

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of April 20, 2014

Jane Wright Receives OSU Distinguished Staff Award

The Ohio 4-H State Office is pleased to congratulate Jane Wright as a 2014 Ohio State University Distinguished Staff Award recipient. Jane joined the State 4-H staff in 2007 as the curriculum manager. Her multiple talents and skills led to this prestigious recognition.

Jane's leadership in developing new models of 4-H member curriculum materials and the revision of 4-H curriculum materials has been significant to the experiential learning of Ohio youth. She acts as a liaison with University academic departments, design teams, authors, designers, and subject matter committees. With her keen sense for business, innovation and development, Jane has increased the production of published books and resources such as the Learning Laboratory Kits. One colleague commented, "In this time when everything is "digital," Jane is deliberate about transforming the traditional, paper-based 4-H curriculum into appropriate electronic formats." The creation of Project Central is an example. Members and parents can easily preview this searchable website displaying the table of contents and first activity of over 245 project books and resources offered by Ohio 4-H.

Another colleagues states, "Jane is an innovative leader that goes above and beyond her job duties to make sure she provides curriculum and support to county Extension educators that make Ohio's 4-H program the best in the nation." We are fortunate to have such an outstanding staff member. Congratulations, Jane!

My Plate flyer for all 4-H Nutrition Projects

As counties deliver project materials for 4-H members, please remember to include the 4-H My Plate Flyer in EVERY NUTRITION PROJECT BOOK. Many complaints by parents and members about the State Fair Foods contests alleged that the 4-H member who enrolled in a project book printed before MyPLate (with MyPyramid) did not have the MyPlate information. That can be easily rectified! A downloadable flyer is available at

<http://www.ohio4h.org/publications> going then to the right hand bar under "Documents and Links".

Thanks for helping all your Foods members learn about MyPlate!

Share your 4-H Afterschool Program Highlights

4-H Council is going to create a whitepaper (3-4 pages) that would serve as an information piece that could be handed to a potential donor to encourage them to support 4-H Afterschool financially. Gabrielle Antoniadis at Social Capital will be drafting the whitepaper. Her email address is gantoniadis@socialcapitalpartnerships.com. She can also be reached by phone at 860-287-1350. She needs our help to highlight some of the great work that the 4-H community has done with 4-H Afterschool in all neighborhoods - rural, urban and suburban - while reaching multiple populations and certainly to include underserved youth. There is a short turnaround so we need anything you are willing to share! Give her a call if you have further questions! Your stories, your impacts are important!