

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of September 14, 2014

Cyber Auction benefitting Celebration of Youth

Only a few more days! The auction is open until Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 11:00 p.m. So please spread the word! Bid Often and Bid High!

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/Ohio4foundation>

Your Vote for Project Central Is Needed

Thanks to your votes Project Central is currently the most popular website on EduStyle, a website dedicated to recognizing college websites for outstanding design. We still need votes to secure our spot. Please register and decide how many stars the website deserves before voting ends this Wednesday, 9/17. Yikes, that's means you should do this NOW!

www.edustyle.net

2014 Excellence in 4-H Award Nomination, Due October 20

Once again it is time to make nominations for the Excellence in 4-H Award. This award honors superior accomplishments by an Extension Educator in developing dynamic, innovative, broad-based 4-H educational programs. The award, funded through the Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Fund, is dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professionals who serve as examples in setting standards of excellence in ten major areas of the County 4-H program.

A peer may nominate any Ohio State University Extension Educator who provides leadership to 4-H programs. Nomination forms are due to Lisa Jinks by October 20, 2014. jinks.2@osu.edu. Please nominate one or more individuals, whom you think are deserving of this recognition.

[2014 Excellence in 4-H Nomination Form](#)

[Excellence in 4-H List of Award Winners](#)

[Excellence in 4-H Award](#)

State Leadership Camp Dates and Cost

Save the date! The State 4-H Leadership Camp will be held July 5-9, 2015 at Camp Ohio.

Open to young men and women 4-H members ages 15 to 18 and mature (as deemed by county 4-H professional) 14 year olds.

Attendance for this camp is important and each camper will be expected to stay through the entire duration of camp (regardless of if they have other camps, fairs, etc.).

The cost is again \$250 per person, BUT counties have a \$330 scholarship (thanks to Farm Credit and Nationwide!) that can be divided among the participants as desired.

Counties must submit a "Commitment Form" in the spring (more information will be coming soon!

If you have questions, please contact Hannah Epley, epley.24@osu.edu. Commitment forms and additional information will be coming in the future!

State Leadership Camp Staff Needed

Counselors and adult staff needed!

Individuals 18+ who are good leaders, past counselors, or interested in helping

Must complete application, undergo selection, and attain a background check

Required to participate in some trainings prior to camp, including May 29-31 and July 4 (both at Camp Ohio)--this is not negotiable.

Contact Hannah Epley, Epley.24@osu.edu, with information and she will send application information when it is available! (Applications will be due after the first of the year)

Fall 4-H CARTEENS Conference Postponed

The state 4-H CARTEENS Conference scheduled for October 4, 2014 in Columbus has been postponed. The State 4-H CARTEENS Design Team has had some major changes in our planning team and didn't feel we could put on the quality conference we want to share with your local 4-H CARTEENS team at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

For some good news..... Look for a team update and some educational giveaways at the November 4-H professionals in-service.

Ohio 4-H Camp In-service – November 21, 2014

All 4-H professionals and volunteers who have a part in leading and managing camp programs are invited to attend. Mark your calendars and watch for registration materials coming in early October. This all-day workshop will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. As discussed at the Spring 4-H Update, Ohio 4-H requires Camp Program Directors (those individuals providing leadership for camp programs) to complete training every 3 years. This in-service will not only meet that requirement, but also give you a chance to learn about and share new ideas for camp management and programming.

Carving New Ideas Camp is now Oct 24-26

It's that time of year again when we start promoting Carving New Ideas attendance! And yes – you may remember that this camp has been held in mid-December in the past. This year, CNI will be held at 4-H Camp Ohio from October 24 to October 26. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration form.

This year is the Collegiate 4-H club's 35th annual CNI workshop, and we would love to celebrate this great tradition with another group of wonderful young leaders. Please forward on to all of your 4-H club advisors and high school-age 4-H members. Thanks for your support! Jill Deatherage deatherage.8@osu.edu.

2015 OFMA Junior Fair Conference: Session Proposals

Although the wintery days of January may be far from our minds at this moment, it is indeed time to begin thinking about the 2015 Junior Fair Conference. This year's conference will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 in Columbus at the Hyatt Regency Hotel / Columbus Convention Center. Please consider submitting a presentation proposal to the following groups: OSUE professionals, OFMA SFB members, Junior Fair Board Members and Advisors, and Ohio FFA Chapters.

Submit the following information to Lisa McCutcheon, mccutcheon.46@osu.edu

- Presenter Name(s)
- Presenter(s) Email Address(es):

- County:
- Representing Organization: (OSUE / OFMA / JFB / FFA / etc.)
- Tentative Title of Presentation:
- Paragraph explaining the overall topic to be addressed.

