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WORKSHOP PRESENTER GUIDE

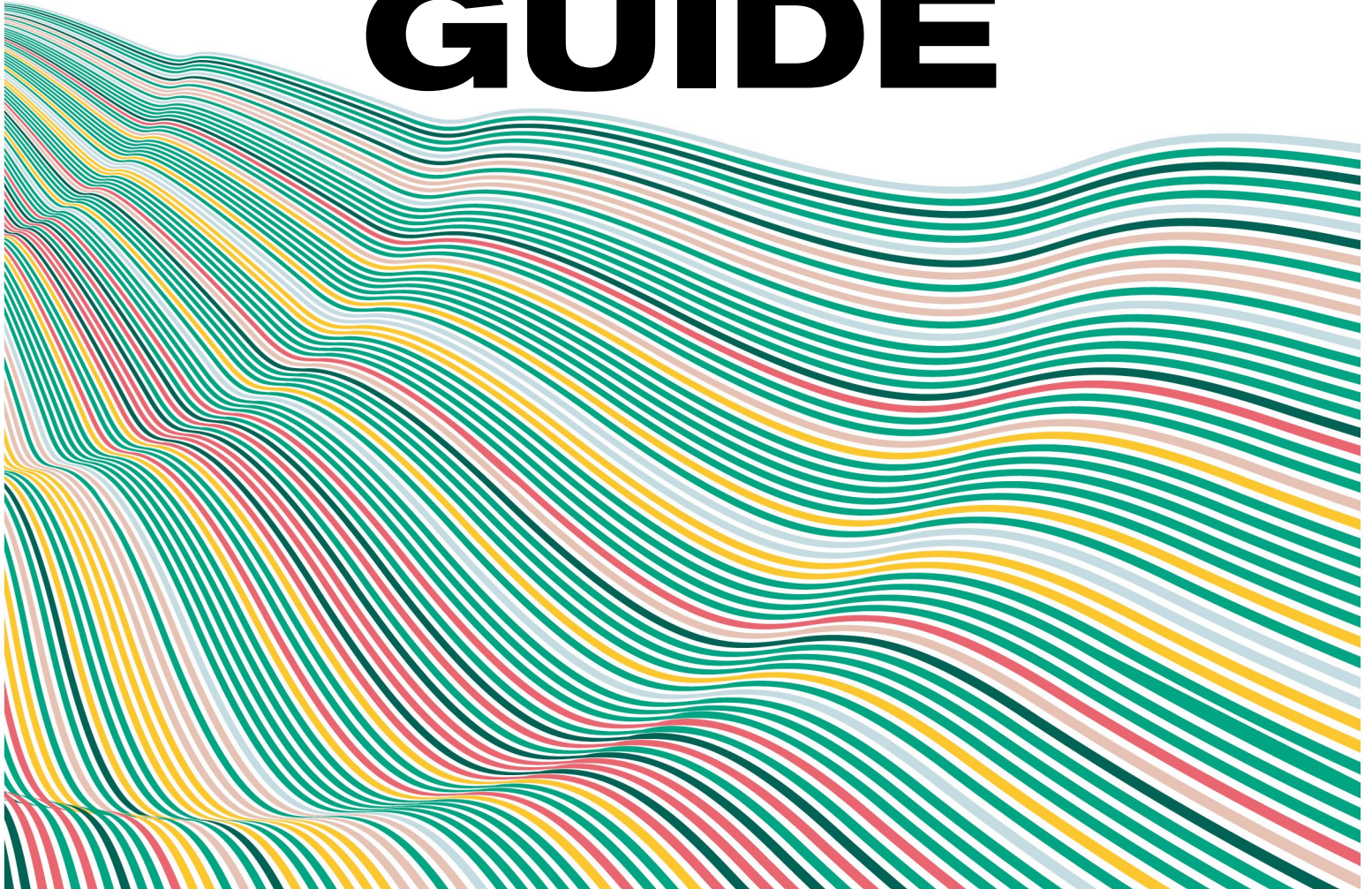


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The Ignite Workshop Presenter Guide is your one-stop reference for preparing and delivering a great session at Ignite. This document explains what to do, when to do it, and who to contact should you need any assistance from now through presenting onsite at Ignite. Use this guide . Use this guide to stay organized, meet requirements, and ensure teens have an engaging, safe, and memorable experience.

