

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2016

Kansas



L. Ann Domsch
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Consumer Science/4-H Agent

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Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Served for 36 years in Rawlins County, Kansas as FCS/4-H agent. Became an Area Extension 4-H Specialist in 1995 with responsibilities for 23 counties. After retiring in 2001, became coordinator of the Kansas 4-H horse program for 1,000 members. Currently serves as coordinator for 4-H Military Partnerships and Kansas Operation Military Kids.

Honors: Among many awards for her hours given on behalf of 4-H, Extension and her community include NAE4-HA Meritorious Service, Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Service, Retiree Service Award and Kansas Ruby Award winner,

Dean Of Agriculture's Builder Award from K-State Research and Extension.

Biography:

Leading, encouraging, and having fun along the way. That is the hallmark of the Extension Career of Ann Domsch. Her joy, energy, and commitment to 4-H is infectious. In a small rural Kansas county, she was an early adopter of new 4-H club models, and started a 4-H club for developmentally challenged youth in Atwood. She was a firm believer that every kid deserved a 4-H experience. She was an early proponent of summer day camp and helped develop training for other counties that wanted to do this as a way to increase 4-H membership. Often, Ann worked as a solo agent, covering all the program areas. Although FCS was her background, she jumped in to learn about livestock projects and worked with volunteers to support those project areas.

With her transition to a new position as an area specialist, her leadership was key in helping implement the Volunteer Screening process throughout the state. She took the lead in helping boards, volunteers and staff understand and implement this process. Ann was instrumental in developing state wide OMK camps to provide vital support to military youth. These camps help the youth connect with other that are going through the same experiences as they are. Ann's 4-H expertise makes these camps exceptional experiences for military youth. In 2001, she became "Mom Ann" as housemother of Acacia Fraternity at Kansas State University. Her youth development skills enabled her to teach Acacia's in-house leadership curriculum and be a mentor for the fraternity.

Quote:

There is no youth organization better than 4-H for developing youth into responsible citizens that is why I've spent over 50 years being part of 4-H. In all I do, I weave fun into the educational activities as it encourages youth to learn.



Day campers use a military theme make flags out of craft sticks.



Kids at a health day camp play with the parachute to show that healthy activities can be fun.



Military kids talking about masks and how we actually wear a mask every day.