



TO: Agents and Program Associates with 4-H Responsibilities

FROM: Tammy Parker, Extension Agent

DATE: January 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Annual Conference

The Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Annual Conference will be held February 25 – 26, 2022, in the Bost Extension Conference Center. The conference will begin with registration at 3:00 p.m. Friday, and conclude Saturday by 4:00 p.m.

The annual conference provides an excellent opportunity for 4-H volunteers, Extension faculty and friends of 4-H to participate in outstanding experiential learning activities, workshops, great fellowship, and enlightening entertainment. The theme this year is "**4-H Volunteers Taking Steps Today for a Better Tomorrow**". We hope you and volunteer leaders from your county plan to share in this event.

The Conference will open with an awards dinner Friday evening, February 25, in the Bost Extension Conference Center. Outstanding 4-H volunteers in each of the following categories will be recognized:

1. **Rising Star Volunteer** Award Category – 4-H volunteers that have served 1-3 years.
2. **Outstanding Volunteer of the Year** Award Category – 4-H volunteers that have 4-10 years.
3. **Lifetime Volunteer of the Year** Award Category – 4-H Volunteers that have served more than 10 years.

Applications for the above awards are due by February 1, 2022.

Please encourage all delegates to bring items valued at a minimum of \$25 for the Live Auction as well as items for the Silent Auction. The auctions serve as a fundraiser for the volunteer association. The auctions will be held at scheduled times during the conference and promise to provide many enjoyable moments. Each county is also encouraged to bring **two door prizes** to be given away throughout the conference.

We will offer the game of heads or tails again this year. This is a fun game that provides an opportunity to win prizes. Those who choose to purchase a \$5.00 glow bracelet will be eligible to play the game of heads or tails. The game will be played at various times during the auction Friday evening and Saturday. Game details will be provided at the conference.

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Registration fee for full-time delegates is \$115.00, and includes conference activities, meals, banquet, conference t-shirt, and MVLA annual membership. Volunteers are responsible for their lodging arrangements. A block of rooms has been reserved at the *LaQuinta Inn & Suites* in Starkville. Please use the following link to make your reservation: [4-H Conference](#)

Rooms must be reserved by **February 7, 2022**.

Registration forms and conference information is included for you to share with volunteers in your county. Please submit registration and workshop selection for each delegate via the Extension Intranet. **Extension agents must register each adult participant online.** The county delegation form sent with the registration fees to the MVLA treasurer **does NOT** register them for the conference and workshops. **Registration closes February 11, 2022.** Please make registration fees/checks payable to *MVLA*.

The media release form, registration fees and the county delegation form should be mailed to the attention of:

**Debby Carnathan, MVLA Treasurer
415 Lee Horn Drive, Suite 2
Houston, MS 38851**

Agents and volunteers are encouraged to participate in the conference. The workshops and interaction with others will motivate and encourage growth in your county 4-H program! Fun shops, coffee shop, and bingo will be held Friday night following the auction. Fun shop selections are included with the registration. Please be sure to share this with volunteers. Information can be found on the MSU website as well as the MVLA Facebook page.

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"4-H Volunteers Taking Steps Today for a Better Tomorrow"
Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Annual Conference
Mississippi State University Bost Extension Conference Center
February 25 – February 26, 2022

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

- MVLA Board Meeting & Pre-Conference Set up
- Registration at Bost Extension Conference Center (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.)
- Volunteer Reception 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Annual Banquet – 6:00 p.m.
 - Guest Speaker
 - Volunteer Award Recognition
 - Pinning Ceremony for new Lifetime Members of MVLA. All volunteers and Extension employees who pay a \$100 lifetime membership by *February 11, 2022* will be pinned at the Annual Banquet.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

- General Assembly
- Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Annual Business Meeting
- Officer Elections – Nomination forms are due in the State 4-H Office by February 1, 2022. Campaign speeches will be presented during the MVLA business meeting (*candidates must be present*). Elected officers will be announced during lunch.
- Workshop Host and Hostess Orientation
- Primary Election – Ballot box will be set up at the Bost Extension Conference Center from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.
- Workshops
- New MVLA Officers will be installed
- Closing Assembly - conference evaluations

AUCTIONS

Conference delegates will have an opportunity to participate in a silent auction and a live auction. Please bring quality items valued at \$25 or more for the live auction, as well as items for the silent auction.

DOOR PRIZES

- Counties are asked to bring at least *two* door prize items. Door prizes will be given away during general assemblies.

DRESS CODE

- Dress is casual attire during most events. Professional dress is encouraged for the Annual Banquet.

