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Yesterday, Tomorrow, and Now.*

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NAE4-HYDP: The History and The Future

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4-H professionals have been organized as an association for 75 years! The celebration begins this fall, and everyone who is or ever was a 4-H professional is invited to join the celebration. This year's professional development conference will be [November 15 to 18, 2021 at the Historic Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis](#). It will be the first ever "hybrid" conference with both in person and virtual opportunities to participate.

Although the association's name has changed many times over the past 75 years, the association has always been about the **Mission** as an inclusive, diverse organization engaging youth development professionals; **Vision** as a global leader in building positive youth development professionals; and **Values** to accomplish the vision and mission focusing on learning, inclusivity, excellence and the action reflected in our professional standard.

What is now NAE4-HYDP began as a meeting of New England State 4-H Club Agents. In 1946 an informal gathering was held at the Union League Club in Chicago. This group felt that there should be greater coordination of youth work in the entire Extension Service, recommending that a director of youth work be established on Federal and State levels.

To keep the planning process moving, on December 3, 1946, Don Stiles, NY, was selected to serve as Chairman of an Organizational Committee and became the first president in 1947. There were 20 in attendance at the organizational meeting and 37 the next year at the meeting using the name National Association of County Club Agents (N.A.C.C.A.) The first budget was \$665.00.



Twenty-five years later, in 1971, the membership had grown to 426. James F. Johnson, WV, presided at the meeting in Atlantic City. There were 7 seminars at the conference. The name had become the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, abbreviated as N.A.E.A. The budget was \$15,000.

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The **40th Anniversary** was held in Hershey, PA. with 1350 attendees. Carole Hansen, WA, was president. The Constitution and By-Laws had been reviewed with purposes for each committee developed and put into the handbook. (NAE4-HA)

In 1996, the **50th Anniversary** meeting was held in Grand Rapids, MI. Ed Maxa, NC, was president. The *Clover Pledge Campaign* had been established to strengthen professional development. The role of the Life Member was defined.

The **60th Anniversary** of NAE4-HA was held in Milwaukee, WI. Lisa Lauxman, AZ, was president. Membership was over 3500. Committees expanded to include subject matter task forces. A free screening of *Charlotte's Web* (a movie featuring 4-H) was held on Monday evening.

Professional titles have changed over the years, so the name of the association has also evolved. In 2019 the name was changed to National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4-HYDP).

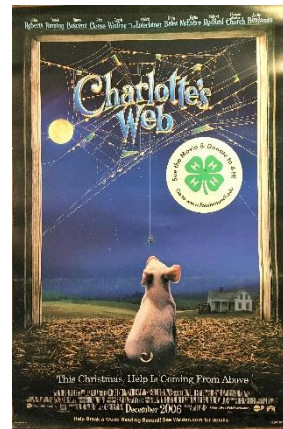
Join us in Memphis, TN, November 16-18, 2021 for **“Pick 4-H: It’s Music to Inspire!”**, our



75th Anniversary meeting. Presiding over this year’s meeting; our first “in person” conference under the new name “NAE4-HYDP”; will be Suzanne Boarts, PA. On the meeting’s agenda will be a review of the association’s Strategic Long-Range Plan. Those interested in attending may register by going to:

