

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of November 9, 2014

Ohio Fair Managers Association Newsletter
[2015 Convention Issue - CLICK HERE](#)

Applications for Water First for Thirst Teen Leadership Board due Nov 15!
Please distribute to youth ages 15-18.

The Ohio State University Extension and College of Public Health have teamed up to create a new Water First for Thirst (WFFT) program involving a teen leadership board to help teens be promoters of healthy beverages in their communities. This project will include meetings with 4-Hers and Junior Fair Board members from all over Ohio, brand new educational materials, and activities created through youth input for youth.

We are offering teens the opportunity to be specially selected leaders within their 4-H clubs, junior fair boards, FFAs and other organizations! Being chosen for a board position will give teens the opportunity to develop your leadership and communication skills, be one of two WFFT board members to attend the 4-H National Youth Summit on Healthy Living in Washington D.C. (travel and registration paid by program), have your name listed as a contributor to a brand-new health curriculum.

Special consideration will be given to youth with experience in cooking/nutrition and fitness projects, but all youth between 15 & 18 are encouraged to apply! This is a great community service credit opportunity!

[Download application.](#) Please distribute it to your area advisors and youth, and ask that interested teenagers return this application to the address on the form, postmarked by Nov 15, 2014. For more information contact: Carol Smathers, smathers.1@psu.edu.

Farm Credit Mid-America's Promotional Campaign
299 WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU!

Farm Credit Mid-America is sponsoring a promotion to donate \$100,000 to a youth agriculture program. 4-H is one of three organizations eligible with selection made by popular vote. Please share the link with your 4-H families and vote daily through January 1!

<http://promotions.e-farmcredit.com/299Thanks/>



Introducing the Social-Emotional Toolkit – Free Webinar November 18, 2014

Presented by [Jutta Dotterweich](#), ACT for Youth Center of Excellence, on November 18, 10:00 - 11:00 am, this webinar intended for youth-work professionals will introduce a new web-based toolkit to promote social and emotional learning in out-of-school settings. A tour of the toolkit will highlight resources, free downloads, and program strategies to help you engage youth in programming and become inspired by new ideas for program development. [Register here](#) with passcode: **SELtools1**

[The Toolkit](#) was assembled by the Risk and Thriving in Adolescence Program Work Team, a collaboration of Cornell University, Cornell Cooperative Extension, New York State 4-H Youth Development, and external stakeholders.

National 4-H Youth Conference Center Program Assistants

Do you know a college student who has a passion for government, history, political science, education, public speaking, or leadership? We are looking for individuals with a passion for working with young people. If this brings someone to mind please encourage them to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at National 4-H Youth Conference Center!

Application deadlines are quickly approaching and we want to give 4-H alumni and collegiate 4-H'ers an opportunity to apply for this amazing opportunity for their spring or summer semester. Our PA's will be making a difference in the lives of thousands of middle and high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for our Wonders of Washington (WOW), Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) and Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) programs in Washington, D.C.

Please reference the job descriptions for more information and application materials. If you have any questions, please contact Zach Hall, Educational Programs Specialist at: Zhall@4HCenter.org.

[WOW Program Assistants](#)

[CWF Program Assistants](#)

[LWF Program Assistants](#)

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.