

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## Week of September 15, 2013

### **2013 Excellence in 4-H Award Nomination, Due October 18**

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 18, 2013. [jinks.2@osu.edu](mailto:jinks.2@osu.edu) . Please nominate one or more individuals, whom you think are deserving of this recognition.

[2013 Excellence Nomination Form](#)

[Excellence List of Award Winners](#)

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### **Connecting Schools, Jobs, & Communities for Rural Prosperity, October 31–November 1, 2013, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio**

See <http://www.battelleforkids.org/events/rural-education-forum>

The organizers of this conference sent Ohio 4-H that stated, “We absolutely value the critical role of OSU Extension in rural prosperity and in connecting education to economic development. We would like to offer you 10 registrations for \$300 each that could be targeted for eight conference registrations to extension educators and personnel in the Appalachian region and two state level persons to have a seat in the design studio which is occurring during the actual conference. It is like a conference within the conference. These two people would attend all large group sessions and then participate in the design studio work which would occur during the breakout sessions. It includes about 30 people from Ohio, TN, and KY from K-12 education, higher education, business, and philanthropy who will be creating a white paper around rural education. Additionally, their work will continue into the future beyond the conference as a collaborative focused on improving rural education.”

Please contact Tom Archer at 614-247-8103 or [archer.3@osu.edu](mailto:archer.3@osu.edu) if you are interested. If enough interest exists for this group generation, we will pursue.

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## Hold These Dates! – Mark Your Calendar!

Assuring Quality Care for Animals Signature Program In-Service  
Monday, November 4, 2013  
Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

4-H Professionals' Fall Update  
Tuesday, November 5, 2013  
Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

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## 2014 OVC/OTC RFP

On Saturday, March 8, 2014 the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Ohio 4-H Teen Conference will again be held simultaneously at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. We invite all Extension Professionals to consider sharing their expertise, and submit proposals as they see appropriate. This is definitely a multi-disciplinary opportunity. Additionally, we encourage Extension Professionals to share this information with highly qualified volunteers and teen leaders and encourage them to submit proposals.

Please know that proposals must be submitted by September 30th online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5FV72NX>. This link and the learning tracks can be found at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-parents-volunteers/forms/ohio-4-h-volunteer-conference>. Learning tracks with suggested topics have been identified for guidance and planning. It is only a guide, so do not hesitate to propose an idea that may not be on this list.

A separate survey will be launched for poster session proposals. Watch for this link to be available soon at the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference website.

For questions please contact Vicki Schwartz, [schwartz.4@osu.edu](mailto:schwartz.4@osu.edu) or Amanda Forquer, [forquer.13@osu.edu](mailto:forquer.13@osu.edu).

Don't delay! Submit your proposal today!