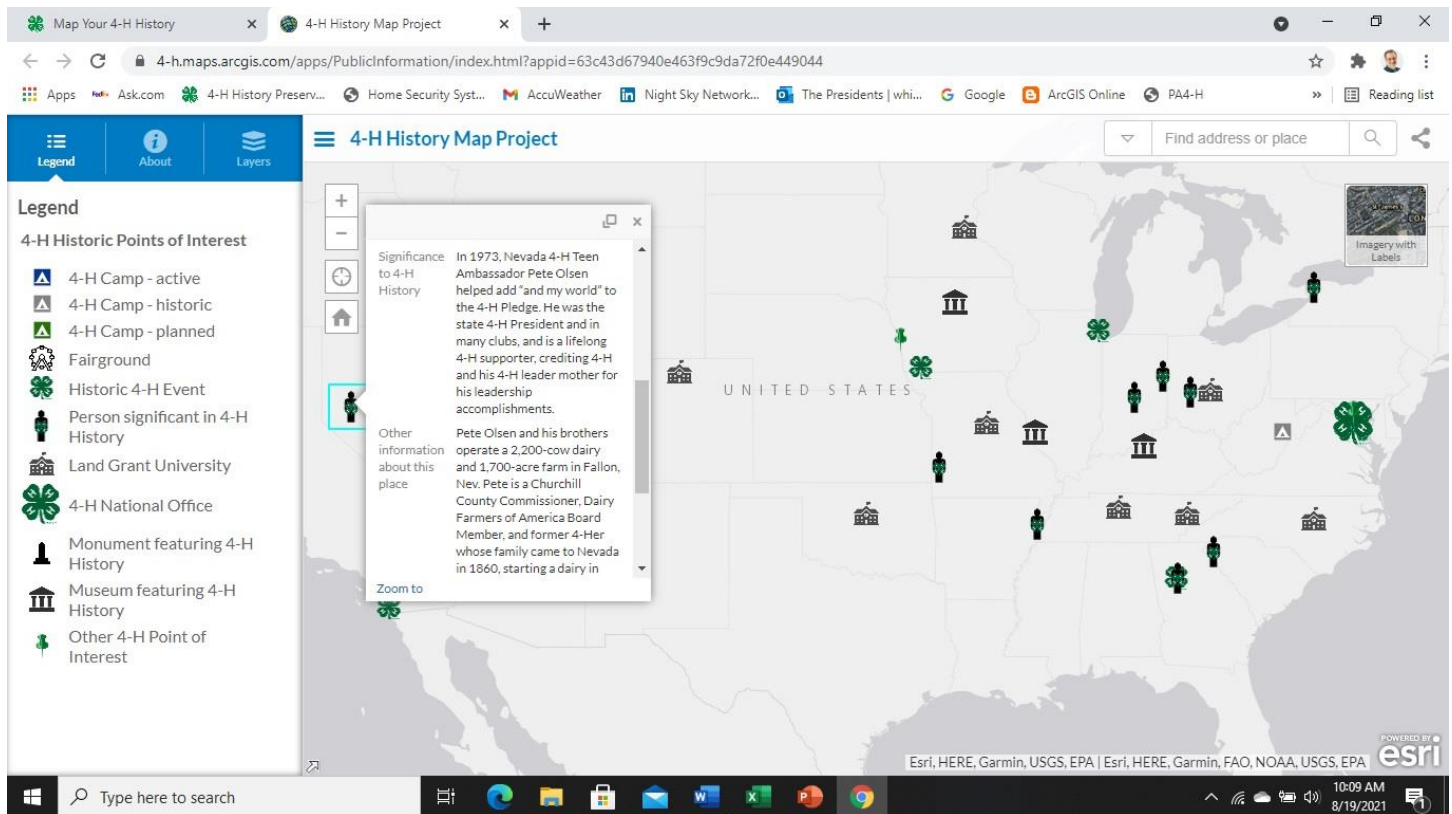
nae4hydp.org Registration is open until November 1 for both digital and in-person participation.

Where will NAE4-HYDP be in 2046?



So, THAT'S where it is! Mapping 4-H Points-of-Interest.

by Tom Tate, National Program Leader (Retired), Extension Service, USDA



Anything interesting happen in your state or county 4-H history that you want to world to know? Put it on The Map! Are you sure it isn't there already? Take a look and see if your state's 4-H points of interest are on the National 4-H History Map. To **VIEW** historically significant sites on the 4-H History Map, go to <http://arcg.is/IQBM4qf>.

So far, 4-Her's have identified several hundred points of 4-H interest including locations of 4-H pioneers, leaders and founders. Points of interest already added to the National 4-H History Map include:

- 🍀 First 4-H Camp in the U. S.
- 🍀 Numerous County/State Fairgrounds
- 🍀 Most State 4-H Offices
- 🍀 Many birthplaces of 4-H Pioneers
- 🍀 Various 4-H Center Sites
- 🍀 First 4-H Clubs in many counties and States
- 🍀 Home of a 4-H Volunteer that became President of the U. S.
- 🍀 Home of a 4-Her who won the Kentucky Derby
- 🍀 Home of a 4-Her whose 4-H TV show launched his career on late night television

A Helpful Hint when viewing the map.

Some points of interest do not show up on the national view. Zoom in on your state or county to see if a point of interest was "hiding" there!

You looked but you didn't see the site in your county that you expected to see and now you want to know why? Because someone didn't post it there yet! Be a 4-H History champion! Post the site today! **Any 4-H staff, member, alumni, volunteer, parent or friend can nominate a point of interest to the National 4-H History Map!**

How? Go to: <http://arcg.is/1bvGogV>. There you will find the nomination form. Just fill it out and hit submit!

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Don't have enough information to fill out the form? Print the nomination form. Show it to others in your family, 4-H Club, County 4-H Office, State 4-H Office. Ask if there are other sites that should be nominated as well, gather the information, and nominate a whole bunch. Heck, nominate them all!

