

“Growing Mississippi 4-H Volunteers”
Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Annual Conference
Mississippi State University Bost Extension Conference Center
February 24 – February 25, 2017

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

- MVLA Board Meeting & Pre-Conference Set up
- Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
- Registration at Bost Extension Conference Center (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.)
- Volunteer Reception 4:00-5:00 p.m. *Sponsored by Citizens Bank*
- Annual Banquet – 6:00 p.m.
 - Entertainment by the Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Choir
 - Dr. Paula Threadgill will present an update on Mississippi 4-H.
 - Volunteer Award Recognition
 - Guest Speaker
 - Pinning Ceremony for new Lifetime Members of MVLA. All volunteers and Extension employees who pay a \$100 lifetime membership by *February 10, 2017* will be pinned at the Annual Banquet.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

- 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, 2017. 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 8:55 a.m.
- Workshops
- An orientation will be conducted for Mississippi Volunteer Leaders’ Association officers.
- 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, as well as money to spend at both auctions.

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DOOR PRIZES

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

DRESS CODE

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

MISSISSIPPI 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS CONFERENCE - LODGING

LODGING OPTION

TELEPHONE

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

662-270-4100

Total of 40 rooms available @ \$96.00 plus tax per night

NOTE: Contact the LaQuinta Inn & Suites to reserve your room(s). Lodging checks must be made payable to the hotel. Credit cards can be used also.

The final date to reserve a room at the hotel is February 10, 2017, in order to receive the above contractual rates and maintain availability.

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Theme: Growing Mississippi 4-H Volunteers

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - P.M.

6:00-9:00 Dinner/Pre-Conference Comfort Suites Conference Room
Pre-Conference set up for MVLA Board Members (*Optional*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH - A.M.

9:00-12:00 MVLA Board Meeting/Conference Set Up Bost Extension Center

12:00 **LUNCH**

P.M.

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

TBA 4-H Volunteer Choir Rehearsal..... Bost Theatre

3:00-5:00 Registration Bost Extension Conference Center
Silent Auction Opens

4:00-5:00 Reception Refreshments will be served
BANQUET - Bost Auditorium

6:00 Call to Order..... Linda Ellis
MVLA President – Lowndes County 4-H Volunteer
Song - The Star-Spangled Banner..... TBA
Pledge of Allegiance TBA
4-H Pledge..... TBA
Greetings Dr. Paula Threadgill
Invocation..... TBA

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Dinner

Entertainment by Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Choir

	Introduction of Speaker.....	TBA
	Guest Speaker	Marisa Laudadio, 4-H Alumni
	Awards	Linda Ellis, MVLA President Lisha Hopper, MVLA Reporter
7:00-7:45	Live Auction	Ronnie Hartness, Auctioneer
	Announcements.....	Linda Ellis, MVLA President
8:00-9:30	Fun Shops & Volunteer Social (coffee & bingo) – Bost Building B	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - A.M. Breakfast at your hotel (or location of your choice)

7:30-8:30	Registration.....	Bost Extension Conference Center Auditorium
8:00	Early Bird Door Prizes.....	NE Coordinator
8:00-8:45	General Assembly.....	Bost Theatre
	Welcome/Call-to-Order	Linda Ellis, MVLA President
	Pledge of Allegiance	TBA
	4-H Pledge.....	TBA
	Thought-for-the-Day.....	TBA
	Entertainment.....	Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Choir

MVLA Annual Business Meeting

	Call to Order.....	Linda Ellis, MVLA President
	Introduction of MVLA Board Members.....	Linda Ellis, MVLA President
	MVLA Minutes.....	Connie Williams, MVLA Secretary
	Financial/Budget/Membership Report.....	Debby Carnathan, MVLA Treasurer
	Nomination Committee Report.....	Herbert Sanders, MVLA Past President
	Introduction of Candidates.....	Herbert Sanders
	Candidates Speeches – 3 minutes	Candidates must be present

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Announcements..... Linda Ellis, MVLA President

