

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## Week of December 7, 2014

### **Save the Date - Making eXtreme Counselors!**

The 2015 version of Making eXtreme Counselors will be held February 21 and 22, at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau Ohio 4-H Center.

Older youth 14 to 18 who plan to serve as camp counselors can come and learn innovative ideas to help them create the Most eXtreme Camps, ever! Youth will leave with skills that enable them to assist in the planning, programming and teaching process at their county 4-H camps.

Sessions are taught by 4-H and camping professionals from around Ohio. All participants will receive a t-shirt, bag, supplies and tons of new ideas. MXC participants also will be able to share with teens from other counties across the state.

County professionals/Camp Directors are NOT required to attend with their counselors. Agenda and registration materials will be posted by Dec. 1, at [www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org). The cost of registration is \$50 and is due online by January 31, 2015. [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

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### **2015 Youth In Action Award**

The Youth in Action award recognizes an outstanding 4-H'er who epitomizes 4-H youth empowerment. The award recipient will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for higher education and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC to attend National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards on Thursday, April 23, 2015. [2015 Youth In Action Award](#)

### **Using Data Creatively to Make the Case for 4-H: The 4-H Pathway to College**

December 16, 2014 2 PM-3 PM Eastern

Adobe Connect Log-In: <http://nifa-connect.nifa.usda.gov/r83dhr4depc/>

(Note: Sound will be through your computer speakers—Voice Over IP)

Data related to youth program and educational involvement can be used in creative and focused ways to tell a powerful story about 4-H participants and the 4-H program model. We will illustrate how data helped us to connect existing data to new data sources to learn that 4-H youth are “better off” academically- 4-Hers in our

studies attend school more regularly, show higher achievement on standardized tests, graduate high school at higher rates, and enroll in postsecondary programs more often when compared to young people who are not 4-H participants. Join us for this national conversation as we present study results, identify creative uses of data, and chart a course of action to understand 4-H participants and to demonstrate the impact of 4-H participation through data. We will also provide resources and lessons learned by the co-presenters.

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### **Agri-Science Summit: January 16-19**

The National Youth Summit Series is proud to present our second annual **Agri-Science Summit**. The Agri-Science Summit will take place on January 16-19, 2015 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. High school age students will spend three days learning from agricultural scientists, researchers, leaders, politicians and advocates. The Summit is a hands-on learning experience through innovative workshops, visiting industry professionals, as well as academic and professional site visits. More information and registration information can be found on our [website](#).

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### **From USDA: Bridging Human and Animal Health**

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) has awarded Zoonotic Infection Prevention Projects for Youth in the following states: Arkansas, Arizona, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, and Virginia. As the 4th “H” is Health, it’s important to remember that pigs and people get the flu. Young people with close animal contact are at increased risk for infection and are more likely to have complications from diseases like influenza, Salmonella, and E. coli. These pilot projects will provide zoonotic disease education for and by youth, along with partners in public health, animal health, and members of the agriculture community that have frequent contact with animals. These awards are a result of a federal partnership between 4-H National Headquarters, USDA-NIFA, APHIS, and CDC’s Infectious Zoonotic Disease.

<http://www.cste.org/>

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### **Winter Manure Application Options - Activities for Youth**

Youth are an important audience for animal agriculture and conservation/stewardship professionals. They are the next generation of producers, consumers, and scientists. Fairs, 4-H events, classroom visits are just a few of

the numerous opportunities every year to share what we do, educate youth, and simply interact with people. However, coming up with appropriate activities can be daunting. This webinar will share ideas and activities that have been used with youth across the country on manure, air quality, and sustainability. The range in activity complexity and experiences of the presenters will hopefully spur some creative ideas for your next event! December 12 at 1:30 p.m. (central) [More...](#)

If you'd like to learn more about events hosted by the Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Center, you can subscribe or unsubscribe to the lpenews listserv at any time at <http://water.unl.edu/lpe-subscribe>

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### **Planning travel in 2015?**

If you're traveling for university business, Ohio State has new contracts to serve both individuals and groups. Starting Tuesday (12/30), Corporate Travel Planners will be the new preferred agency for individuals. (Please note: Individuals who are currently planning a trip in 2015 should check out our [FAQ](#). For groups, Uniglobe Travel Designers is already operating under a new contract as the preferred agency.

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