do craft or activity at it meet and greet
- Divide big club into smaller groups – better relationships
- Do not promote online registration! - Go back to paper for people who need it.
- More on-line – Facebook and Twitter!

What new programs/activities could/should Lincoln County 4-H offer?

- Sewing Group
- Busy Books
- Geocache Spring Clean-up
- Cook off
- Fitness? ex. Bike trails, group activity sports/class
- Technology – example = robotics(during in-service days), creative digital media
- Expo of Talents – show off talents
- Shooting Sports/Archery
- Babysitting Class/CPR
- Retro Movie Nights

What current programs or activities should/could Lincoln County 4-H change?

- Youth Market Place – stop and revisit in a couple of years
- Promote trips and opportunities – especially in middle school, make videos
- Use technology in everything – need to recruit older teens to teach us, send out text alerts to those who subscribe
- Additional projects @ Project Days – give kids invitations to give to friends
- Talent survey – to determine what new activities they want to start

How can 4-H utilize new technology to engage and connect with each other better?

- Facebook
- Twitter, etc....
- Groups for events/ideas
- 4-H Pinterest – open posts
- Text/email alerts
- Instagram
- More leaders that are tech savvy and training to become tech savvy

Are there new or innovative ways of holding 4-H Activities?

- Drama Club – community/county wide, any club/youth
- Summer lunch activities
- Summer 4-H club carnival.....bring a friend
- In-service day activities
- Connect with Summer Rec Program....bring friend
- Theme Day – Space Day, Spy Day, Super Hero's Activities Day at Fair