

Alaska – 2010

Jim Douglas

Extension Agent & State 4-H Program Leader



Hometown: Winnemucca, Nevada
Nominated by: Alaska 4-H
Year Inducted: 2010

4-H Efforts: Held Extension positions in Montana, Oregon, and Alaska for 30 years. Served as District 4-H, CRD, and Agriculture Agent in Alaska's Southeast Panhandle from 1984-2004; starting in 1998 also served as Kodiak District 4-H Agent and State 4-H Program Leader.

Honors: Full Professor, awarded Emeritus status by UAF in 2004. Won the Emil Usibelli Award in 2002 for overall University service at UAF, the only Extension Agent to win the award in its 18-year history. Led a team of agents and teens who won the NAE4-HA national "Partnering with Teens" award for the "UAF for Youth" campaign.

Jim Douglas held Extension positions in Montana, Oregon, and Alaska for 30 years. He was District 4-H/CRD/Ag Agent in Southeast AK Panhandle from 1984-2004, and in 1998 he also became Kodiak District 4-H Agent and State 4-H Program Leader. In 1984 there were 56 youth in four 4-H Clubs in Southeast. Over ten years that grew to over 600 youth, 90 leaders and 20 clubs. Clubs included karate, cross country running, cross country skiing, outdoor skills, sailing, snow boarding, horse, small animals, dogs, cats, home economics, arts and crafts and teen leadership. In 1998 the

State 4-H Leaders Association was struggling. Six years later they hosted the Western Region Leader Forum and had a treasury of over \$20,000.

Jim taught Board Training and Volunteer Management Training for organizations and professionals. He served on the Juneau Community Education Advisory Council and the Mayor's Task Force for Youth. In Juneau schools he taught poison control, drug education and gardening. He provided leadership and self-esteem training for students and at statewide teen retreats. For 18 years Jim facilitated a camping experience for over 1,000 youth and 60 teen counselors. Using the "K-State for Kids" model, Jim developed the "UAF For Youth" campaign to promote the University and 4-H to legislators. Jim was a 25-year NAE4-HA member and is a Life Member, participating on numerous committees including the 1991 NAE4-HA Conference committee.

Quote: Jim Douglas Quotes:

- When you look forward every day to going to work, it isn't work - its fun.
- When it comes to work and life, I would rather wear out than rust.
- 4-H is more significant today than at any other time in our history.



Enjoying a 4-H workshop.



Building teamwork on a challenge course.



Jim and his wife Carol.