Proposals received will then be considered during a planning meeting (conference call) to be held on Wednesday, September 24th.

CWF & LWF Information

Preliminary information about these two outstanding educational opportunities for 4-H'ers has been posted at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/club-members/events-opportunities>. Additional information will be posted as it is received.

OSU Extension 2014 Annual Conference and Research Colloquium

The OSU Extension 2014 Annual Conference and Research Colloquium will be on December 9-11 at the Ohio Union. All 4-H Professionals are encouraged to consider the research, skill sets, methods, trends, etc. that will drive our organization forward in service to all Ohioans. Proposals are due by 5 pm on Friday September 26.

45 minute presentation or poster.

New this year: a special poster opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students.

To submit a proposal, go to http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2014RFP . Please be sure to read the instructions located here <http://go.osu.edu/2014EAC> BEFORE you go to the website to submit, as it is helpful to prepare your notes ahead of time in Word.

Teachers Bringing Science to Life Contest

We are calling all science teachers to submit three photos of your class conducting the 2014 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) "Rockets to the Rescue" experiment for a chance to win \$1,000 and a STEM Classroom makeover! [Learn more about the contest](#), sponsored by Lockheed Martin.

National 4-H Week

The theme and marketing materials for National 4-H Week is found at www.4-H.org.

Get Ready for Paper Clover

The Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover promotion is a great way for your county to earn money for the things you need most! Make sure you are prepared to make the most of Paper Clover by attending one of our [upcoming webinars](#).

2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

You can gain statewide or national recognition for your 4-H'ers who volunteer by participating in the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, an independent awards program that recognizes young people in grades 5-12 on the basis of their volunteer activities. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

[Implementation packet](#) with complete instructions for nominating 4-H members in your county. Briefly, here's how it works:

Now through November 4, 2014, 4-H'ers can apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. Applications must be submitted to you by **November 4**.

Your county 4-H program can select one middle level Local Honoree for every 1,000 members (or portion thereof) in grades 5-8 and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 members in grades 9-12.

Once you have selected your Local Honorees, you must certify their applications online by **November 11, 2014 to make them eligible for state-level judging**.

If you have any questions or need a paper version of the application form, please call 877-525-8491. Additional information is available at <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

Celebrate My Drive®

Celebrate My Drive® is a community celebration of safe driving habits. It emphasizes making safe choices behind the wheel like 2N2®, 2 eyes on the road, 2 hands on the wheel. Please help us influence new drivers to be safe drivers by inviting high schools to rally students, teachers and community members to make safe driving commitments at www.celebratemydrive.com Oct 15 – 24.

Here's how you can help spread the word:

Encourage your membership to contact high school administrators today and invite them to register at www.celebratemydrive.com. High schools must be registered by Oct. 7 to compete for great prizes. Two grand prize winners will earn a hometown concert by [The Band Perry](#), plus a \$100,000 grant. Eight more schools will be awarded a \$100,000 grant. Ninety high schools will receive \$25,000 grants.

Circulate this [program overview](#) in your newsletters, on your website and through your social channels to increase awareness of the program.

Encourage those you influence to join the conversation on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CelebrateMyDrive

Share these posts on Facebook and Twitter:

September: @StateFarm is teaming up with @thebandperry for #CelebrateMyDrive! Win a private concert for your high school! st8.fm/cmd

October 15-24: Commit to #safedriving & you could help a high school win \$\$ and a private concert by @thebandperry st8.fm/cmd #CelebrateMyDrive.

4-H History Preservation Newsletter

National 4-H Week, once held in the spring, is now held in the fall. Read the history of this commemorative event.

The final installment of our series on the two 4-H musicians at 4-H Congress in the 1950s features Maryland 4-H'er Helen Bovbjerg (now Niedung), a lyric soprano whose career, she says, was significantly boosted by her 4-H experience.

"Hands-On" 4-H highlights career preparation in 4-H; get your club to discuss the impact of 4-H on peoples' lives.

Read what participants at the 2014 4-H FilmFest said about their experience in St. Louis and making films, and see the winning films from the "Voices of 4-H History" category.

Next month, we'll feature the 2014 National 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates. This coveted honor goes to people who have made (and many continue to make) significant contributions to the success of 4-H. Many of the honorees are 4-H Pioneers, whose historical work helped shape today's 4-H program.

Yes, fall is a busy time for 4-H, but take a few minutes to relax and [read this month's History Newsletter](#).