

EXTENSION SNAPSHOT

Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

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What I Do and Why It Matters

This new Snapshot series serves as a way to re-introduce you to our unit staff. Each month a different staff member will be featured.

As part of the Teen Teachers program, Judy Schmidt trains teenagers on topics such as teambuilding, positive youth development, mentoring, communication, and collaboration.

What I Do and Why It Matters



“I lead positive youth development initiatives for after-school programs, community groups, 4-H clubs, and other youth-serving organizations, which prepare youth to find creative solutions to the issues facing communities today. I also engage teens and adults who work with youth in innovative networking and educational opportunities to strengthen STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) career pathways for youth.”

Judy Schmidt

4-H Youth Development - Metro Educator
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Judy started her career in Illinois Extension in 2001 as a regional 4-H youth development educator. She became one of the first youth educators in the state to begin the metro 4-H program in 2011 for the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit.

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, M.S. and B.S. from University of Illinois

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA)

Illinois Extension Professionals for Youth Education

Matrixx System/Real Colors Facilitator by National Curriculum & Training Institute

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

National Extension Leadership Development (NELD) Class of 2017

Extension Youth Association (IEPYE) President

Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Team Award (NAE4-HA)

Distinguished Service Award (IEPYE) 2015



EXAMPLES OF JUDY'S CURRENT PROJECTS

- ◆ 4G STEM Camp
- ◆ Teen Teachers
- ◆ 4-H Spark Tank
- ◆ Teacher Tuesdays
- ◆ Collaboration with campus faculty and local partners for digital literacy programs