Ohio 4-H Older Youth Opportunities

Be sure to check with your county extension office so you don’t miss any important deadlines.

County Opportunities:
- Camp Counselor
- Junior Leaders
- Junior Fair Board
- CARTEEn

State Opportunities:
- Youth Capital Challenge
- State Fair Board
- Ohio 4-H Scholarships
- Ohio 4-H Achievement Form
- Buckeye Leadership Workshop
- State Leadership Camp
- Shooting Sports Camp
- International Programs
- Ohio Military Kids Camp

National Opportunities:
- National Congress
- National Conference*
- CWF
- LWF
- Dairy Conference

*Only open to TLC members. Application is due 11/12/18
Find descriptions and additional information regarding different older youth opportunities at ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships or by contacting your county extension office!

Reminders:
- Make sure you’re checking Slack regularly so you don’t miss any important information.
- November Committee Meeting
  - The meeting will be at the Agricultural Administration (2120 Fyffe Rd, Columbus OH 43240)
  - Dress code is business casual
  - Make sure to check committee happenings to see what our community service project is!
- Achievement Form Workshop – November 10th
  - This workshop will feature one-on-one coaching for those who have already completed or started their achievement form. Email Frances Nicol (nicol.115@osu.edu) for the recording of the introductory workshop.
  - Members have the option to bring $5 for pizza to eat between the meeting and workshop.
- Regional Representatives – November 10th
  - Training will follow the achievement form workshop.
  - Those who purchased TLC apparel can expect to receive those at the November and December meetings.

Photo Challenge

We want to match names to faces!

The rules are that you CANNOT…
- use a name tag
- use a sheet of paper with your name on it
- use an app (like Snapchat) to type your name over your photo

Submit a photo of yourself to Noor at nooralshafie@gmail.com before the next all-council meeting in December.

Examples:
The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is piloting a new program called the Region Representatives in which current council members and committee members will have the opportunity to gain an amazing leadership experience. These representatives are going to serve as the face of TLC by reaching out to counties and their extension offices to come and speak to camp counselor groups, junior fair boards, teen leaders councils, etc. about a variety of topics including, but not limited to: Older Youth Opportunities, the Organization of TLC, the TLC Reaches Out Curriculum, etc.

**Conference Selection Committee**

Congratulations to the following individuals for being selected to represent TLC at the conference selection committee!

- Raylea Richards
- Leeoria Willis

“We created categories for the sessions and workshops to fall into such as leadership sessions and healthy living sessions then we split the categories up so that each person had a session and then we sorted them into either session 1, session 2, session 3, session 4, session 5, workshop 1, or workshop 2. We made sure that if a person was teaching more than one session that the two did not conflict. Once we were done we checked it over one last time to make sure that it was good and then we had the schedule for the upcoming Ohio 4-H conference. It was a ton of fun and a great learning opportunity that I am very grateful to have had.” – Raylea Richards

“Agriculture is the basis of prosperity in our nation, and it must be placed and continued on a sound and economic basis, and I know of no better way toward gaining this end than by enlisting the best thought and effort of the young people in our rural communities.”

– Thomas E. Wilson, Chairman, National Committee on Boys’ and Girls’ Club Work. 1928

**Follow TLC on Social Media:**
- Instagram: @ohio4htlc
- Twitter: @ohio4htlc
- Facebook: @OH4HTLC
- YouTube Channel: Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council
- Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/ohio4htlc

Find the answers in the next newsletter!
Featured Article

Program Assistant: The Experience
By: Noor Alshafie

A mentor once told me, “You are a culmination of everyone you meet” and I didn’t understand the weight of these words until becoming a National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) and Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) Program Assistant (PA) this past summer.

Applying and being selected as a Program Assistant was the single greatest experience of my life and taught me an incredible amount about not only Washington, D.C. trivia (you become a licensed D.C. tour guide!) and being a professional, but about myself as well. I worked about eighty hours each week to ensure that delegates from every corner of the nation were being pushed outside of their comfort zones and meeting new people, but also that they were growing. Each site, workshop, and committee focuses on building a picture about what it means to be a good citizen. Every week you are met with a new group of teens who want to make a difference and they’re counting on you to help them. I learned to appreciate the long days and am so thankful for the other PAs because they truly became my best friends. This internship is by no means easy and it will challenge you in ways no other job ever will, but when you see the light bulb go off for a delegate and they make a connection, it’s all worth it.

