

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of May 18, 2014

National 4-H Congress Chaperones Needed

Chaperones are still needed to accompany Ohio 4-H members to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA. All of your travel expenses will be covered. You will leave on Friday, November 28 and return on Tuesday, December 2. Please let Allen Auck, Auck.1@osu.edu know if you are interested.

2014 4-H State Fair Guidebook Posted

2014 4-H State Fair Guidebook being posted at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/ohio-state-fair/state-fair-non-livestock-4-h-guidebook>. Several updates have been made to 4-H Engineering Events. There will be no National 4-H Engineering Event qualifiers this year.

2014 Ohio 4-H Health and Safety Speaking Information

The Ohio 4-H Health and Safety Speaking program is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to expand their public speaking skills, plus gain new information about a topic related to the home, farm, school, work and/or community. The Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives are again sponsoring the meals and awards for the area contests. Please review the area list to find the location where your members should participate in the individual and/or skit competition. Please see the information letter below for more details. Contact Judy Villard Overocker, Villard.1@osu.edu

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FREE Resources for Leader-Directed Activities

Utah 4-H has come up with a handy way to meet the needs of existing clubs looking for group activities. Check out the [Discover 4-H Clubs](#) series online at <http://utah4h.org/htm/discover4hclubs> for activities grouped around familiar 4-H topics such as cake decorating, fitness, or nature; and newer topics like crime and spy science or spa and relaxation (wha?). Each unit is available for free download. The collection is expected to continue growing, so check back periodically.

Also, the Ohio Soybean Council has new online curriculum with real-world applications of math and science for Ohio's teachers and educators. [GrowNextGen](#) offers STEM-based learning units and is designed for students in 7th to 12th grades. The 25 units have an informal, scientific inquiry approach to learning. Check out [Farmers: Fueling the Future](#) to see how these activities help students solve real-life problems and prepare them for careers in agriculture. For more information, contact Carol Warkentien at 614-436-4171.

Revised ATV Safety Leader's Guide Available for FREE Download

National 4-H has discontinued production and sale of the *4-H ATV Safety, Leader's Guide* and is instead making it available online as a free download. It is now included on the Ohio 4-H [Project Books and Resources](#) page, on the Ohio 4-H [ATV Safety Program](#) page, and on [Project Central](#). A change in the curriculum lineup usually doesn't happen mid-year, but we're excited to make this now-free resource available to you and your ATV volunteers right away. If you have questions about the publications, please contact Erica Clark-Covert at clark-covert.1@osu.edu or 614-688-1934. If you have questions about the Ohio 4-H ATV Safety program, please contact Kathy Mann at mann.167@osu.edu or 614-292-0622. Thanks!

Ohio 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The Ohio 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl rules and regulations are now posted on the opening page of www.4hansci.osu.edu/dairy

The contest will be held at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on June 17 and this year our format is slightly different for the senior division. Instead of Dairy Jeopardy, we have gone back to Senior Quiz Bowl teams. This change is carefully explained in the rules.

Please encourage the dairy 4-Hers in your county to compete. It is also possible to combine county teams. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Bonnie Ayars, Ayars.5@osu.edu.

Save the Date

The 2015 National Extension on Conference on Volunteerism will be held May 4-7, 2015 in Portland, ME. This conference is for any extension professional that works with volunteers or manages volunteer programs. A call for proposals will come out later this year. Please pass this save the date information on to all extension professionals who work with volunteers.

2014 4-H NYSD Science Experiment Kit Pre-Sale

Rockets to the Rescue! will be available for pre-order tomorrow, May 14, on 4-HMall.org. Developed by the University of Arizona, the experiment explores the field of aerospace engineering; engaging

youth in engineering concepts, developing math skills, and explore nutrition to help solve a current global issue.

National Youth Science Day will take place on October 8, 2014.

2014 4-H Mall Camp Sale

Camp is important to 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and leaders. To celebrate this meaningful part of 4-H life, we're offering special discounts for individuals and for organizations on over 90 camp related items! These items, [found in our "Camp Gear" section on 4-HMall.org](#), will receive a 20% discount at time of checkout.
