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**2009 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference  
To Be Held March 14<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio**

The State 4-H Office announced that the 2009 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Recognition Ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 8 in Columbus, Ohio, at the Columbus Convention Center. Last year, the conference attracted more than 1,200 volunteers from across the state.

The objective of the conference is to enable volunteers to learn new skills and share ideas with each other in various subject matter areas offered by the Ohio 4-H program. More than 100 different sessions will be offered throughout the day related to current needs and interest of 4-H volunteers.

“Volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H program,” said Vicki Schwartz, Interim Co-Assistant Director of Ohio 4-H Youth Development. “This conference not only allows us to recognize volunteers for their efforts, but it also provides important educational workshops for them to enhance their programs on the local level.”

As part of the conference, a Recognition Luncheon sponsored by Bob Evans Farms, Inc. will be held to honor volunteers who have made significant contributions to the Ohio 4-H program.

“We are really hoping volunteers from our county will attend,” said [educator’s

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**full name]**, county OSU Extension educator for **[county name]** county. “Everyone who attends will have an opportunity to learn something new that will be useful to them in their role as a volunteer.”

For more information about the conference, please contact **[list county contact person, office name, and office telephone number]**.

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