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MISSISSIPPI 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS CONFERENCE - LODGING

LODGING OPTION

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

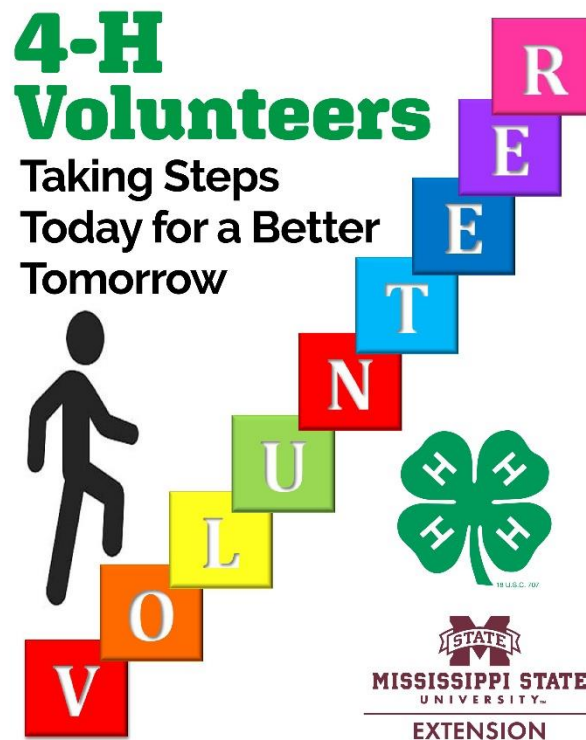
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The following link may be used to make reservations: [4-H Conference](#)

Total of 25 rooms available @ \$103.00 plus tax per night for MS 4-H Volunteer Conference.

***Please register all participants through the Extension Intranet. Mail the registration fees along with the list of agents and volunteers registered and photo release form (last two forms of this packet) to Debby Carnathan, MVLA Treasurer, 415 Lee Horn Drive, Suite 2 Houston, MS 38851. Registration must be complete by February 11, 2022. Please make checks payable to MVLA. No Refunds on registration.**



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MISSISSIPPI 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Annual Conference
Mississippi State University
Bost Extension Conference Center
February 25 – February 26, 2022

Theme: 4-H Volunteers - Taking Steps Today for a Better Tomorrow

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th - P.M.

6:30-8:00 Pre-Conference Meeting..... LaQuinta Inn & Suites Conference Room
Pre-Conference meeting for MVLA Board Members (*Optional*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th - A.M.

10:15-12:00 MVLA Board Meeting/Conference Set Up.....Bost Extension Center

12:00 P.M. **LUNCH**

1:00 Registration/Reception Set-Up..... Bost Extension Conference Center
MVLA Officers and Coordinators

4:00-5:00 Registration & Reception Bost Extension Conference Center
Silent Auction Opens

BANQUET - Bost Auditorium

6:00 Call to Order Bert Sanders, MVLA President
Tallahatchie County 4-H Volunteer

Pledge of Allegiance

4-H Pledge.....

Greetings Dr. Linda Mitchell
Interim Head MSU Extension Center for 4-H Youth Development

Invocation.....

Dinner

Entertainment by Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Choir

Introduction of Speaker.....

Guest Speaker.....

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Awards Bert Sanders, MVLA President

Lisha Hopper, MVLA Reporter

Announcements Bert Sanders, MVLA President

Live Auction will begin immediately following the awards presentation.

8:30-9:30 Fun Shops & Volunteer Social (coffee & bingo) – Bost Building B

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th - A.M.Breakfast at your hotel (or location of your choice)

7:30-8:00 Registration Bost Extension Conference Center Auditorium

8:00-8:45 General Assembly Bost Theatre

Welcome/Call-to-Order Bert Sanders, MVLA President

Pledge of Allegiance

4-H Pledge.....

Thought-for-the-Day

Greetings Dr. Linda Mitchell

Interim Head MSU Extension Center for 4-H Youth

MVLA Annual Business Meeting

Call to Order Bert Sanders, MVLA President

Introduction of MVLA Board Members Bert Sanders, MVLA President

MVLA Minutes Connie Darden, MVLA Secretary

Financial/Budget/Membership Report Debby Carnathan, MVLA Treasurer

Introduction of Candidates Rose Coffey Graham, President Elect

Candidates Speeches – 3 minutes..... Candidates must be present

Other Business of Importance Bert Sanders, MVLA President

Door Prizes

Announcements Bert Sanders, MVLA President

8:45 MVLA Officer Election Ballot box will be set up in the lobby

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- 9:00-10:15 **WORKSHOPS – Session I**
- 10:15-10:30 **BREAK & EXHIBITS**Bost Extension Conference Center
- 10:30-11:45 **WORKSHOPS – Session II**
- 11:45-1:00 **LUNCH**.....Bost Extension Conference Center

