

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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ADVISOR AREA

2016 Potential 4-H Volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer for the 2016 year must complete the entire screening process (application, references, BCI, and interview) by April 1, 2016. Volunteer applications are available at www.geauga.osu.edu

Club Enrollment Drop Off in Chardon

Two dates have been set up for clubs to drop off their 2015 enrollment materials at the Chardon Office. Enrollments will only be accepted at the Chardon office on these dates and times. There is no drop box to leave enrollments after hours. This is the only time 4-H will be at this location.

Thursday, April 7th 11:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday, April 13th 11:00am – 4:00pm

Chardon Office is located in the Commissioners Buildings. 470 Center St. Building #5 Chardon, OH.

New Volunteer Orientation/Child Abuse Training

March 30th – 6:30pm

Mark your calendars - All new volunteers are required to attend an orientation training session within their first year of service. Material to be covered includes, club meetings and requirements, community service ideas, 4-H and Jr. Fair, and project requirements and changes. New Volunteers will also complete the mandatory Child Abuse & Neglect training at this time. If a new volunteer cannot attend, he or she will be responsible for attending an alternate OSU New Volunteer Training and an OSU approved Child Abuse session and reporting it to the office. Current volunteers who are interested in a refresher course are also invited to attend. Pre-registration required. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in attending.

Member Awards Application Training

April 13th – 6:30pm

Member awards have been updated and revised for 2016. At this training, one will learn how to complete the applications, learn what the Advisory Committee (selections committee) looks for when reviewing the applications, and the chance to provide feedback regarding the applications. Additional copies of the applications will be available at the training. Deadline to register is Friday, April 8th.

Poultry Crates – Lottery

The Extension Office has two poultry crates (one chicken, one turkey). To fairly disperse the crates, a lottery drawing will take place. There is no cost to entering the lottery. To be entered into the poultry crate lottery, please notify the Extension Office by February 29th if your club is interested in the turkey crate, the chicken crate, or both. One club will be drawn for each crate. The winning clubs will be notified and announced in the March newsletter.



4-H Membership Across County Lines

Cross County request forms are due in the Extension Office by April 1st. Members who have been previously approved do not need to reapply. Previously approved members are granted permission for the duration of their 4-H years unless they move to another county.

CLUB NEWS

Window Display Contest

Promote 4-H and your club by participating in the Window Display Contest during Ohio 4-H Week, March 6-12. See attached flyer for new rules and display requirements. All submissions must be received no later than March 6th at 8:00am. Not late entries will be accepted.

4-H Club Insurance

All clubs are strongly encouraged to purchase 4-H Club Insurance. A yearly policy is only \$1 per person (\$2 for horse and shooting sports). For more information visit <http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance>

Refer-A-Friend Contest 2016

The Advisory Committee is holding their annual Refer-a-Friend Contest!!! The 4-H club who refers the most new members will receive a \$50.00 prize. The winning club will be announced in the May Newsletter. Additional forms are attached.

Contest Rules:

1. New members are defined as those who have not been a previous member of 4-H in any club, county, or state.
2. New members must complete the "Refer-A-Friend" form, along with their 4-H enrollment and submit it to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on April 15th.
3. The winning club must use the prize money towards the entire club (pizza party, a night at the movies, etc.) The money may not be distributed in cash form to the members.

Camp Whitewood Events

4-H Camp Whitewood has several spectacular events coming up.

75th Anniversary Celebration



Help us celebrate 75 years of Camp Whitewood!
Saturday, March 5th, 2016 5:00-9:00PM



\$35/person includes: appetizer, catered dinner, dessert, open beer & wine bar. Live music. Silent & live auctions. All proceeds go to providing quality programming for our youth!
RSVP online: <http://go.osu.edu/whitewood75> or call: 440-272-5275

* Donations for the silent auctions and live actions are needed. If interested in donating items or a basket, contact the Extension Office or Camp Whitewood. Donation letter is attached.

