



# Communication, Volunteers and Partnerships

Time	Session	Description
9:00 am	<b>Check-In and Review</b>	
9:15 am	<b>School Communication Systems</b>	Sustainability Resource Libraries, Project notebooks, bulletin boards and signage are all methods for keeping the school community informed of the project and helps inspire others to get involved. This session will share some of the successful ways schools are keeping project notebooks with the history of the project, extensive resource libraries, dynamic bulletin boards and signage in the garden.
10:00 am	<b>Building Community Support through Volunteers</b>	Volunteer recruitment and management is one of those balancing acts that any successful school project must learn to manage. This session explores ways in which 4-H Schools have approached the issue of recruitment, and concentrates on examining different methods of recruiting, supporting and managing volunteers. Each is quite different in what it seeks to accomplish and in what it is effective in accomplishing.
10:45 am	<b>BREAK</b>	
11:00 am	<b>Promoting Your Program to Others</b>	Learn the basics of sharing your success with others and how promoting your program provides rewards and inspiration for everyone.
11:30 am	<b>Writing grants</b>	Learn the ABC's of writing a successful grant. Several grant applications from organizations who have funded many of our 4-H schools will be shared.
12 noon	<b>LUNCH</b>	
12:45 pm	<b>Working with School District Staff</b>	Without a clear understanding of school district guidelines for creating and maintaining a garden or wildlife habitat on school grounds, teachers and volunteers may experience roadblocks. Though school district guidelines may vary from district to district, there are several important guidelines that are followed by most school districts. Build success for your project by using the simple tips and guidelines for establishing a good working relationship with the school district.
1:15 pm	<b>Vandalism Prevention</b>	Vandalism is unfortunate but often likely. Be prepared for vandalism to happen and take some important steps to minimize vandalism in your school habitat site.
1:45 pm	<b>Student Journals</b>	Student journals are a great way for students to document what they are learning and developing their writing schools. A variety of school journal models will be shared including the Oregon 4-H Corroboree online school exchange.
2:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>	
2:30 pm	<b>Lessons and Activities</b>	Learn new hands-on lessons that can be used in your school wildlife habitat or school garden. All lessons reinforce classroom curriculum and are tied to Oregon education standards.
3:00 pm	<b>4-H after-school clubs</b>	4-H clubs are a great way to provide additional learning opportunities for those students with a strong interest in school sustainable living projects. Cross-age mentoring, flexible curriculum and service learning opportunities are all possible through 4-H after-school programs. Learn about a variety of successful models for starting a 4-H club at your school.