

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of November 3, 2013

Making eXtreme Counselor Workshop-February 22-23

Hold the dates! Older youth age 14 to 18 who plan to serve as camp counselors are invited to Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC)--an interactive and quick-paced training that offers innovative camp ideas to new and veteran camp counselors. MXC participants are encouraged to be in their 2nd or more year counselors. They will leave with skills that will enable them to assist in their county's camp program planning and delivery, and prepare them to deliver a great camp program for your campers.

MXC is a national award-winning workshop that will be useful for all potential camp counselors. Don't miss your chance for your camp's counselors to participate--the event will be offered once in 2014, during the weekend of February 22-23 (approximate start and end times will be: registration at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and departure at 3:30 p.m. Sunday). MXC will be held at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the campus of The Ohio State University. Counselors may earn camp counselor training hours while attending this event (number of hours is up to the county professional). All participants will receive a take-home kit of supplies. They also will be able to share and gain ideas with teens from other counties all across the state. County Extension Professionals and Camp Directors are NOT required to attend with their counselors. Agenda and registration materials will be posted in December.

The registration fee will be \$50.00, and space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Space is limited to 10 individuals per county! If you wish to have more than 10 people attend, please contact Nadine Fogt with this requested information.) Online registration will be available starting in January and is due to the State 4-H Office by January 31, 2014. Pictures from previous events, registration and more information are posted online at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/mxc>. For additional information, please contact Nadine Fogt at 740-335-1150 or fogt.12@osu.edu.

Upcoming 4-H Events

Be sure to check out the Upcoming 4-H Events on the ohio4h.org website. The five most recent calendar events are in the right hand column. You can click "more" for a monthly 2013 calendar. The State 4-H

Office will be posting dates in 2014 very soon. If you have statewide events that should be posted to the calendar, please submit them to, jinks.2@osu.edu.

40 Chances Book from Howard Buffett Foundation Donated to 4-H

National 4-H Council Trustee Howard W. Buffett and The Howard G. Buffett Foundation (HGBF) have donated 3,000 copies of their book, *40 Chances* to 4-H. The book has a powerful message, explaining that all farmers have approximately 40 growing seasons in their lifetime, giving them just 40 chances to improve their crop. In 40 chapters, Buffett describes his quest to make a difference in the world and challenges readers to do the same. Below is a link to learn more about the book that will be sent to county 4-H offices. Feel free to use the book as a gift, award, etc. for your county 4-H program. You are also encouraged to share the book. It is very applicable across all program areas. <http://www.40chances.com/>

Through the partnership with the HGB Foundation and the K-State Research and Extension 4-H Program and with Dr. Barbara Stone's leadership, a comprehensive tool-kit was developed to increase the awareness of hunger and food insecurity in the United States and to help youth and adults, as partners, advocate and find solutions to ending hunger in their communities. The tool-kit has been piloted by the 4-H Cooperative Extension Programs in Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota, Missouri and Kansas. For a copy of the tool-kit, please visit the link. <http://www.kansas4-h.org/doc15268.ashx>

An appropriate way to thank the Buffetts for their support of 4-H is through their social media channels below.

Twitter: Handle: @40Chances

Hashtags: #40Chances, #foodinsecurity, #philanthropy, #venturephilanthropy, #hunger, #ag

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