

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of March 2, 2014

State Leadership Camp Cost and Registration Information Commitment Forms Due Soon!!

- June 2-6, 2014 at Camp Ohio
- Open to young men and women 4-H members ages 15 to 18 and mature (as deemed by county 4-H professional) 14 year olds.
- Attendance for this camp is important and each camper will be expected to stay through the entire duration of camp (school excuses will be available upon request).
- The cost is again \$250 per person, BUT counties have a \$330 scholarship (thanks to Farm Credit and Nationwide!) that can be divided among the participants as desired.
- Counties must submit a “Commitment Form” by March 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (if you have trouble meeting this deadline, please let Hannah know)

For more information or to view the commitment form visit <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-camps/leadership-camp> or contact Hannah Epley, epley.24@osu.edu.

State Leadership Camp Staff Needed

- Counselors and adult staff needed!
- Individuals 18+ who are good leaders, past counselors, or interested in helping
- Required to participate in some trainings prior to camp, including May 16-18 and June 1 (both at Camp Ohio)

Contact Hannah Epley Epley.24@osu.edu with information!

2014 Horse Advisor Training and Information

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to the 4-H Horse Advisor & Volunteer Training in late January in spite of the poor weather conditions. A PDF with presentations and information from the training is available online at <http://4hansci.osu.edu/horse/horseResources.php> on the Resources page.

Revised PAS Patterns

Please be advised that the PAS patterns for Senior Western Showmanship and Driving Reinsmanship have been revised. The corrected patterns are included with the PAS requirement information that is posted online at <http://horse.osu.edu>.

2014 PAS Show Date Information Needed

Each year compile a list is compiled of PAS shows offered throughout the state that are open to other counties. This list is posted on the website at horse.osu.edu. If you would like your PAS show listed, please fill out the attached form and email to alman.4@osu.edu or fax to 614-292-1515. Information needs to be submitted by March 15th as the list will be put online April 1st. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Masa Alman, alman.4@osu.edu. [CLICK HERE FOR form](#).

County 4-H Dog Show Fun Matches

If your county is having a 4-H Dog Fun Match, please email a flyer to Lucinda Miller at miller.78@osu.edu so it can be posted on the 4-H Animal Sciences website and the Ohio 4-H Dog Program Facebook page.

The Sea Camp 2014 registration packet is now available!

Direct interested participants to the Ohio 4-H Sea Camp website at www.ohio4h.org/seacamp/ for the complete registration packet.

Youth Welding Workshop

April 12, 2014

The Youth Welding Workshop provides a unique opportunity for youth ages 10-18 to develop their arc welding (stick or SMAW) skills or their oxyacetylene welding and cutting skills. Through one-on-one assistance students are able to begin their own level and progress their skills throughout the day. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

NEW Teen Opportunity!

[CLICK HERE FOR an application packet](#) for “My Hands to Larger Service Mini-Grants” – a statewide offering for our 4-H teens, generously funded by the Ohio 4-H Foundation. PLEASE SHARE this opportunity with your county teens! One of our targets is to promote use of the new leadership project book “My Hands to Larger Service”, but teens do not have to be officially enrolled in the project (in the event your enrollment deadline has passed, etc.) to receive this mini-grant. Applications may be typed or printed, and are due back by April 1st. Should you (or any of your teens) have questions, please contact Nadine Fogt (fogt.12@osu.edu) or (rockey.16@osu.edu) ...or *CHECK OUT* our session (#522) at the Ohio 4-H Conference next weekend!

Project Book Odds and Ends

Flower Gardening Idea Starter: The *Flower Gardening* idea starter is now available on the Self-Determined Projects and Idea Starters web page: www.ohio4h.org/selfdetermined. We'll let you know when *Shale Gas* is available too.

My Favorite Things: Do you have members eager for a look at *My Favorite Things*? Until it's available, and we're working hard to make that happen, they can take a peek at the contents on Project Central: <http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/publications/my-favorite-things/>. We'll let you know when *Club Leadership* is available too.

Parliamentary Procedure Resources: The Community Development 579CD *Parliamentary Procedure for Common Use* is no longer available. Until we identify a replacement, many parliamentary procedure resources have been linked from the Officer Resources web page: www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/club-members/officer-resources. Look WAY down on the bottom of the page.

