

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## Week of April 6, 2014

### Project Central How-To Flyers Only Available Online

The Project Central How-To Flyers are no longer available for ordering on eStore but you can download the document on <http://www.ohio4h.org/project-books-and-resources/project-central> or [here](#) and print as many as you need. If you have any questions, please contact Erica Clark-Covert (614-688-1934 or [clark-covert.1@osu.edu](mailto:clark-covert.1@osu.edu)).

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### 4-H Dairy News

Reminder to 4H educators that the early registration deadline for Dairy Palooza is April 12. New workshops have been added including one for animal welfare AND a panel on dairy feeders with Dr. Leah Dorman as moderator. Just a reminder that this event offers Quality Assurance training, specific to dairy. Registration forms and many of the program details are available at [www.ohiodairypalooza.com](http://www.ohiodairypalooza.com).

Also last Saturday, March 29, the Ohio 4H Dairy Judging contest was held in conjunction with Ohio FFA. Nearly 400 youth were present for this premiere event held during Spring Dairy Expo. Participants placed 6 classes and were able to view every dairy breed. Senior and Intermediate 4Hers were required to give two sets of reasons and Juniors attended a workshop on how to compose reasons. Many thanks to over 30 volunteer individuals who assisted with the management of the contest. Results are posted at [www.4hansci.osu.edu/dairy](http://www.4hansci.osu.edu/dairy) and an album of county teams and general photos are on our Facebook page, Ohio 4H Dairy Programs.

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### 4-H Baseball with the Buckeyes

Bring your friends and join us for 4-H Baseball with the Buckeyes on May 3 as the OSU baseball team takes on Iowa. Enjoy pregame 4-H STEM activities at the Ohio 4-H Center and Kids Day activities across the street at Bill Davis Stadium. \$10 includes ticket and 4-H tee-shirt. <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-baseball-buckeyes-1>

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## **4-H Science Saturday**

4-H Science Saturday is celebrating Earth Day on April 19 with the enCORE House and earth-friendly activities. Details at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-science-saturday-earth-day-0>.

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### **Have You A Unique 4-H Anecdote?**

Many times through each year we learn of a youth or adult, currently or previously involved in Ohio 4-H, who has an interesting or special 4-H anecdote which illustrates the impact that 4-H can have on lives. These stories might be project based, club based, community based or career based. However, these stories come to us mostly by chance.

We have had an Ohio 4-H Marketing Message work group for the past three years that has grown the tagline, "Discover Yourself in 4-H". Most have seen stories that have been generated through the tagline, "I Got My Start in 4-H". And there are other beginnings of stories that have been mentioned in the social media. Our College Communications staff is creative at molding these pieces of information into media releases, both video and print. The Ohio 4-H Foundation Board would like to more formally solicit such anecdotes, or "stories" to help share the impact that 4-H has made, and is making, on the lives of Ohioans.

Therefore, here is the request. Please think about all the 4-H people, clubs, activities and events in your county. Then identify at least one "story line" that you think is interesting, special or unique. Send a sentence or two description of that "story line", along with the contact person and contact information of the person who can provide, or who has sources to provide, the details about that "story line".

This information can be entered at the following web-based survey site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3XZTHN9>

I will assimilate this list, and we will pursue these stories to fit the demand that we might have, relative to subject matter, time of year, career or whatever else develops. The compiled results of this request will serve as a resource of fresh, interesting and impactful media messages that The State 4-H Office can share in the coming months. – Thanks, Tom!

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### **'27,000 Years of Service' — and Counting**

Thousands of volunteers serve as a lifeline for programs sponsored by the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. In OSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program alone, more than 20,400 adults and nearly 5,000 youths volunteered in 2013. OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers total more than 3,500 in 62 counties throughout the state.

Bruce McPherson, vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the college, attended the annual 4-H conference in March and started adding up the years that honorees had contributed to Ohio 4-H. "I added up more than 27,000 years of service to Ohio's youth, and that's only for the volunteers who were being recognized this year."

-- > Read more: [go.osu.edu/Ext\\_vols](http://go.osu.edu/Ext_vols)

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## **Bioenergy and Bioproducts Professional Development Workshop for Educators**

OBIC Bioproducts Innovation Center at The Ohio State University, in collaboration with Purdue University and Michigan State University, is hosting a one-week summer workshop for educators. Apply at: <http://www.bioenergyed.org/apply>

Who: Pre-service or in-service science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and agricultural educators who aspire to be leaders in sustainability-related topics

What: Bioenergy & Bioproducts Education Program (BBEP) is a multi-state initiative that provides educators with training in sustainability concepts, such as biobased fuels and products, environment, and policy, connected to STEM disciplines. Participants will be trained by master teachers; tour biobased industries; and network with researchers, industry professionals, and fellow educators to develop resources for their classroom. More information is in the attached brochure or at: <http://www.bioenergyed.org/>

When: Monday, August 4th - Friday, August 8th

Where: Indianapolis, Indiana

Cost: 20 full scholarships are available, which includes a stipend, supplies, curriculum, workshop fees, and most accommodations, including hotel

*"Bioenergy and biobased products are important to teach because they are going to be the forefront of new technologies but there is hardly any information out there on these topics. This workshop definitely helped me with content and lab ideas,"* Kaeri King, science educator and BBEP participant

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Please contact either of us with questions and thank you for your consideration. **Dustin M. Homan**, [homan.64@osu.edu](mailto:homan.64@osu.edu) or Kaitlyn M. Schrader, [schrader.191s@osu.edu](mailto:schrader.191s@osu.edu)

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## **State Farm Youth Advisory Board - Grant Opportunity**



STATE FARM® YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

[State Farm® Youth Advisory Board](#) (YAB) service-learning grant applications are available now until May 2. The grants range from \$25,000 - \$100,000 and are designed to create sustainable change in local communities across the United States. Public K-12, charter, higher education institutions, and non-profit organizations are eligible if they are able to demonstrate how they plan to impact student achievement within the public K-12 curriculum. All applicants must have a youth contact and adult administrator, as the programs must be youth-driven and youth-led.

Each grant request must fall under one of these issue areas, chosen by the board itself:

- Community Safety
- Environmental Responsibility
- Financial Literacy
- Access to Higher Education
- Health and Wellness
- Arts and Culture

As of August 2013, seven years after the initial launch of the YAB, the board has awarded more than **\$28.6 million** in grants to organizations in the U.S. and Canada and impacted approximately **16.1 million lives**.

Find out more at [www.sfyab.com](http://www.sfyab.com)! You can also check us out on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#)!