

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of October 26, 2014

Nominate your Best Volunteers and 4-H Supporters! - Due December 1st

Nominations are being accepted until December 1 for your outstanding volunteers, members, clubs, and supporters of 4-H for recognition at the 2015 Ohio 4-H Conference. Award categories include Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame, Friend of 4-H, Meritorious Service, Innovator, Community Service, and Salute to Excellence. Fillable nomination forms are posted on the Ohio 4-H website at www.go.osu.edu/volunteerawards. For those who prefer not to complete forms online, the posted nominations can also be printed out, then completed and scanned to forquer.13@osu.edu or mailed to Amanda Forquer at the State 4-H Office.

2015 CFAES Diversity Catalyst Team Mini Grants

The mini grant funds will support collaborative efforts between teams, individuals, or student groups with new projects or ideas that enhance diversity and inclusion. Proposed efforts should be consistent with the missions of Ohio State University and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

The grant proposal can be found here: <http://go.osu.edu/minigrant>

4-H Participation At National Ag Day

National 4-H Council is pleased to offer an agriculture leadership opportunity for college students to represent 4-H in the [2015 National Ag Day](#) events in Washington, D.C. this spring. Students will participate in a training at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center from **Monday, March 16, through Wednesday, March 18, 2015**. The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) sponsors 100 student representatives from across the country to participate in the training and attend the National Ag Day activities on Capitol Hill. The students—from FFA, AFA, 4-H and Student NAMA—put a face on the future of agriculture and personally emphasize the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives.

Ohio **can nominate up to two delegates to represent 4-H at National Ag Day**. Participants will be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis to fill the 28 spaces for the 4-H delegation. You may submit additional delegates that will be placed on the wait list to fill any cancellations.

2014 NAE4_HA: 4-H History Preservation Program

The National 4-H History Preservation Programs will be at the NAE4-HA Conference at booth #321. Learn how you can join the team, register a historic 4-H event/place, learn about the [4-H History website](#), and view winning videos in the "Voices of 4-H History" category of the 2013 and 2014 FilmFest 4-H. You will also have the opportunity to vote for new post card designs as well as help yourself to a 4-H History button.

National Extension Conference on Volunteerism
May 4-7, 2015 in Portland, ME.

This conference is designed for professionals of all disciplines within Cooperative Extension who work with volunteers and/or volunteer programs. Proposals for workshops, research presentations, and the poster showcase are due November 7, 2014. Apply at <http://extension.umaine.edu/programs/necv/> . Please share broadly.

10 Percent of Grandparents Live With a Grandchild, Census Bureau Reports

Of the 65 million grandparents in the United States in 2012, 7 million, or 10 percent, lived with at least one grandchild, according to [Coresident Grandparents and Their Grandchildren: 2012](#), a new report released today by the U.S. Census Bureau. The percentage of children who lived with a grandparent in 2012 was also 10 percent, rising from 7 percent in 1992.

“Recent trends in increased life expectancy, single-parent families and female employment increase the potential for grandparents to play an important role in the lives of their grandchildren,” said Renee Ellis, a demographer in the Census Bureau’s Fertility and Family Statistics Branch. “Increases in grandparents living with grandchildren are one way that the grandparent role has changed.”