Robotics: Robotics fans know that LEGO® has introduced its new EV3 technology. Unfortunately, the current Ohio 4-H project books and videos rely on NXT technology and do not correspond to the new EV3 kits. New books are on the way for next year. Until then, members eager to switch to EV3 can purchase the kit linked [HERE](#) and design their own projects using the Ohio 4-H Self-Determined Project guide. The guide and more information about self-determined projects are [HERE](#). You also can refer members to the Ohio 4-H Robotics web page: www.ohio4h.org/4-h-science/4-h-robotics for this information. By the way, the current NXT project books will remain available, so anyone who invests in an NXT kit this year will be able to use it for at least two years.

Sewing and Textiles Master: This master project, for members with advanced-level sewing and textile skills, has been slightly revised to limit projects to home decoration and design. It goes to state fair on Home Decorating and Design Day.

Questions? Please contact Jane Wright (614.292.0909, wright.646@osu.edu) or Erica Clark-Covert (614.688.1934, clark-covert.1@osu.edu). Thank you!

4-H Camp Ohio – Camp Counselor Workshop Friday, April 25-Saturday, April 26

Any and all counselors are welcome to attend this great training opportunity. Registration is due no later than April 10th! Registrations should be entered by the 4-H professional at

<http://go.osu.edu/ccwregistration>. Questions can be directed to Jessica Rockey or Jenny Cherry.

[CLICK HERE FOR CCW Schedule](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR CCW Registration](#)

Postings for Volunteer Background Policies

PowerPoints and instructional fact sheets are now posted on the 4-H webpage from the January Hot Topics on the topic of Volunteer Background Screening Policy. Located on the [Staff page](#), under [Volunteer Selection and Policies](#), in the section titled [Fingerprint Background Checks](#), the resources include the PowerPoint of the Hot Topics (not the recording), a short PowerPoint to use at county advisor training, a factsheet for county Extension professionals, and explanation for volunteers. The URL for the web based check is not yet functional.

4-H Professionals With Opportunity To Conduct 4-H CARTEENS Programming

Register to attend a free update and training on Ohio 4-H CARTEENS. The first training will be offered on March 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richland County Extension office, and the second opportunity will be on April 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the at the Ross County Extension office. Lunch will be provided. Both sessions will be similar in focus and content.

The 4-H CARTEENS Design Team is offering this opportunity. The primary purposes are to: [1] Share 4-H CARTEEN programming ideas and materials; and [2] Explain the details of the implementation of the 4-H CARTEENS applied research initiative.

Whether you are currently conducting a 4-H CARTEENS program, or would like to investigate this opportunity, each of these sessions will provide programming materials and ideas to enhance your efforts. Such face-to-face gatherings on a specific topic always provide great networking opportunities.

In the fall of 2013 the 4-H CARTEENS Design Team received Ohio State University Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for data collection from 4-H CARTEENS participants to determine the impact of this programming. At the March 19th and April 3rd meetings, this data collection instrument will be shared, and its use explained. Whether your county signed-on in as one of the fourteen counties to officially participate in this research or not, **EVERYONE WITH 4-H CARTEENS PROGRAMS IS EXPECTED TO USE THIS INSTRUMENT.** At the minimum, it will provide impact data to share with local partners.

But the 4-H CARTEENS programming impact can be shown on a larger and more powerful scale by participating in the 4-H CARTEENS research. How to participate will be explained at these meetings? If there are counties who did not sign-on originally to be a part of this project, we will explain how they can now become involved.

Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions. [CLICK HERE FOR the registration form.](#)

Rabbit Clinic Extravaganza

A Rabbit Clinic Extravaganza sponsored by the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Youth will be held March 22 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Registration is from 7:30-9:00am. Quality Assurance will be at 2:30pm. A flyer is posted on the 4-H Animal Sciences Calendar of Events page and Companion/Rabbit page at: <http://www.4hansci.osu.edu/>. Contact youthdirector@osrba.net if you have any questions.

2104 OBE Judging Contest

[CLICK HERE FOR the registration](#) form and information for the Ohio Beef Expo Judging Contest that will be held on the 15th of March 2014. Please pass this information onto those in your county that will be participating in this contest.

Stierwalt Beef Grooming and Show Fitting Clinic

Kirk Stierwalt will be coming to Coshocton County Fairgrounds on April 19, 2014 for an all-day beef clinic on clipping, fitting, nutrition, show day dressing, showmanship and daily care. This clinic is FREE! Registration starts at 8am and the clinic will last all day. Food stands will be on grounds. The flyer is posted on the 4-H Animal Sciences Livestock Events Page at: <http://www.4hansci.osu.edu/livestock/livestockEvents.php>. You can see his website at: <http://www.kirkstierwalt.com/>.

