

# 4-H: It's a Natural



## 2011 Request for Proposals Workshops/Fun Shops

Due on or before May 6, 2011

October 6-9, 2011 C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center

In keeping with the conference theme we are seeking workshops and funshops which focus on “4-H: It’s a Natural.” *It’s a natural* could include positive youth development, resilient youth, stronger families, etc.

Volunteers and Extension Educators are needed to instruct workshops which will enhance the volunteer’s skills for guiding youth in individual project areas or in the development of Generosity, Mastery, Independence and Belonging through the national initiatives of Science/Engineering/Technology; Healthy Lifestyle Choices and Citizenship.

Focus topics on the areas of 1) Healthy Living, 2) Science, Engineering and Technology; 3) Environmental/Outdoors and 4) Youth Development. Please choose the area which best fits “your” subject matter:

**Workshops** – 90 minutes taught in a form deemed effective (presentations, panel discussions or experiential learning opportunities). The use of technology is encouraged and some equipment will be made available.

**Fun Shop** – 60 minutes taught primarily in the evening. We are seeking hands on/interactive workshops, in the areas of recreation, *educational* crafts, food, etc.

**Expenses** - All presenters are responsible for their own expenses, including conference registration, travel, lodging, meals, specialized equipment rental and handouts. *Workshop fees can only be charged to recoup material/supply costs, not the printing of handouts/CD.*

### Criteria for Selection:

All submissions will be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from each state using the following criteria:

- Content will foster volunteer development – i.e. as an educator, manager, facilitator and communicator
- Content useful and relevant to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century youth development
- Clarity and completeness of the subject matter and benefit to volunteer/youth development
- Appropriate instructional technique

**ATTENTION** - In an effort to better serve our participants we ask **all workshop instructors**, who are providing handouts, to *submit an electronic version* of the materials for distribution on CD.  
**Materials due 9/19/11**

PLEASE SELECT THE TRACK BELOW WHICH BEST REPRESENTS THE SUBJECT MATTER BEING PRESENTED IN THE PROPOSAL.	Workshop 90 minute	Fun Shop 60 minute workshops
<b>TRACK 1</b> “HEALTHY LIFESTYLES” Examples: Using natural dyes, Weaving from fibers found in the environment, Natural Foods in the Diet, Outdoor Exercise, Arts, etc..		
<b>TRACK 2</b> “ENVIRONMENTAL/OUTDOOR” Examples: Recycling, Outdoor Education, Day Camps, Camping, Environmental Education, Use of or Protecting Natural Resources, etc...		
<b>TRACK 3</b> “SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY” Examples: Robotics, Movie Making, Social Media, Electricity, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences; Architecture, Engineering, Arts, etc...		
<b>TRACK 4</b> “YOUTH DEVELOPMENT” Examples: Citizenship, Leadership, Communications, Youth/Adult Partnerships, etc...		

1. Instructor/Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Additional Team Member(s) teaching:
3. Session Title
4. Describe in 50-75 words your session as you would like it to appear in the program:
5. Describe how the content will foster volunteer development - as an educator, manager, facilitator and communicator.
6. Describe how the content/subject is useful and relevant to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of youth development.
7. Briefly outline of the subject matter, be sure to note relevance/application to volunteer/youth development
8. Describe teaching techniques to be used and how the techniques will engage the learner in activities.
9. Please describe other times you have presented this workshop including Southern Region Volunteer Forum or other meetings? If new session, simply respond with "*new session.*"
10. Please select the audience your application is suited for. You may check more than one.  
\_\_\_\_ New Volunteers                      \_\_\_\_\_ Experienced Volunteers
11. Is it necessary to limit the number of participants? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what is the maximum capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you willing to repeat your session? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

13. List any fees for your workshop: \$\_\_\_\_\_ per person.

**Cost cannot exceed \$5.00 per person.**

***Fees can only be charged to recoup material/supply costs, not the printing of handouts/CD.***

If charging a fee, what items/materials will participants take with them?

14. Facility Needs:

TV \_\_\_\_\_ Projection Screen \_\_\_\_\_ LCD Projector \_\_\_\_\_ Computer \_\_\_\_\_

Intranet \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ Water/Sink \_\_\_\_\_ Electrical Outlets \_\_\_\_\_

Outdoor Pavilion \_\_\_\_\_ Sports venue \_\_\_\_\_ Campfire ring \_\_\_\_\_

Tables for constructing items \_\_\_\_\_ Tables for instruction (specify #) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Room Setup:

Theater \_\_\_\_\_ (no tables for participants) Classroom \_\_\_\_\_ (with tables for participants)

16. Please provide any additional information the planning committee *needs* to know:

17. If your workshop/funshop is not selected, would you be willing to present program as a poster session?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Submit Proposals on or before May 6, 2011**

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