Maple Syrup Fundraiser Opportunity

Clubs looking for a fundraiser idea? Camp Whitewood has a maple syrup fundraiser opportunity for any club interested. Fundraiser includes maple syrup, maple candy, and gift baskets. Flyer and order form is attached for more information.

4-H MEMBERS

2016 Ohio State Fair Scholarships

Deadline to apply: March 1st

In an effort to recognize the quality youth of Ohio, and to help those interested in furthering their education, the Ohio Expositions Commission has established a Scholarship Program for Ohio State Fair participants. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist high school juniors and seniors, and graduates who are continuing their education at an accredited institution in an under graduate course of study in any field. Scholarships will be awarded to junior exhibitors during the Ohio State Fair. Applicants will be judged on Scholastic Standing, Citizenship and Leadership, Ohio State Fair Participation, County Fair Participation. Applications are available at

<http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

4-H Camp Scholarships

1. Geauga County 4-H Camp Whitewood Scholarship

DUE: April 30th

For any Geauga County resident or 4-H member to attend the Geauga County 4-H Camp at Camp Whitewood from June 19-25, 2016. Camper Scholarships are available courtesy of the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee. Partial scholarships, of up to \$150, may be awarded based on available funds. Only Geauga County residents or Geauga County 4-H members are eligible to apply and must be registered for camp before submitting scholarship application. First priority will be given to Geauga County 4-H members. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 16, 2016. Scholarship forms are available online or at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office at (440) 834-4656 with questions. Scholarship Applications are due to the Geauga County Extension Office, not Camp Whitewood.

2. Ohio 4-H Camp Scholarship

DUE: 30 days before the start of camp

For any Geauga County 4-H member who wishes to attend a 4-H Camp (Any camp other than Geauga's 4-H Camp at Camp Whitewood June 19-25, 2016). Camper Scholarships are available courtesy of the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee. Partial scholarships, of up to \$100, may be awarded based on available funds. Only Geauga County residents or Geauga County 4-H members are eligible to apply and must be registered for camp before submitting scholarship application. First priority will be given to Geauga County 4-H members. Scholarship forms are available online or at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office at (440) 834-4656 with questions. Scholarship Applications are due to the Geauga County Extension Office, not Camp Whitewood.

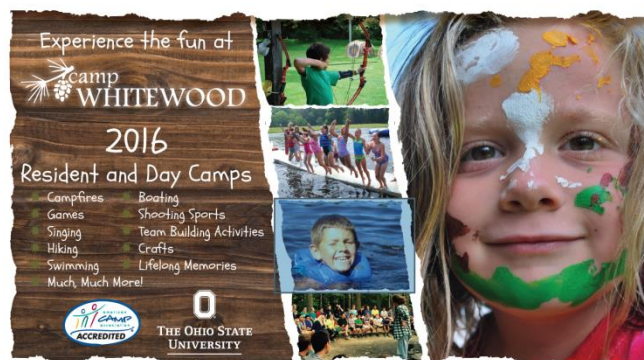
Geauga County's 4-H Camp Week

June 19-25

Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, meaning spring is around the corner. What better way to think of warm weather than to think of 4-H Camp! This year's camp is held from June 19 - 25 at Camp Whitewood. Cost is \$300 and includes all meals, lodging, crafts, and much, much more. Camp is open to all youth ages 8 and in 3rd grade through 14 years old. 4-H memberships is not required to attend.

Can't attend Geauga's week. Don't worry there's many other camps to choose from.

Visit <http://4hcampwhitewood.com> for all the details.



✉ 7983 S. Wiswell Rd. Windsor, Ohio 44099 ☎ 440-272-5275 🌐 <http://www.4hcampwhitewood.com>

LIVESTOCK/HORSE NEWS

Horse Ethics & Safety Program

April 30th - 8:30am

The 4-H Horse Ethics & Safety Program is mandatory for all first year 4-H horse members and their parents/guardians. This program is to help ensure the safety of youth as they work with horses. All youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. This is the only Horse Safety & Ethics Program held in Geauga County this year. Members must register with the Extension Office by April 22nd. Horse Safety & Ethics must be completed before the new member may participate in any 4-H sponsored horseback riding activities.

