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Ohio State Fair & 4-H: A Natural Partnership

The 2014 Ohio State Fair scheduled for July 23 - Aug 3 will be an exciting learning opportunity for 4-H members, parents, and volunteers alike! 4-H activities and events at the Ohio State Fair provide a positive environment in which youth from across our state may share their excitement for, subject matter knowledge, and the skills they have learned through their 4-H project and activities work. Participants, parents/guardians, and volunteers are able to demonstrate and enhance their citizenship, leadership, and communication skills.

4-H program involvement in the Ohio State Fair is based on three key objectives that are fundamental to the program:

Education

The Ohio State Fair provides an excellent educational experience for youth involved with all types of 4-H projects. 4-H members in Ohio have an opportunity to participate in the State Fair 4-H activities and events.

Recognition

The Ohio State Fair 4-H activities and events provide outstanding young people with recognition for excellence. Throughout the Fair, judging and various competitions are held to recognize overall activity class winners as well as outstanding daily winners; additionally, each individual youth participating is recognized for their personal achievements.

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Visibility

Participation in the Ohio State Fair is one means by which the 4-H program is able to provide information to the general public about this non-formal, educational, and fun program for all youth ages 5-19. The thousands of people who attend the Ohio State Fair have the opportunity to view just a few of the many aspects of the total Ohio 4-H program in action.

With all these great qualities coming from state fair participation, don't forget about the fun. The state fair is a great experience for the entire family with rides, food, and numerous competitions that may not be prevalent at local fairs.

4-H members, parents and volunteers are encouraged to keep these key objectives in mind as they participate and attend the 2014 Ohio State Fair. For more information 4-H involvement in the 2014 Ohio State Fair, contact **[county name]** county office at **[phone number]**.

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