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A.B. GRAHAM AND THE 4-H MOVEMENT



In January 1902, A. B. Graham, Superintendent of Schools for Springfield Township in Clark County, Ohio, recruited some 30 local students to meet for what he called a "Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Experiment Club." By summer, approximately 85 youth from 10 to 15 years of age were involved; using donated seeds that Graham obtained, the youth planted, observed the growing cycle and recorded the results. Graham encouraged youth to learn by doing, beginning what came to be called "4-H Clubs." Graham sought to connect public education to rural life. His objective then and that of 4-H today: To develop youth as individuals and as responsible, productive citizens.

A. B. GRAHAM

Born near Lena (Champaign County) on March 13, 1868, Albert Belmont (A. B.) Graham was raised on a small farm. In 1879 when a fire killed his father and destroyed their modest farmhouse, the family moved to Lena. After one year of high school, Graham passed the teacher's exam and was hired to teach in a one-room school. Taking just one year out to earn a B. Sc. degree at National Normal University, he served as an innovative teacher, principal and superintendent from 1885-1905. His evangelical style earned roles as the first director of extension at OSU and, later, administrator in the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.



*"Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
A.B. Graham*



4-H HISTORY

As the Boys & Girls Club idea spread, educators found that youth would try new ideas generated by experiment stations and share their experiences and successes with the adults. Rural youth programs became a way to introduce new agriculture technology to the adults. The national 4-H organization was formed in 1914, when the United States Congress created the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) of USDA by passage of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. It included within the CES charter the work of various boys' and girls' clubs involved with agriculture, home economics and related subjects.



"A skill well learned lasts a lifetime..."

A.B. Graham



For a complete description of the Ohio 4-H projects and the publications that support them, please refer to the 2013 Family Guide.

4-H WORLDWIDE

The 4-H experience has been replicated in various forms and reaches over 7 million young people in more than 70 countries around the world.

Ohio families have the opportunity to host youth or adults from around the world, and Ohio youth can live with host families in other countries. Both the youth and the host family can learn about other customs, cultures and languages.



OHIO 4-H TODAY

4-H is no longer only for members of the farming community, but extends into the suburbs and inner-cities all over America. Membership is open to all youth between the ages of five and nineteen. Members are welcome, regardless of cultural, economic and social backgrounds. 4-H programs can be found in three expansive mission mandates: Science; Citizenship; and Healthy Living.

Ohio 4-H reaches over 250,000 youth through a variety of programs, including: 4-H Clubs (4550 clubs; 22,000 volunteer leaders; about 200 projects) 4-H Afterschool Program, International 4-H Youth Program, 4-H CARTEENS, Operation: Military Kids, and others.



THE OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION



Founded in 1945 as part of The Ohio State University Development Fund, the Ohio 4-H Foundation solicits and receives contributions on behalf of Ohio 4-H in order to enhance the 4-H Youth Development Program and to recognize 4-H members and adult volunteers. With private support from individuals, businesses and organizations, the Ohio 4-H Foundation is able to fund new programs and improve existing programs. Gifts to the 4-H program support specific program areas, teen and adult leadership education, volunteer programs, member recognition, project clinics, camps, counselor training, teen leader clubs, livestock and non-livestock events and much more. Financial support for Extension, and correspondingly 4-H, is provided by the federal, state and county governments. However, public funds cannot fully support 4-H program needs, nor can they be used for awards, incentives or recognition. Thus, the support of donors throughout Ohio is vital to the success of Ohio 4-H. Although the Ohio 4-H Center construction is complete, additional funds are needed for the maintenance endowment and enhancements.

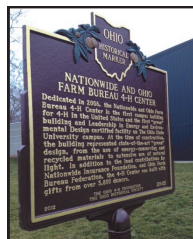
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Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center Ohio 4-H Youth Development

Concept to Reality

The idea that there would be a facility on the campus of The Ohio State University that would serve as the home of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development program was first conceived nearly 40 years ago. From the initial conversations resulting in different drawings and ideas, to the active fundraising, through the final planning and construction, it was the active and thoughtful engagement of volunteers that



resulted in what is today the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. The concept of a "green" building design originated through the volunteer leadership of the campaign and was further championed by many, throughout the design and planning process.



This state-of-the-art facility, completed in 2008, serves as the home of Ohio 4-H, the headquarters for cutting-edge research in youth development, teaching resources and service opportunities. The building serves young people, providing global experiences which will prepare them to be well-rounded citizens and leaders, and enable premier youth development programming on The Ohio State University campus.

The Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center also provides volunteers with the resources and experiences to achieve the best practices for youth development. The facility reaches beyond 4-H organizational boundaries and strives to engage all volunteers and professionals who are impacting youth.

The 4-H Center is a facility for youth, adult volunteers, community organizations, and Ohio State University partners. This state-of-the-art Center is available to Ohioans, people across the nation, and those around the world.



GREEN FEATURES

was designed and built with a variety of environmentally friendly features, including:

- 72 wells for geothermal heating and cooling
- Large windows of energy-saving glass
- Waterless urinals and dual flush toilets that conserve water
- Extensive use of recycled materials inside and out
 - Steel columns and beams
 - Concrete
 - Carpet
 - Wall panels (from sunflower seed hulls or compressed paper)
 - Crushed tile (assists parking lot drainage)
- Bamboo (fast-growing, renewable wood) used in office work surfaces

The 4-H Center, under the direction of Lincoln Street Studio, Turner Construction Company, and the Ohio State University Office of Facilities, Operations & Development emerged as the first green building and the first LEED (R) Certified facility on The Ohio State University campus. The center uses about one-third the energy of an average office building. With the success of the 4-H Center, OSU has since established a Green Build and Energy Policy that applies to all new builds and substantial remodels on campus.



"Green" building design strives to balance environmental responsibility, resource efficiency, occupant comfort and well-being, and community sensitivity. The Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

BUILDING DONORS

In addition to the \$1 million Federal and \$1.5 million State grants, the \$15 million building was funded with private donations from over 3,800 individuals, families, corporations and organizations.

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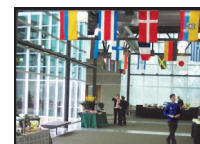
A list of donors may be found at www.ohio4-HCenter.org

An Outstanding Meeting Facility

The Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center is a new, state-of-the-art "green" building located at the gateway to The Ohio State University at Lane Avenue and State Route 315. This unique and flexible meeting room space hosts a broad range of activities, allowing thousands of Ohio youth, 4-H volunteers, community organizations, Ohio State partners, and national associations to enjoy programming, classes, and volunteer opportunities at this beautiful facility.

Features

- Nearly 12,000 square feet of conference and classroom facilities
- Flexible multi-purpose meeting space
- Banquet seating for 275 people in the auditorium
- Complimentary, convenient, and ample parking in surrounding parking lots
- Wi-Fi available
- LEED certification and sustainability initiatives
- Conferencing phone
- LCD drop screens
- Catering kitchen



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