Please make sure to read the entire handbook and share it with your fellow Ignite Workshop Presenters. If you have any questions, please contact events@4-h.org.

Ignite General Information

Ignite by 4-H, an interactive teen summit, returns March 17-21, 2027 to Washington, D.C. featuring four days of inspiring content, respected speakers, engaging workshop sessions and amazing connections. The summit provides students the opportunity to explore the best 4-H has to offer in Agriscience, Animal Science, Civic Engagement, Community Accelerators, Healthy Living, STEM and Career & Life Readiness.

Key Dates & Deadlines

Friday, June 26, 2026	Workshop Application Closes
End of July	Notification of chosen workshop presenters
Friday, August 7, 2026	Deadline for workshop presenters to accept
Monday, November 2, 2026	Deadline to approve workshop information
	Deadline to finalize workshop presenters
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 Time TBA	Workshop Presenter Logistics Webinar
Friday, December 4, 2026	All required forms due
Early December	Workshop presenters notified of their session dates/times
	Ignite Workshop Guide Available
Wednesday, January 6 at 5 p.m. EST	Early Registration for Teen Workshop Presenters Opens
Monday, January 11 at 5 p.m. EST	Early Registration for High School Seniors Opens
Wednesday, January 13 at 5 p.m. EST	General Teen Workshop Registration Opens
Friday, January 22 at 5 p.m. EST	All Teen Workshop Registration Closes (no workshop registration changes after this date)
Mid-February	Workshop presenters notified of the number of participants registered for their workshop sessions
	"Know Before You Go" Workshop Presenter Webinar

Presenter Registration

As a reminder, selected workshops received (2) Ignite registrations. Registrations cover:

- 4 nights room and board (double occupancy for teens, single occupancy for adult chaperones) checking in on Wednesday, March 17 and checking out on Sunday, March 21 (exception for CWF @ Ignite tickets)
- High-impact programming and speakers featuring national experts and leaders
- Opportunities for career exploration
- Skills for teens to learn the power of using their voice
- Networking and building connections with teens from across the country
- All meals and breaks as described below
- DC-area site visits and program materials
- Admission to sites on Ignite agenda

Out-of-Pocket Financial Responsibilities

- You are responsible for all travel and transportation expenses to/from Ignite. Consult your state program leader regarding any restrictions or requirements that may apply in terms of travel fees and chaperones.
- You are also responsible for workshop-related materials such as handouts, activity supplies or other presentation items.



General Workshop Information

Workshop Length: 45 minutes (or two 50-minute sessions if two-part workshop)

Target audience: Youth grades 9–12 or adult educators

Recommendations:

- Teen led workshops for peer-to-peer learning and skill development
- Inclusion of a hands-on activity
- Handouts or workshop outlines for participants to take home and recreate
- Objectives focused on action plan development or long-term impact

Teen Workshops

Workshops are required for all teens to attend. This year there will be four Track Workshops, four Explore Workshops and two Career Connections Workshops for teens to pre-register to attend. We encourage early registration! Each workshop has limited capacity, and once capacity is reached, we cannot add additional seats for that workshop.

General teen workshop registration opens **January 13 at 5 p.m. EST.** All required forms must be completed by that time to register for workshops. Workshop registration closes on **January 22 at midnight EST.** Teens that do not register for workshops by January 22 will be assigned to open workshops.

Track Workshops will be specific to the track teens signed up for. Teens will participate in 4 Track Workshops. Track Workshops will take place on **Friday, March 19.** Timing will be announced once the Ignite schedule has been finalized.

Explore Workshops allow teens to explore other tracks and maybe even discover a new spark! Teens will participate in up to 4 Explore Workshops (varies depending on their track). Explore Workshops will take place on **Saturday, March 20.** Timing will be announced once the Ignite schedule has been finalized.