Other Business of Importance..... Linda Ellis, MVLA President

8:45 First Primary Election Ballot box will be set up in the lobby

9:00-10:15 **WORKSHOPS – Session I**

10:15-10:30 **BREAK & EXHIBITS**..... Bost Extension Conference Center
Sponsored by LaQuinta Inn & Suites

10:15-10:30 Run-Off Elections Ballot box will be set up in the lobby

10:30-11:45 **WORKSHOPS – Session II**

11:45-12:45 **LUNCH** Bost Extension Conference Center

County Group Photographs during Lunch

Invocation..... TBA

Entertainment by Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Choir

MVLA Election Results..... Linda Ellis, MVLA President

Greetings Manola Erby
4-H Specialist Alcorn State University

Greeting from MSU-ES 4-H..... , State 4-H President

Greetings from MAE4HA..... , President

First Timer Attendance Recognition..... Debby Carnathan, MVLA Treasurer

Live Auction Ronnie Hartness

Installation of MVLA Officers Herbert Sanders, Past President

Door Prizes..... TBA

1:00-2:15 **WORKSHOPS – Session III**

2:30-3:45 **WORKSHOPS – Session IV**

3:45-4:00 Closing Assembly Bost Auditorium

Closing Remarks..... Tammy Parker, Extension Agent

4:00 **CONFERENCE ADJOURN**

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MVLA Conference Workshops - February 25, 2017

Session I – 9:00 –10:15 a.m.

Get Raggy With It! (Making a Rag Quilt)

Shelaine Pennington

In this hands-on workshop participants will learn the basics of sewing using a sewing machine to construct a rag quilt. At the conclusion of the session the quilt will be donated as an auction item for the Mississippi Volunteer Leaders' Association.

This workshop continues through session II (9:00 -11:45 a.m.)

15 Maximum

STRESSED Spelled Backwards is DESSERTS

Rose Coffey-Graham

Come and enjoy a session where you will learn ways to manage stress as you laugh, learn, exercise, and engage in meaningful conversation that will help youth as well as adults take control of stress.

Enabling 4-H to Reduce Community Mosquito Problems

Dr. John Guyton

Youth need to make important contributions in their communities. Mosquitos are a growing health concern. Zika causes devastating problems and opportunities for youth. This workshop will provide volunteers with the knowledge needed to assist "Bug Clubs" making their communities safer and attracting the attention of local leaders.

30 Maximum

MSU Extension's Multi-Tiered Youth Preparedness Continuum: Innovative Programming and Collaboration for Enhanced Individual, Family and Community Preparedness and Resilience"

Dr. Ryan Akers Mr. Dave Nichols

MSU Extension has created an innovative youth continuum focusing on disaster preparedness by educating youth through national award winning programming. Join us to learn how to become an Instructor in the *Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative*, *Ready in the Middle*, and *The Pillowcase Project*, programs enhancing youth leadership, responsibility, and empowerment, and individual, family, and community preparedness and resilience across Mississippi.

30 Maximum

An Introduction to the Mississippi 4-H Cloverbud Program Oldham

Dr. Rae

This hands-on workshop for 4-H volunteer leaders will provide an overview of the Mississippi 4-H Cloverbud Program available for youth 5–7 years old that includes cooperative and non-competitive activities. The program aides this age group in gaining self-confidence, experience achievement and develop positive attitudes. Participants will also obtain information on additional training that includes an evaluation instrument and experience a couple of activities from the curriculum.

5-50 Maximum

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Session II – 10:30 -11:45 a.m.

Flower Crowns

Dr. James DelPrince

It is fashionable again to wear flowers in your hair, just like in the “60’s! In this seminar, participants will learn how to create flower crowns using a variety of wires and fresh floral materials. This project can then be taught to 4-H youth members, both boys and girls, for decorative uses, costumes and as a precursor for floriculture careers. Cost of the workshop includes floral materials and extra wire so that you can train 4-H learners to make flower crowns from wild and/or garden flowers.

