

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## Week of February 2, 2014

### 2014 Project Interview Questions

The 2014 version of Project Interview Questions for judges is now posted on the 4-H for Staff/Resources page of the Ohio 4-H website. Look under Publications. Questions are based on the content of each project book and when possible include page references where answers can be found. In many counties, these questions are shared with judges to be used as is or as models for their own questions. Be sure to share the cover page and, if appropriate, the general 4-H questions too! Because self-determined and master projects are so individual, questions for those projects are not included.

*Please do not make this document generally available on your website, to your volunteers, or to your 4-H members!* It is intended to be distributed a project at a time to your judges as appropriate. Share questions, comments, or corrections with Jane Wright (614.292.0909, [wright.646@osu.edu](mailto:wright.646@osu.edu)) or Erica Clark-Covert (614.688.1934, [clark-covert.1@osu.edu](mailto:clark-covert.1@osu.edu)).

Your judges also may benefit from having 4-H 963 Interviewing Tips for Judges, available online at [www.ohio4h.org/publications](http://www.ohio4h.org/publications). Look under Publications Available for Download/4-H Volunteer and Other Resources.

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### Highest and Lowest Rated Books on Project Central

Since Project Central's debut in November we have had project ratings roll in from members, parents, club advisors, and other volunteers. We haven't received nearly enough input from people to conclude that these ratings are an accurate snapshot of everyone's feelings, but at least we are getting a taste of what people really think! We can tell that shooting sports books get a thumbs up and we can see that some animal science books need to be revised. (Ok, no news there.)

Highest rated books (as of January 29)

- *Pistol Member Record Book* (1 rating)
- *Rifle Member Record Book* (1 rating)
- *Get Started in Art* (1 rating)
- *Shotgun Member Record Book* (2 ratings)
- *Archery Member Record Book*(1 rating)

Lowest rated books (as of January 29)

- *Poultry Production: Raising Broilers* (1 rating)
- *Poultry Production: Raising Pullets* (1 rating)
- *Equine Record Book* (1 rating)
- *Exploring Ohio Ponds* (1 rating)
- *Draft Horse* (1 rating)

To view the complete list of publications and their ratings, go to <http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/publications/>. Select the header “Rating” to organize by ascending or descending order.

If sharing the ratings would help generate interest in Project Central among your volunteers and members, please go ahead. Encourage them to add their own opinions to any project book, including the ones listed above. We love to know what they’re thinking!

Questions about Project Central? We’re here to help. Contact Erica Clark-Covert at [clark-covert.1@osu.edu](mailto:clark-covert.1@osu.edu) or 614-688-1934.

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### **Ohio 4-H Project Books Pass National 4-H Peer Review**

Three titles from the first round of Ohio 4-H project books submitted for National 4-H peer review have passed: *Leadership Road Trip*, *Beyond the Grill*, and *Why Trees Matter*. Congratulations go to Extension educators and specialists Michelle Adkins, Mark Light, Gwen Soule, Cassie Turner, Pat Brinkman, Ann Golden, Laryssa Hook, Mary Longo, Michelle Treber, Christy Leeds, Marne Titchenell, Cindy Meyer, and Kathy Smith. Many thanks for your good work!

(One book –*Ohio Birds*—didn’t pass, but it’s written in an older format that doesn’t include a few key features. When the time comes to revise it again, we’re sure it will pass.)

As more of our recent publications are submitted, we’ll let you know how they fare. Meanwhile, keep your eyes peeled for this symbol, which will appear on Ohio 4-H curriculum as books are reprinted:



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## **Become a National 4-H Peer Reviewer!**

Having curriculum that successfully meets national peer review standards is a great boon to our program and to individual authors, but the process works only with plenty of reviewers from across the country. More Ohio representation on the team would be good! Becoming a reviewer involves completing an application, taking an online training course, and making a commitment of at least a year. For details, see [this page](#) on the National 4-H Council website. Questions? Please contact Susie Young ([young.171@osu.edu](mailto:young.171@osu.edu), 614-292-6944), who recently completed the process, or Jane Wright ([wright.646@osu.edu](mailto:wright.646@osu.edu), 614-292-0909).

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## **Proposals sought for Outreach and Engagement Forum**

Poster proposals are being accepted for the 2nd Annual Outreach and Engagement Forum, set for May 1 from 1-3 p.m. in the Ohio Union Archie Griffin Ballroom. Complete the online proposal submission form at [go.osu.edu/oeforum](http://go.osu.edu/oeforum) by Feb. 21. The forum is an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to interact with Ohio State's outreach and engagement community share your work and make connections with potential collaborators.

Contact: [outreach@osu.edu](mailto:outreach@osu.edu)

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## **National 4-H Hall of Fame**

The National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force is soliciting applications for a 4-H member to serve as the master/mistress of ceremonies and one to provide entertainment for the October 10, 2014 event. Each state may only nominate one candidate for consideration as the master/mistress of ceremonies and one candidate to sing for the event. Submit all applications for Ohio selection by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2014 to the State 4-H Office 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210, c/o Lisa Jinks, [jinks.2@osu.edu](mailto:jinks.2@osu.edu) Click on docuemnts below for more information.

[MC Application](#)

[Entertainer Application](#)

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### **Reminder! Spring Paper Clover Dates Have Changed**

The Spring 4-H & TSC Paper Clover Promotion dates are now April 23-May 4. Be sure to mark your calendar and begin planning how your club will get involved in-store at your local Tractor Supply Company during the promotion. Try displaying your record books or setting up a petting zoo!.

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### **National 4-H Partners Virtual Town Hall - February 10**

Your partners at 4-H National Headquarters and National 4-H Council invite you to join them for a virtual town hall on **Monday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern**. Lisa Lauxman, Director of 4-H National Headquarters, and Jennifer Sirangelo, President & CEO of National 4-H Council, will share updates and ways they are working together to support high quality 4-H positive youth development.

**RSVP now!** Upon completing the RSVP, you will receive the meeting link. For additional questions, please contact Beth Hecht ([bhecht@4-H.org](mailto:bhecht@4-H.org)).