

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of February 9, 2014

2014 State Fair Cloverbud Day Camp

4-H Cloverbuds will now have their own event at the Ohio State Fair. [CLICK HERE](#) for our application and flyer announcing the first 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp at the Ohio State Fair. The camp is open only to the first 50 applicants so get the word out to your interested Cloverbud families so they can register. We will start a waiting list after our first 50 slots are full. We are looking forward to this new opportunity for Cloverbuds and promise an educational and fun event!

Project Central

It's time for us to pass the digital baton! Many of you indicated at the 4-H Professionals' Update on Monday that you use Project Central because you simply do as you're told. We suspect that's not completely true (we'll talk later), but we do want to use that mindset to our advantage and suggest that you continue to share and use Project Central in all ways possible!

You, your 4-H members, and your project helpers may already be familiar with copying and pasting links to social media accounts. Sharing the detail pages of Project Central is even easier! Here's an example:

Visit any project's detail page, like the brand new *Teens on Board* page at <http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/publications/teens-on-board/>.

Right above the cover photo, you'll see three little icons that represent Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

Click on one (or all three) and you will be prompted to share a snippet of information and the URL with your friends and followers.

Feel free to share the example above with your members and volunteers. Anyone who finds a project book he or she likes can easily spread the word!

Need some encouragement? Tonya Horvath from Hamilton County says, "Project Central is great! It cuts my time in half. I can search by topic and by skill-level, which makes my life so much easier. I know my volunteers are loving it, too."

As always, thank you for your dedication and hard work. Please let us know how we can help you use Project Central to its full capacity. Contact Erica Clark-Covert (614-688-1934, clark-covert.1@osu.edu) with any questions!

Reminder: Let Your 4-H Members and Club Leaders Know About MyPlate

MyPlate, the revised food guidance system introduced by USDA in 2011, contains important information for youth enrolled in Ohio 4-H food and nutrition projects. Depending on a project book's publication date, it may refer instead to the older MyPyramid or even to the Food Guide Pyramid. Ohio 4-H members should still know the MyPlate recommendations, which are a big part of the food and nutrition state fair events. BTW, any of our older books that have been reprinted have been updated—look for the “Updated to MyPlate” starburst on the cover. A flyer intended to be distributed with every food and nutrition project is available for no charge from eStore (<http://estore.osu-extension.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=2810>) and also as a download from the Ohio 4-H [Projects and Publications](#) web page. Contact Erica Clark-Covert (clark-covert.1@osu.edu) with questions.

Counselor College Reg. Due March 3rd

We are currently accepting registrations for Counselor College. The Date is March 15-16, Location is Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, Cost is \$45.00 if registered before March 3rd and if they want a shirt \$10. \$50 after March 3rd and no shirts will be available to order after that date. Registrations can be sent directly to Gallia County Extension, checks should be made payable to Canter's Cave 4-H camp.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR CAMP FORM](#)

2014 4-H Night at Dayton Dragons. Saturday, May 31, 2014

[CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

4-H Volunteerism eConference

4-H National Headquarters and National 4-H Council are pleased to announce the 4-H Volunteerism eConference. These sessions will be focused on important work taking place across the 4-H system related to recruiting and engaging 4-H volunteers. [CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.](#)

Interested in a “Green” fund Raising Project?

Renegade Brands and Sweat X corn-based Laundry Detergent, located in Beachwood, Ohio, designs and delivers the high quality products that provide exceptional performance. Sweat X is 100% non-toxic, 100% biodegradable, having no impact on the environment, specifically waterways, rivers and streams. The proprietary formula of Sweat X Detergent is corn and plant based, and entirely made in Ohio. [CLICK HERE FOR](#) background information on this “green” product line, as well as outlines and opportunity for a fund raiser.

Get Ready for Paper Clover!

The Spring Paper Clover Promotion will be held April 23-May 4! Make sure the 4-H educators in your state know about the promotion and are getting their 4-H'ers ready to participate! [Read more](#)

Ohio State Fair Scholarship Application - 2014

\$2,000 Junior Fair Exhibits and Activities

For this scholarship will be divided as follows: 1 award @ \$1,000; 1 award @ \$500; and 2 awards @ \$250 and is available to 4-H non-livestock, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, FCCLA, FFA non-livestock, Girl Scouts, Grange, Technology & Engineering Education and Youth Arts exhibitors. [CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

ONLY 119 BUSINESS DAYS UNTIL THE OHIO STATE FAIR!

Free Webinar and Twitter Chat Offer Spring Advice on Backyard Poultry

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is hosting a free webinar and simultaneous Twitter chat with experts to help both groups acquire and grow a healthy flock.

Called “Spring into Action: Maintaining a Healthy (and Growing) Flock,” the webinar and chat is an hour-long, online presentation by three poultry experts. They will share information and answer questions about introducing new birds to your flock, buying and raising healthy poultry and how to keep them free from disease and predators. The webinar will take place on Thursday, February 27 from 2 – 3 p.m. EST. To guarantee a place at the webinar, go to the Biosecurity For Birds’ website for the link.

<http://communique.adobeconnect.com/healthybirds/event/login.html>

To join the Twitter Chat use #Chickenchat2014. To submit advance questions visit Healthy Harry’s Facebook page.

For more information about Biosecurity For Birds and to send information about your Bird Health Awareness Week event, please visit the Biosecurity For Birds website, <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>