FEE: \$20 per person

20 Maximum

Mischief – Making 4-H Club Icebreakers/Games

LaTonya Ramsey

The workshop will bring the hilarity and fun of 7 S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) icebreaker activities to any project club category. Participants be able to bring to youth mischief – making activities like Getting Loud with It in expressive arts, Jumping through Hoops in personal development, Zip Line Petting Zoo for their 4-H stuffed animal collection, and more to any 4-H club.

Here Comes the Judge!

Sherry Thompson

This workshop will break down the judging process and show how you teach young people to judge. Once they learn the process, they can judge anything as long as they know the criteria. The workshop will also give you a hands on knowledge of the premier 4-H exhibitor contest and all the benefits it has to offer our young people.

4-H LEGO Engineering Club for Cloverbuds (Ages 5-7) Training

Sonya Smith

The 4-H LEGO® Engineering Club workshop is designed to train volunteers to utilize the 4-H LEGO® Engineering Club curriculum in their community with 4-H Cloverbuds. The participants will receive hands-on training by actively engaging in each lesson. The volunteers will be able to discuss each lesson and how each lesson will stimulate their 4-H’ers to develop a growth mindset for engineering.

30 Maximum

Session III – 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Food Preservation 101

Fran Brock

Does it really matter whether I water bath or pressure cook those vegetables? How do I know if it’s safe to eat? This workshop is for first time pressure canning cooks who want to overcome the fear of pressure canners. Join us in canning vegetables while learning the principles of pressure canning. You will be provided with all you need to learn how to pressure can safely and go home with a jar for your pantry. **This workshop continues through session III (1:00 – 3:45 p.m.)**

FEE: \$5.00 per person

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Paper Batik**Mary Linda Moore**

Batik is an ancient art form utilized in Indonesia. It began with using cloth and dye. A newer and more simplified version has developed from this involving paper and crayons. Each participants will be given a printed design to create their own paper batik.

15 Maximum**Horse Judging Opportunities and Benefit to Youth****Dr. Clay Cavinder**

This workshop will introduce the basics required of volunteers to assist and/or coach youth judging teams. Participants in this workshop will increase their knowledge of the basics of horse judging, while at the same time, inform them of the overall benefit and value to judging team members.

10-30 Maximum**The Power of Storytelling in Extension Outreach****Dr. Marina Denny**

Using stories in teaching and outreach provides an opportunity to share narratives about research and knowledge that is different from a “hard science” approach, and may even result in understanding and inquiry that would not have otherwise occurred. While data and statistics are important, they can be quite impersonal (and even boring). Many of our 4-H youth and other Extension clientele are more concerned with how the knowledge we have to share impacts them and is meaningful on a personal level. Learning ways to tell stories well, using visualization tools, can be quite effective at engaging those around us.

30 Maximum**Growing a Literacy Program****Laura M. Brumbaugh**

You will explore how to use children’s literature within leadership and bully prevention programs. Books to be featured during the session will be “The Day the Crayons Quit”; “The Way Back Home” “Moody Cow Meditates” and “Have You Filled a Bucket Today?” Activities include: going on an artie adventure; making peace puppets; mood jars; and learning how to be an ally. Materials for replication will be distributed.

20 Maximum**The Great Reveal – Preparing Youth for Robotic Contests****Dr. Mariah S. Morgan**

Do you have Juniors and Seniors interested in the 4-H Robotics Contest? In this session we will reveal the contest mat for both competitions and learn the rules for competition. Participants can work with others to develop strategies and work on programming concepts necessary to be successful.

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Session IV – 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

How You Can Use Social Media to Promote 4-H

Ellen Graves

Want to promote your 4-H club on social media but don't know where to begin? Well, this is the workshop for you! You will explore the latest social media trends and the best practices for sharing about Mississippi 4-H on those platforms. The workshop will cover the big four- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. You will leave the workshop with the tools you need to spread the good word about Mississippi 4-H on social media. Learn the best ways to post about Mississippi 4-H on social media. Will explore the latest social media trends and how Mississippi 4-H is using them. Understand the correct protocol of creating social media accounts that represent Mississippi 4-H.