2016 Quality Assurance Program

Test Out Option: April 20th, 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Geauga County Junior Fair market animal project exhibitors ages 12-14 and 15-18 and have previously attended a QA program, may elect to take a Quality Assurance test in their primary project area. Those who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance re-certification until they move into the next age bracket or are no longer a Geauga County Junior Fair feed exhibitor. Must be preregistered by April 18th by calling the Extension Office at 440.834.4656.

QA Program: May 14th, 10am-12pm, Registration open from 9:00-9:45am. No Registrations allowed after 9:45am. Geauga Fair Grounds. Stay tuned for complete QA information packet.

Poultry Resource Book – UPDATE FROM THE 4-H STATE OFFICE

We regret to say the Ohio 4-H *Poultry Resource Handbook* will not be available as expected. Volunteers and 4-H members should not count on it for use this program year. We realize this again puts you in the position of disappointing volunteers and members, and we sincerely apologize. While we understand the frustration this causes, know that we hold ourselves to a very high standard; sometimes this means we simply have to take more time to produce the kind of quality publication we, and our clientele, expect.

For research-based information about poultry information is available on the Poultry Resources web page here: <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/poultry/poultry-resources>.

State Fair Animal Projects

Just a reminder that to be eligible for State Fair, members must be enrolled in the 4-H project at the county level and fulfill its completion requirements.

Example: Joe wants to exhibit a market steer at State Fair but only shows swine in his 4-H club. Joe must enroll in both projects at the county level and complete project judging/QA to be eligible.

Rabbit & Cavy Show

February 28th - Ashtabula Co. Fairgrounds

Activities include: Breed ID Contest, Skill-a-thon Stations, Showmanship Critiques, Costume Class, etc. Entry fee is \$1/animal. Registration is from 1-2pm day of the show. See attached flyer for complete details.

Weaver Leather Livestock Sheep Clinic

April 9th – Wayne Co. Fairgrounds

Clinic is open to any youth sheep exhibitor. Topics include: clipping, fitting, showmanship, daily care, and nutrition and selection. Fee: \$10 (lunch included). Registration Deadline: March 16th. For registration material and contact information visit <http://medina.osu.edu/events/weaver-leather-livestock-sheep-clinic>

EERA NEWS

Volunteer Development Trainings

Volunteers and 4-H youth are invited attend the multi-county trainings. Participants will attend two workshops or complete their new volunteer orientation requirement. This event is free to all 4-H volunteers and members.

February 22nd – Lake County – Registration Materials are attached

March 23rd – Lorain County – Coming soon!

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 22 EERA Volunteer Training – Auburn Career Center, Lake County
23 Fashion Board Interviews
26-28 Camp Counselor Retreat

March

- 6-12 Ohio 4-H Week**
5 Camp Whitewood 75th Anniversary Event – Camp Whitewood
6 Window Display Entries due by 8:00am.
12 Ohio 4-H Conference – Columbus, OH
18-20 Ohio Beef Expo
23 EERA Volunteer Training – Lorain County
30 New Volunteer Orientation

April

- 1 Cross County Membership Requests Due**
New Volunteer Screening Deadline
7 Enrollment Drop-Off – Chardon Office
13 Enrollment Drop-Off – Chardon Office
Member Awards Application Training
Enrollments Due by 4:30pm
16 Clothing & Textile Service Project Event
19 Equine Risk Management Training
20 Quality Assurance Test Out Option (pre-registration required)
30 Equine Safety & Ethics Training

Mark Your Calendars - 2016

- May 4 Club Officer Training
May 14 Quality Assurance
May 26 Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest
June 19-25 Geauga Co. 4-H Camp
July 16 Project Judging – Livestock & Miscellaneous
July 19 Clothing Judging & Style Revue

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