

Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum

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Background:

WRLF is an annual conference for volunteers working to deliver 4-H Youth Development Programs. The first Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum was held in 1966, at Pacific Grove, California. The forum was a "train-the-trainer" program. Those who participated were expected to share what they learned with other volunteers in their home states and territories. Since that time forums have been developed in all four Extension regions. Each forum reflects the unique characteristics of its region. While there are many differences among the four regional forums, they share the same purpose: to equip participants with knowledge and skills they can share with other volunteers. WRLF rotates annually among the thirteen western states.

Goals for WRLF:

Participants will:

- Gain new ideas, philosophies and perspectives, especially in regard to youth development education.
- Expand their horizons, gain skills and knowledge, and increase their effectiveness and competence.
- Share their learning experiences and new ideas from throughout the region.
- Learn of national trends and developments in 4-H and Extension.
- Enjoy the experience of interacting and exchanging ideas with those from other states, territories and provinces.

The Western Region includes the following states, provinces and territories: Alaska, Alberta, American Samoa, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Guam, Hawaii, Micronesia, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Northern Marianas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

