

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2015

Pennsylvania



Alan Snider

State 4-H Leader, & Leader of Tobacco Control and Prevention

Home: State College, PA

Nominated by: Pennsylvania 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Over 32 years of his professional life in 4-H. Began as an Ohio 4-H member, a Michigan 4-H Youth Agent, a 4-H Specialist at Michigan State and Oregon State. Appointed PA State Program 4-H Leader in 1985. Secured a major grant from the PA Dept. of Health from 1993-97 to develop community coalitions for Tobacco Free Youth.

Honors: Recognized for exemplary contributions to rural health in PA at the 1998 Rural Health and AHEC Conference as the State Rural Health Leader of the Year. Selected to present "PA Experiences, Lesson Learned from Community Based Coalitions for Tobacco Prevention & Control" at the Tobacco Use Prevention Summer Institute, July 1999.

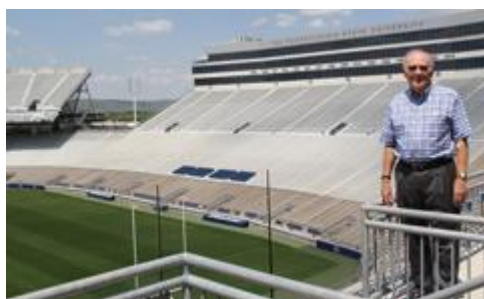
Biography:

Dr. Alan Snider gave over 32 years of his professional life to 4-H. He was an Ohio 4-H member, a Michigan 4-H Youth Agent and a 4-H Specialist in Michigan and Oregon. In 1985, Snider was appointed PA State Program 4-H Leader. He published the article "The Land Grant University System and 4-H: a Mutually Beneficial Relationship of Scholars and Practitioners in Youth Development". His paper, "Key Volunteers Strengthen the 4-H Program," was used in the national TAXI curriculum. To address expanded tobacco use in PA by youth and adults, Alan partnered with Fox Chase Cancer in Philadelphia and secured a major grant from the PA Dept. of Health from 1993-97 to develop community coalitions for Tobacco Free Youth.

Under Dr. Snider's leadership, the Tobacco Free Youth partnership worked with Extension Educators and Community leaders in over 19 PA counties. Snider conducted two Satellite Video Conferences: "Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco in Your Community" and "Action Planning for Tobacco Control". He retired from Penn State in 1997, but has continued to work with youth programs and tobacco prevention. In 2007, Snider worked with the Director of Design & Construction at Penn State to remove smoking in Beaver Stadium, the home of Penn State football games. With two years of implementation in 2009, the effort was a success. During home games, 105,000 fans can now experience smoke free games.

Quote:

Over the past years I feel very fortunate to have worked with outstanding, dedicated and competent Land Grant University professionals with 4-H. Many opportunities were provided me in leadership roles with 4-H Youth and adult programs.



Snider worked with Penn State in 2007 to help ban smoking inside Beaver Stadium.



Area 4-H Agent Snider led volunteer leaders in Michigan during the 1960s.