10 Maximum

Wild About Science With Squishy Circuits

Joy A. Magness

In this workshop we will introduce a Monopoly-style game called Squishy Circuits. During the course of the game, participants will learn basic technology and alternative energy concepts in a fun and engaging way. Each participant will go home with a copy of the game board and playing pieces to use in their county.

FEE: \$3 per person

20 Maximum

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAVs a.k.a drones) in Agriculture

Louis Wasson

In the near future Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV's? How do they see differently from the air then we do on the ground? Using hands-on activities and actual flight demonstrations by the MSU UAV Flight Team, 4-H participants will have a good understanding of UAV technology and its uses.

5 - 15 Maximum

MISSISSIPPI 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM Update

Dr. Martha Jackson-Banks, Assistant Extension Professor

Mississippi State University Extension (MSU-Extension) 4-H Ambassadors are the youth's representatives for the county and state 4-H Youth Development Program. Outstanding young person with proven excellence in 4-H achievement, and citizenship have an opportunity to become a State 4-H Ambassador. Participants will learn the new rules and guidelines of the Mississippi 4-H Ambassador program.

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REGISTRATION FORM –To be used for online registration

MISSISSIPPI 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

February 24 –25, 2017

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 10, 2017**.*

Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ County: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Full registration

(Conference activities, meals, banquet, breaks & annual membership) \$90.00 _____

Workshops requiring a fee will be collected by the workshop presenter. Workshop fees are NOT included with the registration. Please DO NOT send workshop fees with registration.

Friday Banquet – ONLY \$25.00 _____

Saturday registration – ONLY \$55.00 _____

(Conference activities, meal, break & MVLA annual membership)

MVLA Lifetime Membership ONLY \$100.00 _____

Conference T-shirts (S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL) Choose Size(s) \$10.00 _____

Late fee for registration after February 10 \$ 10.00 _____

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

Friday night meal selection _____ Grilled Chicken _____ Grilled Pork Chop

All participants must be registered and have paid all registration fees to attend. This conference is for adults only. Sorry, there are no facilities for children.

***Please register all participants through the Extension Intranet. Mail the registration fees along with the list of agents and volunteers registered to Debby Carnathan, MVLA Treasurer, 415 Lee Horn Drive, Suite 2 Houston, MS 38851. Registration must be complete by February 10, 2017. Please make checks payable to MVLA. Tax Id Number**

64-0874743

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WORKSHOP SELECTION FORM - Online Registration Closes February 10, 2017
✓ CHOOSE ONE WORKSHOP IN EACH TIME SLOT OR ONE OF THE TRACKS
WORKSHOP SESSION I – 9:00-10:15 A.M.

- Get Raggy With It! (Making a Rag Quilt)
- “Stressed” Spelled Backwards is “Desserts”
- Enabling 4-H to Reduce Community Mosquito Problems
- Multi-Tiered Youth Preparedness Program
- An Introduction to the Mississippi 4-H Cloverbud Program

WORKSHOP SESSION II – 10:30-11:45

- Get Raggy With It! (Making a Rag Quilt) . . . ***CONTINUED FROM SESSION I***
- Flower Crowns - **\$20.00 Workshop Fee**
- Mischief - Making 4-H Club Icebreakers/Games
- Here Comes the Judge!
- 4-H LEGO – Engineering Club for Cloverbuds

WORKSHOP SESSION III – 1:00-2:15 P.M.

- Food Preservation 101 **Workshop Fee \$5.00**
- Paper Batik
- The Power of Storytelling in Extension Outreach
- Horse Judging Opportunities and Benefit to Youth
- Growing a Literacy Program
- The Great Reveal – Prepare Youth for Robotics Contests

WORKSHOP SESSION IV– 2:30- 3:45 P.M.

- Food Preservation 101 **Workshop Fee \$5.00 . . . CONTINUED FROM SESSION III**
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAVs a.k.a drones) in Agriculture
- Mississippi 4-H Ambassador Program Update
- Wild About Science with Squishy Circuits **Workshop Fee \$3.00**
- How You Can Use Social Media to Promote 4-H

Name: _____ **County:** _____

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2017 MVLA Conference County Delegation

County: _____

Participant	Registration Fee	First Timer (Y or N)
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