Ohio 4-H News and Notes Week of January 19, 2014

Ohio 4-H Professionals' Update

Monday, February 3, 2014 9:00 – 4:30 - Ohio 4-H Center

Have an upcoming event or important announcement you want to share with your colleagues at the February Professionals' Update? Send a brief description to Sally McClaskey, mcclaskey.12@osu.edu by January 29 for inclusion on a PowerPoint that will run during the day.

It's Here: Recruiting and Enrollment Season!

As you prepare to visit schools and host events to get kids excited about enrolling in new projects, we'd like to encourage you to use Project Central to make your life just a little easier.

Describing project books that are applicable to each member takes time and the *Family Guide* doesn't provide a comprehensive overview of every book. Solution? Direct people who are interested in learning more about projects to Project Central!

Some practical applications:

Question: What kind of projects do you have for new 4-H members?

Answer: We've got tons. Check out Project Central and you can search for projects appropriate for different experience levels!

Question: Is 4-H all about animals, or can I take other kinds of projects?

Answer: Again, we've got tons. Check out Project Central and you can browse by topic area!

Question: Do you work really hard to make 4-H the best experience for every single parent, volunteer, and

member?

Answer: Duh! That's why we want you to use Project Central to do some of your work for you.

County Example:

Also consider posting about Project Central on your recruitment page on your county's website! Licking County has done a great job directing people to the website by simply adding a blurb on their "How To Join 4-H" page. Check it out at http://licking.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/how-to-join-4-h.

As always we appreciate you helping spread the word about Project Central. We hope it becomes a tool that makes your recruitment and enrollment easier!

Corrections in Family Guide, Redux

Uh oh, an eagle-eyed 4-H professional discovered an important error on page 36 of the *Family Guide*. In addition to omitting two publications (372 *Diversity: The Source of Our Strength* and 373 *My Hands to Larger Service: Teen Leaders Building Our Communities*) as noted earlier in News and Notes, two leadership and citizenship projects are listed with the wrong level. Both 371 *Club Leadership* and 374 *Teens on Board* are INTERMEDIATE projects, not advanced. Their level is correctly identified in the front of the *Family Guide* and in other materials like the Project Completion and Fair Requirements document, the presentation, and the posters. If you have questions, please contact Erica Clark-Covert, clark-covert.1@osu.edu, 614-688-1934. As ever, thank you for the feedback and for your help matching members to projects!

Dog Show Rules and Score Sheets Posted

The 2014 dog show rules recommended for county use and will be used at the Ohio State Fair Dog Shows are posted at http://www.4hansci.osu.edu/companion/companionResources.php. In addition, 2014 dog show score sheets for county and state fair judging, and the 2014 Dog Judges' Guidelines for Showmanship, Obedience and Rally are also posted. Please contact Lucinda Miller, miller.78@osu.edu, if you have any questions.

State Leadership Camp Cost and Registration Information

This event will be held June 2-6, 2014 at Camp Ohio. It is open to young men and women 4-H members ages 15 to 18 and mature (as deemed by county 4-H professional) 14 year olds. Individuals who attend should be enthusiastic and outstanding 4-H members with leadership qualities and/or potential. Attendance for this camp

is important and each camper will be expected to stay through the entire duration of camp (school excuses will be available upon request).

The cost is again \$250 per person, BUT counties have a \$330 scholarship (thanks to Farm Credit and Nationwide!) that can be divided among the participants as desired. (The idea is the youth pay a portion of the registration fee as a "commitment" to attend the camp.) Counties must submit a "Commitment Form" by March 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. indicating name, contact information, and how much scholarship money is being used for each person. We will then contact the youth to attain complete registration information and send appropriate forms (health, participant, etc.) for them to complete. For more information or to view the commitment form visit http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-camps/leadership-camp or contact Hannah Epley, epley.24@osu.edu. Thank you for your promotion of this great event!

State Leadership Camp Staff Needed

We are looking for individuals to serve as camp counselors and adult staff at Leadership Camp, which is being held June 2-6, 2014 at Camp Ohio! If you have individuals (18+) who are good leaders, past counselors, or would be interested in helping, please let Hannah Epley Epley.24@osu.edu, know! Staff members would be required to participate in some trainings prior to camp, including May 16-18 at Camp Ohio and June 1.

Ohio Shropshire Association Offers \$1,500.00 Opportunity

In an effort to help a youth member from the state of Ohio begin a quality Shropshire flock, the Ohio Shropshire Sheep Association will be offering \$1500.00 for a youth member that qualifies to spend at the Ohio Shropshire Classic in Eaton Ohio on May 10, 2014. Applications are due by March 15, 2014, for additional information or an application, contact Jim Percival secretary/treasurer of the Ohio Shropshire Sheep Association, at schoolhousshrops@aol.com, or Phone at (937) 374-3371.

CLICK HERE for additional information

CLICK HERE for award application

Webinar To Discuss Co-Occurrence of Animal Abuse and Child Abuse

On January 28, 2014, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ET, OJJDP, in collaboration with the <u>National District Attorneys Association</u> (NDAA), will present "<u>When the Abuse of Animals Co-Occurs With Child Abuse</u>." Animal abuse is often a symptom of other violence in the home, and children who witness it may engage in aggressive behavior toward people and animals. This Webinar will focus on the link between animal cruelty and child abuse and highlight intervention strategies, including team responses, talking with children about their experiences with animals, animal-assisted activities to help maltreated children who have witnessed animal abuse, and programs to assist family members with animals to flee abusive homes and find safety.

Resources:

Register for this free Webinar.

<u>View and download</u> a free NDAA publication addressed to prosecutors who handle cases involving animal and child abuse.

NCCOR Connect & Explore Webinar, Feb. 13

Join us at 2 pm, Eastern, on Thurs., Feb. 13, for Connect & Explore: Five Years of Accelerating Progress Through Childhood Obesity Research, the first of three webinars planned this year. The other two webinars in our 2014 series will take place on June 12 and Oct. 9.

In just under an hour, we will learn about the priorities of national funders, explore opportunities to get your work funded, and get you "caught up" on what counts.

- Learn about NCCOR's accomplishments over the past five years and its vision for the future.
- Get introduced to new funding opportunities from those who helped shape and support the funding announcement.
- Explore research tools that can help you with your work.
- Learn about significant research and the latest publications.
- Hear from leading experts in real time.
- Understand how to engage with NCCOR through our e-newsletter and social media.

All webinars will be recorded and archived on www.nccor.org.

This event is free but attendance is limited, so tell a friend and register today!.

To receive the webinar access information, you must register for this event:

Register for Connect & Explore: Five Years of Accelerating Childhood Obesity Research