The Birth of a Team & An Idea

• Strategic Plan has line item for technology implementation plan
  – Educational Technology Team is born

• Regional Tech Plan developed
  – Provide hands-on technology training
Objectives of the Camp

- Provide avenue for educators to discuss ways they can/are integrate technology into their programs
- Learn new ways to integrate
- Provide hands-on training
- Get to know the Educational Technologists and the Technical Support staff
Implementation Process

• Program Committee
  – Ed Tech, Chair
  – 5 Educators
• Began planning 4 months prior to camp
• Tentative topics
• RD decided that attendance was mandatory
• Admin Asst worked on location logistics
• Registration for sessions
Implementation Process

- Advertised 3 months prior to camp
- Prep work requested about 6 weeks prior
- Program structure
- Camp clothes or casual attire
- Technical support floaters
- Packets of handouts
- T-Shirts
Day One

- General Session: Getting Your Point Across to your Audience
- Concurrent Hands-on Training
  - Create a Podcast
  - Create an Online Learning Tool
- Lunch
- Concurrent Hands-on Training
  - Continuation of morning hands-on session
IT Camp – Day 1 Evening Program

• Tour of WPSU – TV station
• Dinner on their own
• Web 2.0 Showcase of Technology
  – Educators shared what they’ve been doing
  – Several administrators were present
IT Camp – Day Two

• General Session – What is a Blog, What is a Wiki
• Concurrent Sessions
  – Create a Blog
  – Web 2.0 Technologies
• Lunch
• Concurrent Sessions
  – Create a Wiki
  – Web 2.0 Technologies
• Prizes and Wrap Up
“I thought the IT Camp would be just another training which would use up valuable program time. Instead, I was pleased to learn how to Podcast and create wikis. The time was well spent and helped create a new excitement for me and the county’s program.”

-Linda Hendricks, Youth Dev./4-H Program Assistant
“I admit I was very worried about IT camp; however, I left the camp with a lot of knowledge and excitement on how I could use technology to enhance communication within my team. I created a blog during IT camp and promoted it as soon as I got back to my office. I have heard positive feedback so far and I have gotten in the routine of updating my blog regularly. I find blogging to be enjoyable and not at all time consuming.” -Jana Davidson, Child & Youth Dev.
Success Stories

- North Central PA Helps Wiki – Robin Kulek
- 4H Blog - Jana Davidson and Susan Alexander
- Water Drops Podcast - Jim Clark
- Natural Gas Leasing Overview Adobe Presenter Presentation - Ken Balliet
Evaluation

• Informal debriefing immediately after with Regional Director and County Extension Directors
  – Ed Techs & Technical Support reason for the success
  – Exactly what they wanted and needed
  – Right topics
  – Excellent teaching methods

• Formal evaluation sent to each participants
Ability to Create a Podcast or On-Line Learning Tool Before/After Camp (N = 53)

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Knowledge of Blogs & Wikis Before/After Camp (N = 53)

- **No Knowledge**: 24% BEFORE Camp, 2% AFTER Camp
- **Some Knowledge**: 67% BEFORE Camp, 28% AFTER Camp
- **Knowledgeable**: 10% BEFORE Camp, 55% AFTER Camp
- **Very Knowledgeable**: 0% BEFORE Camp, 16% AFTER Camp
Participants’ Plan to Use Technology Before/After Camp (N= 53)

- **Podcasts**: BEFORE Camp 12%, AFTER Camp 50%
- **Presenter**: BEFORE Camp 2%, AFTER Camp 72%
- **Wikis**: BEFORE Camp 29%, AFTER Camp 56%
- **Blogs**: BEFORE Camp 20%, AFTER Camp 56%
What We Learned

• Define clear expectations for guest speakers/trainers
• Set clear participant expectations
• Consider network/connectivity limitations
• Decrease class sizes
• Potentially reduce number of topics and increase hands-on time
What’s Next?

- Other regions
  - Only 1 day agenda
  - Tech Team
- On-demand training for any topics offered
  - http://it.cas.psu.edu/OnDemand.htm