County pictures will be taken during lunch

Entertainment by Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Choir

- MVLA Election Results Bert Sanders, MVLA President
- Greetings from Alcorn State..... Manola Erby, 4-H Specialist
- Greetings from MSU-ES 4-H....., State 4-H President
- Greetings from MAE4HA , MAE4HA
- First Time Attendance Recognition Debby Carnathan, MVLA Treasurer
- Installation of MVLA Officers..... Reta Scott, Past President
- Door Prizes

- 1:15-2:30 **WORKSHOPS – Session III**
- 2:40 **Silent Auction Closes**
- 2:45-4:00 **WORKSHOPS – Session IV**
- 4:00 Closing Assembly..... Bost Auditorium

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

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MVLA Conference Workshops 2022

Putting Bugs Back in 4-H

Dr. John Guyton and Peggy Guyton

Collecting and handling insects is fun and is useful to 4-Hers and 4-H agents. We will demonstrate the use of nets and collecting jars. We will also have a few live anthropods. My hope is to restart some entomology activities in 4-H. We used to have a 4-H bug camp and as 4-H participation dwindled camp thrived and became an international camp! Hope to restart camp as a 4-H camp but allowing others.

Participating in the U.S. Congressional Award Program

Trent Barnett, and CJ Weddle

Congressional Awards – the highest award that the United States Congress awards to young people ages 14 to 24. Learn how your youth can become involved and earn a U.S. Congressional Award. This program provides goal setting and leadership abilities among young people. Through this program, youth will work to meet goals they set for themselves in voluntary public service, physical fitness, personal development, and expedition/exploration.

The 4-H Pledge: Application for Life

Kelsey Martin

This session will demonstrate four separate lessons that can be delivered virtually, face-to-face or through a grab and go kit. The training session will consist of breaking down the 4-H pledge into its four main phrases, by making them applicable for real-life day to day living. Through the 4-H pledge, participants will see what they are actually pledging to do and how to do it. Participants will leave this session with four new “lessons” to take back to teach to their 4-Her’s complete with materials and ideas for variations of the lessons. Lessons include: “Pledging our Hands to Larger Service: Random Acts of Kindness”, “Pleading our Hearts to Greater Loyalty: Showing Appreciation for Veterans”, Pledging our Heads to Clearer Thinking: Being Upstanders to Bullies”, and “Pledging our Health to Better Living: Being the Best Version of Ourselves”.

Limit 15

Sidewalk Smiles and Health Messaging

Natalie Ray, Ann Sansing, Jasmine Harris-Speight, & Maggie Jo Everett

Sidewalk Smiles is an interactive hands-on learning experience that spreads positivity and promotes social connectedness. This project can engage junior and senior 4-Hers and allow them to combine creative art and pre-set health messages that can brighten someone’s day and make someone smile while encouraging healthier lifestyles! Interactive group practice will be done on paper for this learning experience.

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Introduction to the 4-H Western Heritage Project

Bert “Sandy Sureshot” Sanders

Have you ever wanted to live in the old west? Welcome to the 4-H Western Heritage project. In this project you will explore many aspects of life on the western frontier. You will explore period correct clothing, hats, leather goods, and firearms. This project is a new one in Mississippi so come and check it out!

Wildlife Habitat Education Program: Intros and Updates

Dr. Leslie Burger

Participants will be familiar with the national 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program. Participants will become equipped to lead youth in WHEP activities. Participants will gain knowledge of basic wildlife conservation and species in Mississippi.

Preparing Youth for 4-H Junior STEM Day

Dr. Mariah Smith Morgan

New to 4-H this year is a 4-H Junior STEM Day. Tentatively scheduled for June 28, 2022. This is a one-day event held on the campus of MSU that allows 4-H youth to showcase their STEM talents. Attendees will learn how to prepare Cloverbud and Junior 4-H youth for the STEM Day. Topics covered include: Cloverbud Robotics Contest with Dash, Junior Robotics Contest with LEGO Spike, Science Showcase, Makerspace Place, STEM Snacks, and STEM Art Contest. Participants will review the guidelines and requirements for each of the contest's areas.

Promoting Life Skills Through Storytelling

Regina Boykins

The 4-H Life Skill Wheel is one of the most useful tools in 4-H Youth Development. It is unfortunately, the most unknown and underutilized. This wheel, however, is great way to help youth grow in a program that emphasizes positive youth development. In this workshop, participants will leave learning how the identification of these thirty-five life skills can lead to intentional development that helps youth grow to become productive and successful adults!

