

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

Week of September 8, 2013

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

ACCESS 4-H: Year-End Info

Just a quick reminder your ES-237 data is to be entered in ACCESS 4-H by November 15, 2013. The date range for reporting is Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013.

[Working with Groups](#) is a document to assist you when entering group information.

Once you have all of your information entered send Tracy Grody, grody.2@osu.edu, a quick email letting her know your ES-237 is complete.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

NCR-SARE Announces 2014 Youth Educator Sustainable Agriculture Grants Call for Proposals

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Hold the Date: OFMA Junior Fair Conference Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2013
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (via conference call)

It's that time of year again... Time to begin planning the Ohio Fair Managers Association (OFMA) Junior Fair Conference! The 2014 conference will be held on Saturday, January 11th in downtown Columbus at the Hyatt Regency / Columbus Convention Center. You are encouraged to bring Junior Fair Board members to the conference and you might also offer up some of your professional expertise. If you're looking for an opportunity for a statewide presentation, why not choose the Junior Fair Conference!

The conference planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m.** It will be held by conference call. All are welcome to join in the conversation. Whether you are simply interested in voicing your input, or you would like to offer yourself as a presenter, we would love to have you involved in the planning process. In order to get you thinking, below is a copy of the conference schedule from last year, as well as a copy of the feedback received by OFMA during the conference last year (attendance #s and general thoughts on repeating the session). You are encouraged to have these materials available during the planning meeting.

If you are interested in being involved in the planning process, simply reply to mccutcheon.46@osu.edu. You will be provided with an AGENDA and CALL-IN INSTRUCTIONS. As you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

[2013 OFMA Schedule](#)

[2013 OFMA Feedback](#)

USDA Farm to School Program

The [USDA Farm to School Program](#) is hosting two webinars in partnership with the [eXtension](#) Community of Practice in Community, Local, and Regional Food Systems on Wednesday, September 25th at 1 p.m. EST and Wednesday, October 9th at 1 p.m. EST to explore how partnering with Cooperative Extension professionals can support local and regional farm to school programs. The purpose of these webinars is to feature best practices and case examples of how Extension professionals are involved with farm to school and to describe how other farm to school related organizations are collaborating with Extension on many diverse farm to school activities. Please share this announcement your colleagues and networks. We hope you can join!

Webinar #1: Partnering with Cooperative Extension to Support Farm to School

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 | 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. EST

Presenters: Emily Jackson, Program Director, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project and Teresa Wiemerslage, Program Coordinator, Iowa State University Extension & Outreach

Webinar #2: Partnering with Cooperative Extension to Support Farm to School

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 | 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. EST

Presenters: Julia Govis, Program Coordinator, University of Illinois Extension and Morgan Taggart, Program Specialist, Ohio State University Extension

Connecting to Webinars| Phone & Computer

Audio

- Call the toll-free number (from your telephone, audio is not available over the computer): 1-800-988-0278
- When prompted, provide the operator with the participant pass code: 91613#
- Please plan to connect 5-15 minutes early to ensure you are connected on time, the meeting will begin promptly.

Live Meeting

- Click on (or copy and paste) this link to join the meeting:
<https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/usda/join?id=SJ9CSP&role=attend>

- You will be prompted to type in your name, email, and organization. Once you hit “continue” you will be joined with the meeting.
- Please plan to connect 5-15 minutes early to ensure you are connected on time, the meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. EST.

Webinar Recordings

These two webinars will be recorded and posted online after completion at the [USDA Farm to School webinar page](#).

For further information, please contact Matt Benson at matthew.benson@fns.usda.gov.