Problems submitting the information on line? Complete the form and email a copy to us at Editor@4-HHistoryPreservation.com. We will send it on the right people!

Even if you do not have information for all the questions, or some questions do not pertain to your site, go ahead and submit what you can. At least the point of interest will be there on the map.

All nominations, including yours, will be reviewed by the 4-H GIS Task Force. If they need more information, or need to confirm information, they will contact you for those details. Once they approve your Point of Interest nomination, they will add it to the map where it can be seen, and learned from, by anyone interested in learning about your site's fun and interesting 4-H History.

The only question left is, which state will have the most Points of Interest on the National 4-H History Map? Keep adding sites and it may be YOURS!



Enroll for Victory: 4-H During WWII

Ron Drum, Pennsylvania 4-H Member, 1967-1977

On June 28, our 4-H History Preservation web page received the following inquiry:

My name is Abbie Edens, Director of Education at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. Over the past year, the NWWII Museum has been increasing its web content to dive more into the complex story and legacy of World War II. We have been reaching out to scholars and museum professionals to contribute web articles. In our most recent content meeting, one of the topics that we discussed was 4-H and how they were impacted and contributed to the war effort at home. Would you or one of your colleagues be interested in writing a web article on this topic?

Would we!? Would we EVER!! The message went back that of course we would write something for them! Our colleagues and fellow Team members, Larry Krug and Rick Moses had already smoothed the way by writing [an article about this very topic and posting it to our web site](#). However, it wouldn't be quite so easy as to just lift their work and send. The NWWII was only accepting articles of 1500 words or less and no more than six photographs/graphics.

Well, Larry had written MUCH more than that!

So, we went to work. I took the first cut at bringing our story into line with the request. Tom Tate and Gwen El Sawi each took swings at honing the work and encouraging the "author". I was even able to add material that was not presented on our web site. Finally, on July 10, the final draft was sent back to Abbie with our thanks for their desire to tell the 4-H WWII story.

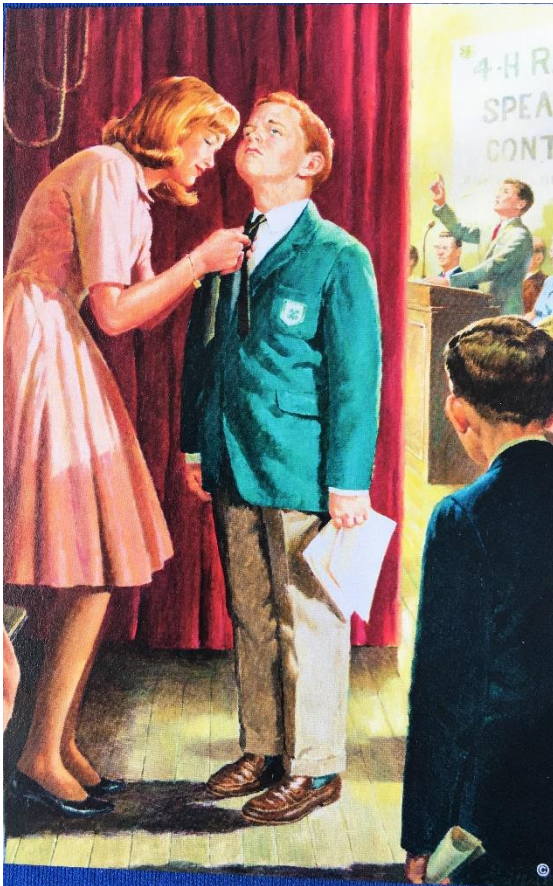


Read the final result at:

[Enroll for Victory: 4-H During World War II | The National WWII Museum | New Orleans \(nationalww2museum.org\)](https://nationalww2museum.org/enroll-for-victory-4-h-during-world-war-ii)

INTRODUCING: Caption *Please!*

A new, FUN feature of our newsletter! Below is one of the paintings from our historic 4-H Calendar Art collection. Your job is to give the picture a caption! Make it funny. Make it pull at the heart-strings. Make US smile! Our EdBoard Team will review your contributions and select “the best” (in our humble opinion, of course) to be published in the next issue of The BRIDGE. Send your caption no later than December 1, 2021 to: Editor@4-HHistoryPreservation.com



Tell Us Your 4-H History Story

We know you've made 4-H History! So, tell us about it! The world wants to know YOUR 4-H history preservation stories and ideas.

Send your articles to:
Editor@4-HHistoryPreservation.com.

Submissions longer than 500 words must include a 500-words or less summary. The in-depth articles will be posted to our website and linked to the summary that will appear in the newsletter.



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