Limit 20

Water Science & Stewardship for 4-H Educators; Pilot Mississippi Water Stewards 4-H Biomonitoring Manual

Beth Baker, Madison Gnoose, and Matthew Harrison

Every living thing on earth requires water, as does agriculture, and many other industries. Humans interact with water every day and modern societies have drastically altered the water cycle and the amount of pollution in water. It's important that everyone understands how water moves, pollutants that can be transported in water, and how we can protect water resources in Mississippi. This course will give you the tools to engage your students in activities to learn about water science and stewardship that can be tailored to local watersheds.

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4-H Citizenship for Local Clubs/Programs

Terence Norwood

Strong communities need strong citizens. In this workshop, participants will learn how to utilize 4-H Citizenship to build future leaders for stronger communities.

4-H Opportunities Beyond the County Level

Cobie Rutherford and Debra Lloyd

In this workshop, Mr. Rutherford and Ms. Lloyd will present statewide activities and programs to the volunteers. This will enable them to promote statewide events to their 4-H members in their communities and increase participation in statewide events.

Breakdown of Ag Engineering 4-H Contests for State Congress & PADs

Mary Love Tagert and James Wooten

This workshop will share information about each of the different Agricultural Engineering 4-H contests available at regional Project Achievement Days and at State Congress. Workshop participants will learn the various components of each contest, how students are graded, and study materials to use for preparation. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to improve the contests.

Clothing Selection Using Consumer Judging Skills

Sylvia Clark

Clothing Selection Workshop will provide instruction and tips for 4-H leaders to guide participants through clothing selection procedures and will include usage of consumer judging skills. Youth in the Clothing Selection Contest will learn about fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style and design, proper grooming, poise in front of others and personal presentation skills.

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2022 MVLA Conference Workshops

WORKSHOP SELECTION FORM – *Please use for the Online Registration*

Name: _____

County: _____

FRIDAY NIGHT FUNS SHOPS – FEBRUARY 25, 8:30 – 9:30 P.M. (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN – NO LIMIT)

- _____ From Scraps to Scrapbooks
- _____ Button Up – Let’s get crafty with buttons
- _____ DIY Cards – Projects for Community Service
- _____ Bingo & Coffee Shop

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS - CHOOSE ONE WORKSHOP IN EACH TIME SLOT

Session I – 9:00 –10:15 a.m.

- _____ Putting Bugs Back in 4-H
- _____ Congressional Award Program
- _____ The 4-H Pledge: Application for Life
- _____ Sidewalk Smiles and Health Messaging

Session II – 10:30 -11:45 a.m.

- _____ Introduction to the 4-H Western Heritage Project
- _____ Wildlife Habitat Education Program: Intros and Updates
- _____ The 4-H Pledge: Application for Life
- _____ Preparing Youth for 4-H Junior STEM Day

Session III – 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

- _____ Promoting Life Skills Through Storytelling
- _____ Water Science & Stewardship for 4-H Educators
- _____ 4-H Citizenship for Local Clubs/Programs
- _____ 4-H Opportunities Beyond the County Level

Session IV – 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

- _____ Breakdown of Ag Engineering 4-H Contests for State Congress & PADs
- _____ Clothing Selection Using Consumer Judging Skills
- _____ 4-H Citizenship for Local Clubs/Programs
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REGISTRATION FORM – To be used for online registration

MISSISSIPPI 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

February 25 –26, 2022

Mississippi State University, Starkville

*This form is to be used by the Extension Agent to register participants on-line. The deadline for on-line registration is **FEBRUARY 11, 2022.***

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ County: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Full MVLA Conference registration

(Banquet meal, breaks, lunch, t-shirt & annual membership) **\$115.00** _____

Full Conference registration for MVLA Lifetime members **\$105.00** _____

Friday Banquet – ONLY **\$25.00** _____

Saturday registration – ONLY **\$90.00** _____

(lunch, breaks, t-shirt & MVLA annual membership)

MVLA Lifetime Membership ONLY **\$100.00** _____

Conference T-shirt (S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL) Choose Size Size _____

Late fee for registration after February 11, 2022 **\$ 10.00** _____

Is this your first time to attend the MVLA conference? _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Are you currently a registered Mississippi 4-H Volunteer? _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Are you a Lifetime Member of MVLA? _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Please list any dietary restrictions: _____

All participants must be registered and have paid all registration fees to attend. This conference is for adults only (this includes all workshops). Please respect the fact that childcare will not be provided during the conference.

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone #): _____

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Signature

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2022 MVLA Conference County Delegation

County: _____

Participant	Registration Fee	First Timer (Y or N)
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Please submit this form with payment and mail to:

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