Career Connections Workshops help teens become career-ready by building essential life and professional skills, encouraging them to think bigger, explore pathways, and connect with real-world careers that lead to future success. There are four sessions during Career Connections which will include a lunch break with a career-related panel, two Career Connections workshops and one visit to the Career Exploration Expo. Career Connections Workshops will take place on **Thursday, March 18.** Timing will be announced once the Ignite schedule has been finalized.

Teens must go to the workshop they registered for!

There may be space available for adults to observe Teen Workshops, but it is at the discretion of the presenter if you are able to attend teen workshops.

Early Registration for Teen Workshop Presenters

As a thank-you to our teen workshop presenters, and because teens will attend **fewer** workshops than their peers, we're offering an early registration window for all **Teen Workshop Presenters** beginning **Wednesday, January 6 at 5 p.m. EST.**

General workshop registration will open to all teen ticketholders on **Wednesday, January 13 at 5 p.m.** Teens can change their workshop selections through **January 22, 2027.**

Teens do NOT need to register for their own workshop, they will already be registered as a presenter for the sessions in which they were listed as a presenter.

All teen workshop presenters that are presenting or assisting with a workshop **must be listed as a presenter for that workshop and must present/assist with all sessions of that workshop.** i.e. if a workshop is presented twice, all presenters or attendees that are providing assistance in anyway, must be consistent for all sessions. A teen cannot assist or present one session of a workshop and attend a different workshop during the second session that workshop is taking place.



Teen Tracks

At Ignite, each teen ticketholder will select one of six dynamic programmatic tracks before registering for workshops. Adult participants do not choose a track.

A teen's selected track will determine which Track Workshops they can register for, as well as other onsite experiences such as their Challenge Activity, Keynote Speaker, Dinner by Track and more!

These tracks allow teens to dive into their passions, build key skills, and explore meaningful career pathways related to their interests, helping them discover what it takes to succeed in life and work.

The tracks available to teens at Ignite 2027 are as follows **and are indicated by the colors below**:

- **Agriscience**
 - Teens in the Agriscience track will explore the science and sustainability of modern agriculture and food systems. From environmental conservation and soil science to hydroponics, urban farming, renewable energy, and pollination, this hands-on track emphasizes plant-based systems and sustainable innovations. Participants will strengthen problem-solving, creative, and critical thinking skills while uncovering exciting career paths in agricultural science and environmental stewardship.
- **Animal Science**
 - The Animal Science track is for teens passionate about animals, biology, and their impact on food systems and communities. This immersive experience focuses on the science and care of animals through hands-on learning in fields such as veterinary science, meat science and production, ranching, livestock management, and equine science. Teens will gain practical knowledge in animal health, nutrition, and agricultural practices that support ethical, sustainable animal care.
- **Community Accelerators**
 - Community Accelerators is a dynamic track where teens learn to drive change at the local level through social entrepreneurship, service learning, and community-based problem solving. Teens come together to collaborate, share ideas, and develop innovative solutions for real-world challenges—creating transformative progress that benefits all communities. By harnessing their creativity and passion, participants become catalysts for meaningful, lasting change.
- **CWF @ Ignite**
 - This track remains our cornerstone leadership experience for teens passionate about civic engagement, public policy, and advocacy as pathways to community change. Participants will strengthen their understanding of the democratic process and cultivate leadership skills rooted in civic responsibility. With this foundation, they'll discover how local action can spark impact on national and global levels.

Note: This track is only available to those that purchased a CWF @ Ignite ticket. The CWF track will begin one day earlier, and registration costs will reflect the additional hotel night.

- **Healthy Living**
 - Our Healthy Living programming empowers youth to be healthy in both body and mind by helping them develop the knowledge and skills to make informed choices, lead active lifestyles, and face life's challenges with confidence. Through interactive workshops, teens in this track will dive into topics like nutrition, food inequity, food waste reduction, and mental and emotional well-being—preparing them to take charge of their health and become leaders in their communities.
 - **Soccer Sub-Track**
 - The National 4-H Soccer Tournament offers a fun way to stay active while building teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship. The tournament brings youth together through the power of play, friendly competition, and shared goals on and off the field.