If you’ve never heard of Citizenship Washington Focus, know that it is an amazing national 4-H opportunity for you to grow and there are scholarships available if you are interested. CWF is a week-long citizenship and leadership conference with tours of Washington, D.C., workshops, and committee meetings. For this conference, 4-H’ers from all over the nation come to the National 4-H Conference Center and are able to connect with other 4-H’ers. Yet while CWF is a place where young people get to interact with their government and see how the democratic process works, CWF also creates other meaningful experiences and memories for participants. In addition to writing bills, attending a mock congressional session, meeting with real legislators, and developing leadership skills, 4-H’ers at CWF create bonds with each other that are often maintained for years to come.

If you’ve been to CWF or LWF, then you know how special the experience is and as much as you impact the delegates, they leave an impression on you as well. This summer alone I picked up a southern accent from Tennessee and Alabama, improved my basketball skills with my Iowa delegation, learned every word to Mamma Mia with my fellow Buckeyes, found an appreciation for selfie angles from the Wisconsin cheese heads (and learned that the correct answer to take it or leave it is always leave it), and that no one makes fried chicken better than Louisiana. And while the accent has faded, the interactions I made have not. Every youth, chaperone, bus driver, and D.C. resident I interacted with changed me and I know that I am a better person because of all of them.

If you’re considering applying to be a spring or summer PA, I want you to go for it. The life, professional, and customer service skills you’ll gain are unmatched and I’ve never worked harder at any job. These skills are transferrable into any field, but more than anything you will be prepared for anything life throws your way. If you’re interested in joining the tradition of CWF and inspiring over 1,000+ youth from across the country, apply here https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#program-assistants and don’t hesitate to ask me any questions (nooralshafie@gmail.com or 614.551.5194)!
# Looking Ahead

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### November:
- 10th - Committee Meetings 9AM-12PM
- Achievement Form Workshop 1PM-2PM
- Agricultural Administration (2120 Fyffe Rd)
- 12th - National 4-H Conference Applications Due

### December:
- 15th - OMK Winter Wonderland
- 27th - All TLC Meeting 9AM-4PM
- 4-H Center (2201 Fred Taylor Dr.)
Committee Happenings

Advocacy
The advocacy committee is working on completing the Ohio 4-H Conference legislator invite letter to send to OSU for approval. They are also working on inviting an Ohio Farm Bureau member to come and speak at a TLC meeting.

Communications
The communications committee has been getting together information to put on the newsletter as well as the blog. They are planning on starting member biographies at the November meeting for committee members, chairs, officers, junior advisors, and advisors and then council members as well as anyone else at the December meeting.

Community Service
The community service committee is setting up a project working with Project Gratitude. We will be making cards and paracord bracelets for this at the next meeting. They are also accepting donations to put in care packages. The wish list is as follows:
- All Purpose Wipes (single & 30ct or less)
- Batteries (“AA” or “AAA”)
- Deodorant (Travel size, non-aerosol)
- Drink Mix (Individual serving packets)
- Gum
- Hand Warmers
- Jerky (Individually packed)
- Lip Balm
- Pencils (Mechanical preferred)
- Playing Cards
- Powder (Travel size)
- Puzzle Books (7”x10” preferred size)
- Sewing Kits (Travel size)
- Socks (Black Crew Length)
- Sunscreen (Travel size, non-aerosol)
- Handmade with love items:
  - Cool Ties
  - Knit or Crocheted Hats and Scarves
  - Paracord Survival Bracelets

Fundraising
The fundraising committee is working on preparing a fundraiser using the winning photography photos from the state fair to create calendars. Each calendar is estimated to be sold for $10.00 and will be sold from November 10th through December 2nd. If you are interested in buying a calendar, or selling to others, order forms will be emailed when available.

Morale
The morale committee is busy planning games and fun activities for the next meeting.

Social Media
The social media committee wants to make sure you follow TLC on social media!

State Outreach
The state outreach committee is having a great time getting to know each other and is making plans to invite other states to the overnighter. They are also working on sending hellos to other states.

"I like 4-H’ers because they are dedicated to excellence; they want to do things better... Next thing I like about them is their examples to other young people. they lead us to greater dedication to our country. They are, by their work, indeed, making this country a better one... As long as we have young people of these characteristics, devoted with their hearts and their heads and their hands and their health to doing these things, America cannot be anything but successful."

-President Dwight D. Eisenhower, at the 1959 dedication of the National 4-H Center.