

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## April 14, 2013

Hi,

*Last Tuesday morning I stepped out of the house before dawn. I saw that the temperature was 57 degrees – and I thought that it was comfortable in my shirt sleeves. It has been a long, cold and snowy winter. If last July or August I knew that the outside temperature was 57 degrees after a series of blistering 80 degree days, I would have been looking for my jacket. This is an example of how all things are relative.*

*If we have four night meetings scheduled in a week during a busy 4-H month, and a fifth is added, that is not a big deal. But if we have gone two weeks in a row without a night meeting, and then have to facilitate a meeting, it becomes a bigger deal. Likewise, many of us have endured several concerns (a nice word of complaints) during just one day of the county fair, and we take them in stride. But then we may lose sleep because a concerned parent has raised an issue (a nice word for complaint) with us during the winter or spring months. Again, things are relative.*

*You have to admit, we do have a great job. Our schedules, though demanding at times, are very flexible. We have the opportunity to work with volunteers who are generally the leaders in the community who have enthusiasm, skills and dedication. Our work on average directly influences between 800-900 youth per county per year who are enrolled in community 4-H clubs, plus many other youth and adults who are reached through other delivery methods. We are not forced into one mold, that one size fits all, but rather we can shape our local programming to fit the needs of the community in which we are immersed, yet at the same time, fulfill our personal interests, skills and abilities.*

*Granted, not everything goes the way that we want. Too often we have limited resources or even more limited time. However, just as Ohio's weather, wait an hour or two, and it will change. Variety is good, things are relatively good or bad, but the good far outnumber the bad.*

Thanks,

Tom

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**755 Muzzleloader Member Record Book Still on the Way**



The Muzzleloader Member Record Book is still in production. Because it is such an improvement over the last edition, we really want to make it available to 4-H members this program year, even at this late date. Until it's available (within two weeks) and so that youth can start their projects, the pages that have to do with setting goals and safety are posted online [HERE](#). (Look under Publications Available for Download.) If a 4-H member prints and uses these pages, the information eventually will have to be copied into a project book.

Even though it is not in stock at this time, county offices will be able to place orders for 755 Muzzleloader Member Record Book in the next day or so. It will automatically be placed on backorder and shipped when it becomes available. I hope you agree that waiting for the new book is the right way to go, and I apologize for the inconvenience. Please thank 4-H members and volunteers for their flexibility. Contact Jane Wright at [wright.646@osu.edu](mailto:wright.646@osu.edu) or 614.292.0909 with any questions. Many thanks!

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## 4-H Tractor Supply Company New Features for Spring Paper Clover

To encourage counties to participate here are some new features and changes to the spring Paper Clover promotion. You may have heard John Wendler, SVP Marketing at TSC, speak at the leadership meeting about the county incentive program and how TSC views local 4-H's in-store participation during Paper Clover as one of the most important pieces in a successful partnership. Learn how to become eligible to receive additional funding through Paper Clover. Further information and promotional resources are provided on the [Paper Clover toolkit](#), we hope these materials will help to make Paper Clover as successful as possible in your county.

Username: [paperclover@4-H.org](mailto:paperclover@4-H.org)

Passcode: paperclove

Ohio 4-H in-store participation in 2012:

Spring 2012 57%

Fall 2012 39%

Spring Paper Clover Key Highlights: Spring Paper Clover is May 8-19 at all TSC/Del's stores

- \$5 Clover: In addition to the \$1 Paper Clover, there will now be a \$5 Paper Clover available
- Coupon: Both \$1 and \$5 Paper Clovers will have a \$1 or \$2 Purina coupon attached available to customers when they make a donation to 4-H

- \$1,000 State Incentive: One winning state from each region will be selected to receive an award of \$1,000 for being the top performing state by having the highest average amount of dollars raised. To be eligible, the state must have a minimum of at least 50% of their counties participating in the county incentive program.
- County Incentive Program: Starting this spring promotion, counties will be given an extra incentive to help their TSC store raise more funds for their 4-H program. Any county program that participates with some kind of in-store activity and returns the participation form will be eligible to receive 100% of the funds raised above what that store raised in the spring 2012 Paper Clover promotion. *See example below.*

To participate in the County Incentive Program to receive additional funding:

1. Print off the participation form found on the Paper Clover toolkit.
2. Participate in an in-store event during Paper Clover.
3. Return participation form.
4. Beat the amount of money raised at TSC store during Spring 2012.

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)**

Or contact: Julie Conn, National 4-H Council - [jconn@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:jconn@fourhcouncil.edu)

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## **State Farm Companies Foundation Service Learning Grant**

Web Site: <http://www.statefarmyab.com>

Program URL: <http://www.statefarmyab.com/apply/national-grants/>

SYNOPSIS: The Youth Advisory Board is currently funding service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that address the root cause of the following issue areas:

- Access to Higher Education/Closing the Achievement Gap; Financial Literacy (and Economic Inclusion)
- Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness
- Social Health & Wellness Issues
- Environmental Responsibility

Deadline(s): 05/03/2013

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## **2013 NICE Conference**

*July 27 - 31, 2013*  
*Virginia Tech University*

Registration forms and information are now available online for the National Institute on Cooperative Education. With an excellent itinerary of cooperative speakers, hands-on activities, leadership training and team building, your students are guaranteed to have a blast while learning about cooperatives.

This year's NICE Conference includes:

- **Stuco:** students run their own cooperatives in this business competition
- **Case Studies:** students compete to develop solutions to co-op issues
- **Who's Minding the Store:** students engage in a business simulation as the management team for their co-op
- **Team Building and Leadership:** students engage in entertaining games and activities to work together and enhance leadership skills
- **Day Trip:** students enjoy a relaxing outing at the beautiful Natural Bridge
- **Outstanding Youth Scholar Contest:** two students from each state can interview for a chance to return in 2014 as the National Outstanding Youth Scholar
- **OTHER:** other activities include a talent show, awards banquet, ice cream social, karaoke, a dance and making friends from across the country

Don't miss out on the opportunity to impact students' lives by sending them to NICE and helping them become future co-op leaders.

***[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORMS AND CONFERENCE DETAILS.](#)***