

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## May 19, 2013

Hi,

*Earlier this month one of the Regional Directors shared with me a letter that had been received. It was from a county fair board president, and it highlighted the great things and sound partnership that the County 4-H Educator in that county had created in the respect to the fair board. The letter was specific, well written and very complimentary.*

*Too often in our jobs we receive letters, phone calls and emails that are not so complimentary or appreciative. We all know that most of these are in the context of county junior fair operation, and they relate to situations that are most often related to the competitive junior fair events in which 4-H participates. The 4-H Professional is usually quite visible in these scenarios, and seemingly always available, so naturally the brunt of the complaints, issues and concerns fall upon 4-H.*

*One year, a clever Junior Fair Board member in my county created a rather large sign and hung it behind the counter in the Junior Fair Headquarters. It read, "We Also Accept Compliments". It hung there for several years, but you know, I do not ever remember hearing a compliment or expression of appreciation in that location. However, the humor it invoked often softened other situations.*

*We do not do what we do to receive letters of thanks, appreciation, or commendation. We do what we do to develop youth into successful adults. It is not that those the vast majority of adults or youth associated with our programming do not gain from our work, or that they do not realize the benefits of 4-H and our involvement. In part, it is an expected – after all, we are paid professionals. But I think the reason we do not see more of such written praises is that most of us do not take the time to write that little note or type a letter.*

*But when those are received, they are treasured. Each one usually makes my day, and sometimes my week or month. I kept a file, and it helped once in a while to pull that out to review those pages.*

Thanks,

Tom

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### Ohio 4-H Workforce Prep Day at the State Fair

Just a friendly reminder to encourage your youth to participate in the Workforce Prep Day contest at the Ohio State Fair on Wednesday, July 24. Members who have participated in CARTEENS, camp counseling, junior fair board, leadership projects or other workforce preparation experience are all eligible. Cash prizes of \$250

for the top two seniors and top junior are available. See the attached flyer for more details. Please share the flyer with members from your county/program. Pre-registration is due July 12. Questions? Contact Nate Arnett, [Arnett.67@osu.edu](mailto:Arnett.67@osu.edu)

[CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

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## **OSU Camp Policy on Protecting Minors: Staff Training and Counselor Training**

The efforts continue with OSU's efforts to ensure that all minors are safe while involved with programs in the name of our institution as well as in the name of Ohio 4-H. 1.) If you recall, President Gee established a policy that all OSU employees are now required to report abuse they witness or suspect. It puts us all in the category of "mandated reporters." 2.) University HR developed a training program for all campus based camp directors of overnight programs which is required prior to conducting their summer programs. 3.) Vicki Schwartz and Sally McClaskey have modified that lesson for our county based OSU staff who will be conducting 4-H camps. They are presenting it to the EERAs, and it will also be presented at the May 21 Hot Topics. 4.) If you can not attend the EERA or Hot Topics presentations and thus would like to complete the program separately, a recording of the presentation can be found at <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-staff/resources/camp-management> . Be sure to review the lesson in the "Notes Page" view as some of the commentary is presented in the notes page only. 5.) Upon completing the lesson independently, participants are required to notify Vicki Schwartz, providing information about their completion.

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## **Camp Counselor Opportunities at Camps for Military Youth**

### **Applications are due ASAP!**

#### **Camp Kelleys Island, August 3-9, Kelleys Island**

Operation: Military Kids is in full swing for summer and we are very excited for our camping programs! We are searching for some additional male camp counselors 17 year of age or over to complete our summer staff for the week of August 3-9. This is a volunteer position, but there is no cost to the counselor to participate. Please feel free to share our web link <http://www.ohio4h.org/operation-military-kids/volunteer>, which has the camp counselor application. For questions, contact Katie Feldhues [feldhues.2@osu.edu](mailto:feldhues.2@osu.edu)

#### **Military Teen Adventure Camp, July 20-26, Beulah Beach, Vermilion**

We are recruiting male counselors 18 and over for this camp for military teens ages 14 to 18. This is a paid position (\$275 plus travel). Interested individuals should contact Mary Beth Albright [albright.75@osu.edu](mailto:albright.75@osu.edu) for an application or with questions.

This is a great opportunity for your current camp counselors who are looking for that next challenge as a camp counselor. As well, please consider if there any of your former camp counselors who love camp but have aged out of the 4-H program who might be interested. We hope that you can send a few great counselors our way!

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## **4-H History Preservation Newsletter May 2013**

[http://n4h.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?dlv\\_id=17261&em\\_id=13681.0](http://n4h.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?dlv_id=17261&em_id=13681.0)

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### **goLEAD**

#### **GenerationOn Leadership, Education and Development Program**

**goLEAD** offered as a unique training that provides youth development professionals, educators and anyone who runs teen programming with the opportunity to learn an innovative model to enhance youth engagement.

goLEAD was originally developed in the 1990s in collaboration with the Center for Creative Leadership and features over 30 hours of interactive activities that take teens through nine stages of leadership development. Once you are trained in the program, you can apply it to your work with youth to increase their leadership development skills within the footprint of your existing programs. goLEAD has been wildly popular and we recently revamped the curriculum to focus on the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

We also secured funding to provide scholarships for those working with low-income youth to attend the training! The training is typically \$750 per person, but with the scholarship you receive a waived registration and \$500 towards travel costs. The next training is June 17-18, 2013 in Washington D.C. and the deadline to apply is Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at noon EDT.

You can:

- Learn more about goLEAD [here](#).
  - Apply for the scholarship [here](#).
  - Register for the June goLEAD training in D.C. [here](#).
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### **Online Parenting Resource for Parents of 10-16 Year Olds**

University of Wisconsin, Cooperative Extension online Parenting resource. It's called Parenthetical and it's available to educators and parents throughout the state at <http://www.myparenthetical.com> . Parenthetical is a combination blog, website and social network for parents of 10-16 year old tweens and teens designed to provide parents and other caregivers with ongoing education, support and networking.

The publicity kit is available [at:http://myparenthetical.com/press-materials](http://myparenthetical.com/press-materials).

If you need more information about the site, would like hard copies of any of the promotional materials, or would like to talk more about the project, please feel free to email, [sasmall@wisc.edu](mailto:sasmall@wisc.edu).

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### **Ohio 4-H News & Notes Improvements**

Beginning in June the Ohio 4-H News and Notes will be accessible by 4-H Professionals through the password protected portal of the State 4-H web site. The primary purpose of 4-H News and Notes is to provide information that helps Ohio 4-H Professionals do their jobs better and to provide news articles written so that if the County 4-H Professional decides to share through local paper based or electronic media, it will require simple cutting and pasting. News and Notes will be improved to include only those items that contribute toward that purpose. General newsworthy Ohio 4-H items will be shared through the home page of the Ohio 4-H web site and through the 4-H calendar which is available on the home page.