Note: Teens that wish to participate in the Soccer sub-track of Healthy Living will need to sign up as part of a team. More information will be available soon regarding the Soccer sub-track at Ignite.

- **STEM**
 - In the STEM track, teens will experience innovation in action through hands-on challenges in robotics, engineering, coding, and emerging technologies. They'll dive into fields like artificial intelligence (AI), computer science, physics, and chemistry—developing the technical and analytical skills to thrive in a technology-driven world. This track encourages experimentation, creative problem-solving, and future-focused thinking.



Two-Part Workshops

Two-part workshops are extended workshops that are delivered to **the same group of teens** in two 45-minute parts (Part 1 and Part 2) with a 15-minute break between and must include engaging material and activities throughout the full 90 minutes.

Adult Workshops

All adults attending Ignite can participate in curated workshops to stay current on the latest research and strategies to support youth in becoming Beyond Ready which will take place concurrently during many of the teen workshops. The adult workshop guide will be available in early 2027.

Pre-registration is not required for adult workshops, you can just show up at the designated time and location. We highly encourage adult attendees to attend the adult workshops. They're a great opportunity to learn, connect, and engage with fellow attendees!



Workshop Presenter Roles and Responsibilities: Before You Arrive

All instructions and links that follow are available only to logged-in users of the Ignite Portal. **Steps 1-3 must be completed by November 2, 2026. Steps 4-6 must be completed prior to arriving at Ignite.**

Step 1: Review the Workshop Presenter Guide (this document)

Step 2: Approve Workshop Information

- [Click here](#) to see all workshops you're presenting, or you can click **Workshop Information** in the site header.
- Click the **down arrow** next to the workshop you would like to edit.
- Click **Edit Workshop Details**
 - **Workshop Title:** Teen attendees tend to sign up for the workshops with the most creative workshop titles. Please ensure your workshop name is unique and engaging to grab the attention of teen attendees!
 - **Workshop Description:** should be 3-5 sentences with a maximum of 600 characters (including spaces). Please remove any bulleted lists. We recommend including the knowledge gain and again, be creative, make it sound exciting and double check for grammatical errors!
 - **A/V Equipment Needs:** Each room includes a monitor or projector with a standard HDMI cord for laptop connection/projection. You are responsible for your own laptop and any adapters/cords.
 - If you will need to plug in anything other than a laptop, please select Other and indicate what you need to plug in below. Some items may require approval.
 - If you need water or access to a sink, please select Other and describe the request so we can plan in advance.
 - No other supplies will be provided by National 4-H Council. Please plan accordingly.
 - **Room Setup and Set Up Time:** We'll make every effort to provide your requested room layout and the setup time you've indicated. With more than 200 workshops on the schedule, some flexibility may be required for layout or turnover timing. If adjustments are needed, we'll notify you in advance and work with you to support your workshop needs.

Step 3: Finalize Workshop Presenters

- All workshop presenters must have a ticket for Ignite. Whether they are helping for one day or will be onsite for the event in its entirety, they will need an Ignite ticket.
- [Click here](#) to see all workshops you're presenting, or you can click **Workshop Information** in the site header.
- Click the **down arrow** next to the workshop you would like to view presenters.
- Click **View Presenters**.
- Here you will see all Workshop Presenters. In order to add a workshop presenter, they must first be assigned to a ticket. Click **Add New Presenter**.
- A pop-up box will appear then you will click **the magnifying glass** to search for ticketed guests affiliated with your Land Grant University to add as a Workshop Presenter.
 - **Note:** If you are presenting multiple workshops, please make sure you are choosing the correct workshop to add them.

Step 4: Utilize the Workshop Presenter Social Media Toolkit

- A social media toolkit will be provided for you to announce you are presenting a workshop at Ignite.

