

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of November 23, 2014

November 2015 State 4-H Professionals' Update & Animal Sciences In-Service Date Changes

After receiving comments from the feedback survey for our recently completed 2014 State 4-H Professionals' Update, plus conversations with several other 4-H Professionals, the message was clear that the first Monday and Tuesday of November 2015 for the State Animal Sciences In-Service and the State 4-H Professionals' Update was not good, especially since NAE4HA concludes in Oregon on October 29, 2015.

We have made arrangements so that these two events will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10, 2015. We know that we cannot accommodate everyone's schedule, but it appears that the move to the second week in November is the best for most people. Therefore:

2015 Assuring Quality Care for Animals Signature Program In-service
Monday, November 9, 2015

2015 State 4-H Professionals' Updates
Thursday, February 5th
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Call for Silent Auction Items - 2015 Ohio 4-H Conference

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Complimentary [Good Production Practices flyers](#) (set of 100) and [2015 Family Guides](#) (set of 125) are now available! All orders are guaranteed to ship to you within 10 days of ordering. Contact Erica Clark-Covert (614-688-1934 or clark-covert.1@osu.edu) with any questions.



Capital Challenge

Ohio Youth Capital Challenge is an exciting program for 4-H, FFA and Farm Bureau with a primary goal of increasing youth citizenship knowledge and participation.

Exceptional community citizenship is one of the values that makes FFA, 4-H and Farm Bureau successful organizations. These groups are partnering on this program. Applicants must be in at least ninth grade and between the ages of 14 and 18 during the 2014/2015 school year. Applicants should have a concern for local community issues and a desire to be more involved. Cost is \$25 per youth upon selection. Forty youths will be selected for the challenge.

Participants will travel to Columbus March 17 and 18 for Phase One of the challenge where they will learn about government processes, how to make a difference and building teams. They will interact with state leaders at a legislative luncheon and begin work on a local plan.

In Phase Two, participants work within teams and with mentors on a local community issue. Teams will develop a presentation on their topic.

Presentations are made in Columbus May 16 in Phase Three, and final presentations for the top three winning teams take place Aug. 1 at the Ohio State Fair.

Apply by Jan. 9, 2015. Delegates will be notified by the end of January.

<http://ofbf.org/get-involved/youth-programs/>

Cassie Turner turner.280@osu.edu is the 4-H Contact for this program.

Tri-State Diversity Conference -- Diversity Champion Awards

The Tri-State Diversity Conference Diversity Champion Awards recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams that contribute to diversity and inclusion through exemplary leadership. Recipients should demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion through diversity and multicultural programming, cultural competency, community outreach activities, or other initiatives that are in keeping with the goal of this annual Tri-State Diversity Conference.

[Click here for further details.](#)

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Help Improve Paper Clover

Congratulations! Thanks to your hard work, the Fall 2014 Paper Clover promotion raised \$763,283 - more than any Fall Paper Clover in history! In order to continue to improve this fundraising opportunity, please share your feedback with National 4-H Council and TSC.

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FROM USDA: Youth Protection Framework

4-H has a moral and legal obligation to ensure the safety and well-being of youth entrusted to its care. The Youth Protection Framework and Checklist represents a compilation of recommended best practices that should be employed to achieve the organization's goals of providing a safe environment for growth and development.

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