National 4-H History Preservation Program

http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Newsletter/PDF/4HHPP_Newsletter_v05_n02_2014-02.pdf

This newsletter always has some interesting information.

Texas to Host National 4-H Food Challenge Contest!

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is pleased to announce plans to host the National 4-H Food Challenge Contest in 2014! The contest will be held in conjunction with the State Fair of Texas on October 7th and 8th, 2014 in Dallas. Educational activities are being planned for Tuesday, October 7th, with the food challenge contest set to take place on Wednesday, October 8th. States are allowed to enter up to four teams in the competition. [CLICK HERE for Flyer](#).

More information is also available at www.nationalfoodchallenge.org and the site will continue to be updated with additional information as it becomes available.

4-H Name & Emblem Update

We are pleased to announce that all of the individual information sheets related to the 4-H Name and Emblem have been updated and consolidated into a single document. In addition the 4-H Name and Emblem website has been revised to reflect this change. The new “Policy Guide for 4-H Professionals” is attached for your ease of reference. The website also has another version of this guide designed for non 4-H professionals that is appropriate for those you partner with. We hope these updates assist you in upholding the integrity of the 4-H Name and Emblem. Please share this information with your state and local staff. [CLICK HERE FOR policy guide.](#)

http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/youthdev_res_emblem.html

Stipends Available for 4-H Clubs

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is offering an exciting opportunity for 4-H clubs around the country to be engaged in preventing underage drinking by conducting community-based town hall meetings and to receive a \$500 planning stipend to support their efforts. [CLICK HERE FOR more information](#) about the opportunity. The deadline for applying is March 7.

Deadline Extended

Application for the 2014-2015 National 4-H GIS-GPS Leadership Team

Due to the severe winter weather that many have been experiencing, The National 4-H GIS-GPS Leadership Team application deadline is extended to Friday, March 7. Several states have stated that their applications are in process.

[CLICK HERE FOR additional information](#) about the responsibilities of the team and the application. This is a unique opportunity for 4-H teen/adult teams to take a national leadership role to advance geospatial technology in 4-H. State/LGU 4-H teams consist of one or two teens ages 14-17 with and adult.

Head, Heart, Hands, Health and Homeruns

On May 31, 2014, we invite you to join us once again for an evening of family, friendly 4-H fun! 2013 marked the beginning of an exciting partnership with Ohio 4-H and the Dayton Dragons professional baseball team which is affiliated with the Cincinnati Reds. The first annual 4-H Day with the Dayton Dragons was a great success with approximately 600 tickets sold to Ohio 4-H members, family and friends. Plans are underway for another great 4-H Day. Before the game at 5:00 p.m. there will be activities on the Plaza outside the main gates. The theme of Head, Heart, Hands, Health and Homeruns will be highlighted. Not just open to 4-H members, the activities will introduce those attending the game to the Ohio 4-H program and STEM Pathways Signature Program activities. At 6:00 p.m. participants will meet to line up for the 4-H Parade of Counties which will take place on the field. The 4-H pledge will be led by selected 4-H members. One of the highlights of the evening will be the opening pitch at 7:00 p.m. thrown by a representative of the county with the most people in attendance. Of course, attendees will be able to watch a great game of baseball. Tickets are on sale now. The \$16 dollar ticket price includes admission to the game and a special 4-H Night Dayton Dragons t-shirt. A night with the Dayton Dragons and 4-H is a night of quality family entertainment. [CLICK HERE FOR more information.](#)

Sharing North Central Teaching Resources

The 2013 North Central E-Forum is now completed, with the last session involving some technology glitches Feb 3, 2014. BUT the resources are good and available for your continued use.

Topics this year included:

- OMG! You've Got 4-H Parents! Now What??
- Engaging Teens and Older Youth
- Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience featuring our own Mark Light and
- Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects, featuring our own Bonnie Malone.

The recorded sessions can be retrieved at <http://4h.uwex.edu/ncrvd/eForum2013.cfm>

The PowerPoints and activities used can be retrieved at <http://4h.uwex.edu/ncrvd/ncrvd2013-14materials.cfm> if you wish to use without the recording.

The “Facilitator’s Guide” includes the “script” that can be used with the PowerPoint as well as instructions for the activities.

Please take advantage of these resources! Why re-invent the wheel?