Updates & Announcements

Don’t forget to register for the Ohio 4-H Conference, which will be on March 10th. TLC will have an overnighter on March 9th where members will stay at the Ohio 4-H center overnight, prepare for the conference, play games, eat dinner and breakfast, and then go to the Ohio 4-H Conference.

On April 28th, 4-H members are invited to attend the LGBTQ+ Summit for Youth event at the Ohio 4-H center, which costs $10 to attend.

Registration for Making eXtreme Counselors, held February 17-18, opens January 1st. This two-day event teaches counselors new activities and skills to use at camp. You can register for this event through your county extension office.

The next TLC meeting (all members) is on February 24th at the Ohio 4-H Center from 8:45am-4:00pm. The dress code is business formal.
Advocacy
The Advocacy Committee is looking to work with FFA on a conjoined service project. They are also developing a list of legislators to invite to the Ohio 4-H Conference.

Community Service
The Community Service Committee will be contacting a Central OH animal shelter to host a puppy kissing booth at conference to get donations for the shelter and plan to make dog toys or have a dog supply drive at the next meeting.

Communications
The Communications Committee is launching a blog in March. Members are encouraged to send in blog posts or reflections to the Communications Committee Chair, Kayla K. or through the Google Form. They’d love to hear your stories! They’d also like to remind members to send in a photo to be attached to their member biography.

Fundraising
The Fundraising Committee is working on expanding the gift card fundraiser from last year, as well as selling conference T-shirts. They would like to put together a 4-H calendar and will email extension professionals asking for pictures they would like highlighted in the calendar.

Morale
The Morale Committee is working on creating a TLC booklet with group activities by the end of the year.

Social Media
The Social Media Committee has set a goal to post two times every week. They have plans to create line dance tutorials on the TLC YouTube channel. Social Media is also exploring Pinterest and Snapchat. They are interested in getting a Snapchat filter for TLC and 4-H events.

State Outreach
The State Outreach Committee had a Conference Call with Georgia and invited them to our 4-H Conference. They have exchanged how Ohio and Georgia 4-H state programs work, as well as main events held throughout the year. They are in the process of making conference calls with Missouri and Tennessee and look to contact Hawaii and invite other states to the Conference.

OHIO 4-H FACTS
- 444,900 youth participated in Ohio 4-H in 2016
- 552,916 projects and programs were completed in Ohio 4-H in 2016
- 16,356 youth participated in Ohio 4-H youth camping programs in 2016
- 51% are female and 49% are male in Ohio 4-H in 2016
Carson F.

Carson, from Franklin County, has been in 4-H for the past 7 years. On TLC, he is the State Outreach Committee Chair and serves on the Ad Hoc committee for the Ohio 4-H Conference Teen Luncheon. This year, Carson hopes to be someone’s “Lollipop Moment” for 4-H.

Outside of TLC, he was one of the eight 4-H members from across the nation selected to be on the 2018 National 4-H Congress Youth Design team, which will plan and execute the 2018 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, he is also involved in the Ohio 4-H Health Heroes program.

At the county level, Carson is involved in Camp Counseling, CARTEENS, Jr. Fair Board, Junior Leaders, and Fair Royalty. Carson has taken many projects in various areas, including, but not limited to Rabbits, Leadership, Community Service, Public Speaking, and Food & Nutrition.

Carson got his start in 4-H when he went to 4-H Camp nine years ago; moreover, 4-H Camp is his favorite part of 4-H because that is where his heart will always be – camp is where the seed was planted that sprouted his inner 4-H clover.

Carson is very thankful for the lessons and opportunities 4-H has given him: he attended National 4-H Conference and National 4-H Congress and learned how important it is to give back to the community throughout his 4-H career.

Carson is currently a freshman at the Ohio State University, majoring in Marketing. At Ohio State, he hopes to learn all about business in order to become a better businessman. He believes this ties into 4-H, as 4-H’s slogan is “Learn by Doing.” Carson strives to uphold this slogan everyday by taking every situation he faces as a learning experience to better his being.

Carson is one of the four Ohio 4-H members who will be inducted into the Ohio 4-H Teen Hall of Fame this year!

Carson’s go-to random fact about himself: “I am an Italian food snob.”

Fun Fact: Carson’s favorite TV show as a kid was Friends.
Allyson M.
Allyson M. has been in 4-H for 9 years in Marion county. She is a member of the fundraising committee. At the county level she is a camp counselor, Jr. Fair board member, as well as takes market dairy feeders, and market hogs. Allyson hopes to gain some new experiences and meet new people as a TLC member.

4-H has been a family affair for Allyson: her parents met through 4-H and her brothers both showed before her. Both her favorite 4-H memories come from camp, this past year a small group of female counselors and campers stayed up all night playing games sitting outside as the sun came up the next day. Her other favorite 4-H memory is from Teen Leadership Camp, where she made many new friends. The most important lesson she’s learned through 4-H is how to work with people and how to be a proper leader. Her proudest 4-H accomplishment is the impact she’s made in other’s lives, “It’s not an award or anything but the fact that kids come up to tell me how much fun they had at camp. They recognize me even though I might not recognize them”. Her favorite park of 4-H is meeting new people and experiencing new things. Allyson’s career goal is to attend OSU to major in Community Leadership specializing in community and Extension education. She hopes to be a 4-H educator after she gets her master’s degree.

Allyson's go-to fact about herself: “I own a sugar glider.”