Step 5: Practice and Prepare

- Refer to page 9, **STELLAR Workshops at Ignite** for tips.
- Attend Workshop Presenter Logistics Webinar on **Wednesday, November 4, 2026 Time TBA** and mid-February "Know Before You Go" Workshop Presenter Webinar (date TBA). Recordings will be provided for all webinars if unavailable at scheduled times.

Step 6: Ship and Prepare your Supplies

- Shipping information will be provided once finalized with the hotel.
- **Please send a copy of tracking information and carrier information to events@4-h.org.**
- If you have any special needs such as refrigeration requirements, please let us know before shipping.

Workshop Presenter Changes Post-Deadline

If you cannot present, please first exhaust all options to secure a qualified replacement presenter for your session.

- **If you identify a replacement:** Email events@4-h.org with your workshop number, a brief reason why you can no longer attend Ignite and the replacement presenter's name and email.
- **If no replacement is available:** Email events@4-h.org with your workshop number, a brief reason why you can no longer attend Ignite and all session materials (slides, digital handouts, activity list and any presenter notes). The Ignite Design Team will work to determine a replacement presenter to take your place. **This should be a last resort only and every effort should be made to find a replacement presenter if you are unable to attend.**

Workshop Presenter Roles and Responsibilities: Onsite at Ignite

1. Check in Onsite

- We're finalizing the logistics of how and where you will check in onsite. More information will be provided prior to Ignite.
- All workshop presenters will receive a ribbon for their name badge indicating their role as a workshop presenter.

2. Pick up Workshop Supplies

- Make sure all the supplies you shipped have arrived.
- We're finalizing the logistics of where you will pick up your supplies.
- All supplies need to be stored in your hotel room until your scheduled workshop time.

3. Workshop Presenter Breakfast

- All teen workshop presenters are invited to join an exclusive Teen Workshop Presenter Lunch on Saturday, March 20. More information will be provided.

4. Set Up Time

- We'll make every effort to provide you with the setup time you've requested.
- Set up times vary between 15 minutes to a maximum of 1 hour. If you are presenting both of your workshop sessions back-to-back, you will have 15 minutes in between to reset for your next session.
- With more than 200 workshops on the schedule, some flexibility may be required.





STELLAR Workshops at Ignite

We are so excited you are presenting a workshop at Ignite 2027. As you begin to craft your session, we want to give you a simple framework to help your workshop shine. Use the STELLAR approach to create a presentation that inspires, connects, and empowers youth.

S- Set the Stage

- Welcome participants and build excitement.
- Share who you are, why this topic matters to you, and your experience in the area.
- Outline goals and expectations for the session. Highlight the outcomes- what will 4-H'ers be able to take with them at the end of this session?
- **Example:** Start by introducing yourself, then ask, "By the end of today, you'll walk away knowing..." so youth know the purpose of your workshop.

T- Tap into Curiosity

- Open your presentation with an engaging question, story, or activity.
- Spark 4-H'ers interest right away so they want to learn more and engage throughout.
- **Example:** Kick off with a surprising fact, a quick poll ("raise your hand if..."), or a short story that connects to your topic.

E- Engage Actively

- Throughout the session, include opportunities for hands-on activities and discussions.
- Look for opportunities to get 4-H'ers up and moving around the room such as rotating through various activities at different tables, four corners agree/disagree statements, or participating in a gallery walk.
- Encourage participation from everyone.
- **Example:** Instead of lecturing for 15 minutes, break 4-H'ers into small groups to solve a mini-challenge and then share their ideas.

L- Lead with Energy

- You are the expert in the room and your energy is contagious. Bring your passion and excitement throughout the session.
- **Example:** Use your voice, gestures, and movement to show excitement. If you're animated and positive, young people will match your energy.

L- Lift Up Voices

- Provide opportunities for 4-H'ers to share insights or connections throughout the session.
- Validate contributions and weave them into the overall session.
- **Example:** Weave whole group discussion and questions throughout the session. Link their responses back to the main content: "That's a great example of what we're talking about."

