

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of August 25, 2013

Time to Celebrate! – Ohio 4-H GEN Has Received Approval

Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program has finally received their own Federal Group Exemption Letter from the IRS – GEN 5925. It has been such a long time coming! With this group exemption, donors can be assured that their donations are going to a 501 (c) (3) organization.

We expect there to be a period of adjustment to parallel our data with the IRS. We are waiting for the IRS to complete the data transfer. Please continue to keep an updated county EIN list of 4-H clubs/affiliates. Counties will also want to make sure that the new template for constitutions has been adopted by all groups and that charter checklists, needed MOUs and financial reporting is up to date. Cleaning up the data will make the annual 990 reporting system much easier for our 4-H advisors and personnel.

Emergency Tax Exemption Letters

Upon request, “Emergency Tax Determination Letters” will be prepared for chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized affiliated 4-H organizations under control of Cooperative Extension. “Determination letters” are prepared for clubs/affiliates that cannot accept funds for grants without some evidence of tax exempt status to share with a funder. These letters are solely for the purpose of documenting for a donor or grantor the status of the 4-H subsidiary so that a group is not prevented from receiving funds. No other use is authorized.

County 4-H Professionals should send a club/affiliate request to the State 4-H Office by e-mail to jinks.2@osu.edu.

The request must include:

- EIN#
- Club/Affiliated Group Name
- Contact person
- Address
- A statement from the 4-H Professional that the club is chartered, in good standing and under control of Cooperative Extension
- Reason for emergency letter request

Please allow approximately two weeks for response to special requests. Letters will be sent directly to the contact person/address listed for the group.

Videos & Photos Needed

NIFA has been provided an opportunity to showcase 4-H in a national public media initiative airing next month called “American Graduate: Let’s Make It Happen”. As part of that showcase, NIFA is creating a short video about 4-H. If you have any HD video or high resolution photographs – and hold the rights to share those media with us – we invite you to submit those to us for possible inclusion in this video as background images. Our focus is on diverse images of youth and adults working together.

Deadline for submission **next Friday, August 30th**.

Please **send all video information and photographs to Jennifer Martin**, jmartin@nifa.usda.gov, in the NIFA communications office.

National 4-H History Preservation Newsletter July/August 2013

[CLICK HERE for a copy of the newsletter](#)

Celebrate Your 4-H Pride with 2013 National 4-H Week October 6-12, 2013

Don't miss out on the chance to celebrate your 4-H pride this year with National 4-H Week, and put your club in the spotlight! Use this toolkit to encourage new 4-H youth, volunteers, alumni, and supporters to get involved.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Promotional Toolkits