Bethany A.
Meet Bethany, a 9 year 4-H member from Jackson county. On TLC, she serves as a member of the Social Media committee. She began her 4-H career when her mom first took her to a meeting and she fell in love with the program. Since then, she has served as a Camp Counselor, Jr. Fair Board member, and on Junior Leaders.
At the fair, Bethany shows market lambs, market rabbits, and takes the scrapbooking project. Her proudest 4-H moment was when she became a committee member of the Ohio Teen Leaders Council, where she hopes to build strong leadership and communication skills.
Bethany's favorite 4-H memory is her first year at 4-H camp: “My first year going to 4-H camp, I cried the whole first day. By the end of the week, I met everyone, became friends with most of them, and couldn't wait to go back next summer.”
After high school, Bethany wants to attend either OSU, Ohio University, or Clemson.
Bethany’s go-to random fact about herself: “I am the 2017 Lake Alma Queen.”
Fun Fact: Bethany’s favorite TV show as a kid was Hannah Montana
Warm & Fuzzies

Laura W.
You are doing a fantastic job leading your committee! Please keep up the awesome work! :) – Ambrosia H.

Dalton H.
You're doing a super good job working with your committee!! Keep it going! – Ambrosia H.

Morale Committee
You guys are amazing and inspiring! I love each one of you already! Keep up the hard work and dedication. Can't wait to spend this year getting to know you all!! – Laura W.

Cecilia M.
You are bright, fun, and an excellent leader for your committee. I'm so impressed with what you've already done and will continue to do! – Ambrosia H.

Emily C.
Your 4-H family is keeping you in our thoughts. Wishing you a speedy recovery! – Emma N.

Molly H.
Rock on for coordinating a successful call with Georgia 4-H youth leaders! – Kayla O.

Congratulations on Teen of the Year! Way to go! – TLC

Carson F.
You've done a great job working with your committee and I'm excited to see what all you'll accomplish!! – Ambrosia H.

Whitney B.
Thanks for helping set up for Winter Wonderland early in the morning! – Kayla O.

Noor A.
Happy (belated) birthday, Noor! – The Communications Committee

Garrett B.

Garrett, from Warren County, has been a 4-H member for 14 years and is a member of the TLC Social Media Committee. This year, Garrett hopes to better the Ohio 4-H program and his community by serving on TLC and helping with the Ohio State Fair. He hopes to gain new friends as well as grow stronger relationships with the people he already knows and to have fun throughout the year.

In Warren County, Garrett is involved in Camp Counseling, CARTEENS, Jr. Fair Board, and Junior Leaders. His favorite project areas include small engines, Market goats, welding, Market Rabbits, Dogs, Chickens and Shooting Sports.

Garrett got involved in 4-H all those years ago because of his family, saying that “[4-H] was a family thing and we loved it, so we kept doing [4-H]!” Many of his favorites regarding 4-H are centered around family and friends, including his favorite 4-H memory: “My favorite 4-H memory would have to be the time I got to spend with family and friends working on our project both before during and even after the fair was over!” In addition, his favorite things about 4-H and the fair are the people, animals, and the food!

His proudest 4-H accomplishment was when the Warren county livestock judging team was awarded the honor of attending the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg, PA, where his team partook in a National Livestock Judging contest and a Stockman’s contest, winning 3rd and 7th overall.

Fun fact: Garrett's favorite TV show as a kid was Tom & Jerry

Garrett’s go-to random fact about himself: “I’m colorblind”
Emma N.
Emma is a Junior Advisor this year on TLC. She is from Fayette county and has been in 4-H for 11 years. Moreover, she is the chair for the Ohio 4-H Conference Teen Luncheon ad hoc committee. This year, Emma hopes to gain facilitating skills and to assist other members as a part of her role as a Junior Advisor.

Emma is also involved in Camp counseling, Junior Fair board, and Junior Leaders within 4-H. Emma has taken many projects, but she exclaims that her primary areas are dog and leadership projects.

Emma has also been involved in National and International 4-H events, including the 2017 Global 4-H Network Summit. Her proudest 4-H accomplishment is from when she was a facilitator at National 4-H Conference:

“I had the opportunity to work at a National 4-H Conference Facilitator last year… I worked with 14 outstanding youth from across the nation to answer a challenge question for a federal agency… I was able to see these complete strangers come together and answer a question with so many moving parts and formulate a presentation that blew myself and the government officials away, all within a week. My delegates nailed it on the head when they called me a ‘proud mama bear.’”

Emma is a freshman at the Ohio State University, majoring in Agricultural Communication with a double minor in Youth Development and International Studies with an emphasis in International Relations and Diplomacy. Emma’s career goal is to obtain a job within the International 4-H department.

Ethan C.
Ethan C. is a 9 year 4-H member from Hancock county who serves as a Council member. Ethan hopes to gain more leadership skills by working on a 4-H board at the state level.

Ethan joined 4-H because his dad was in 4-H. He joined as a clover bud and just continued to grow joining Jr. Fair Board, Junior Leaders, S.T.E.M. projects, and attended the Carving New Ideas Camp.

One of his best achievements was when Ethan received the Clock Trophy for his Junior Computers project. Some of his favorite memories are just hanging out with other Junior Fair Board members.

**Fun Fact:** Ethan’s favorite TV show as a kid was *Doctor Who*

**Ethan’s go-to random fact about himself:** “I can play trumpet, piano, and organ.”