A- Apply & Reflect

- As the session closes, offer opportunities for 4-H'ers to connect what they have learned to their own experiences or communities.
- Guide them to think about how this knowledge can support their future goals (college, careers, leadership).
- **Example:** Ask 4-H'ers to talk with their table and share one way they'll use what they learned as they grow in their leadership and the future (college, careers, leadership).

R- Reinforce

- Before the session closes, summarize key takeaways and offer up next steps so that they can continue their learning
- **Example:** End with, "If you remember just one thing from today, let it be..." and offer a handout, link, or challenge to take home.

Workshop FAQs

What supplies will be provided and what will I be expected to bring?

- Each room includes a monitor or projector with a standard HDMI cord for laptop connection/projection. You are responsible for your own laptop and any adapters/cords.
 - If you need to plug in anything other than a laptop, please let us know. Some items may require approval.
 - If you need water or access to a sink, please let us know so we can plan in advance.
 - No other supplies will be provided by National 4-H Council. Please plan accordingly.
- Any handouts or supplies needed for your workshop will be your responsibility to provide and ship to the Washington Hilton.

Once I arrive at Ignite, can I set up my workshop room?

- No. Workshop rooms are used for multiple purposes and cannot be used as storage and cannot be set up until it is time for your workshop. All workshop materials must be picked up and stored in your hotel room until it is time for your workshop. If you need cold storage, please let us know ahead of time.

How many times will I be expected to present?

- Each workshop will be presented at least once, but no more than twice. Some exceptions to this rule may apply, but are uncommon.

Do all of my workshop presenters need to present all sessions?

- Yes. All workshop presenters listed must present all sessions. If your session is scheduled to be presented twice, presenters must be the same for both sessions.

When will I know what day and time my workshop will be presented?

- Workshop presenters will be notified in early December of their workshop session dates/times.

How many people will be in my workshop?

- We do our best to limit capacity for workshops based on what is requested by workshop presenters. You should plan on accommodating up to 60 attendees (teens OR adults). We understand that is not always possible due to limited supplies or the nature of your workshop.
- You will be notified in mid-February of the number of participants registered for your workshop sessions.

Is each workshop required to have a teen presenter?

- No but it is highly encouraged to give teens the opportunity and experience to present at a national event.

What if my workshop falls into multiple categories? Or I'm not sure what category it fits in best?

- We partner with our Ignite Design Team to categorize workshops where we think they will fit best. Sometimes a workshop will be presented twice for one track, once in two separate tracks, once in a track and once in Explore or twice in Explore.
- If the topic of your workshop is interesting to you, most likely it is interesting to other teens and we will do our best to place it in a way that allows others with similar interests to attend!

What if my colleague, spouse, friend, etc. wants to stop by and help me set up or co-present? Is that allowed?

- No. Anyone onsite at Ignite must have a ticket for Ignite.

How does Early Registration for Teen Workshop Presenters work?

- A link will be sent to all teen ticketholders that are listed as workshop presenters to register for workshops on **Wednesday, January 6**. After that date, teens can make edits to their workshop registration until Friday, January 22 at 5 p.m. EST.
- Keep in mind we anticipate a large number of teen workshop presenters so we encourage teens to be ready to register **Wednesday, January 6 at 5 p.m. EST** so they can sign up for their preferred workshops.

If a teen is a workshop presenter, do they need to register for their own workshop?

- No. You will automatically be listed in the system as presenting during the workshop sessions you have indicated you are a presenter for. You will not have the option to register for a workshop during that time.

Can I attend other workshops even though I am a Workshop Presenter?

- Yes. All teen workshop presenters will be required to attend workshops during all of the scheduled workshop sessions they are not presenting. Adults can also attend Adult Workshops when they are not presenting, but their attendance is not mandatory.

Can I get a list of who is registered for my workshop?

- Onsite at Ignite a printed list of attendees' first and last names will be provided. Post-Ignite, a list of attendees and workshop feedback can be provided upon request.

What happens if a teen does not complete workshop registration?

- We will do our best to get in touch with teens that do not register for workshops, but after January 30, teens will be assigned to workshops based on what workshops are still available at that time.

