

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

January | 2016

ADVISOR AREA

2016 Annual Update

January 28th - 6:30pm @ School Building

Annual Update will be a two part session this year.

Session 1: Club enrollment materials will be distributed and an update will be held to review all new information for the 2016 year. A minimum of one volunteer from each club is required to be in attendance and pick up club materials. No materials will be distributed before or after January 28th. If a volunteer or club has any suggestive programming for 2016, this is the time to share it.

Session 2: OSU Child Abuse Training.

*Completion of both sessions will fulfill all volunteer training requirements for the 2016 year. To receive credit, Volunteers must sign in upon arrival for the Annual Update **and** turn in child abuse form upon completion of session 2.

*The school building lounge is being utilized by another organization on January 28th. Please enter through the main doors and not through the lounge area.

Ohio 4-H Club/Affiliate Yearly Financial Summary

Due: January 31, 2016

All 4-H clubs and affiliates (committees) are required to submit a Yearly Financial Summary by January 31st. Club financials are reported based on each calendar year's bank transactions, January 1st - December 31st. Clubs are to complete the form and submit it to the Extension Office by January 31st. The Extension Office will then submit all club summaries to the State Office as required. Each club's Organizational Advisor should have received the necessary information and forms that were included in the Annual Update packet. Additional copies are available on the website.

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

New Volunteer Orientation

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. If a new volunteer cannot attend, he or she will be responsible for attending an alternate OSU New Volunteer Training 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.

4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

February 26-28, Camp Ohio

There will be a 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop February 26-28th at 4-H Camp Ohio. Volunteers are encouraged to register early as some project areas have a participant limit. Deadline to register is January 15th.

<http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/shootingsports/WorkshopForms/WinterAdultLeaderTrainingworkshopregistrationform2016.pdf>

Ohio 4-H Conference

March 12th

The 2016 Ohio 4-H Conference will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The event is designed to bring together 4-H volunteers and teens from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. Educational selections offered at the conference offer something for everyone and have the ability to satisfy every taste and need. Over 150 sessions to choose from including QA Training for youth and the mandatory Child Abuse Training for all volunteers.

Registration deadline for Geauga County volunteers and members: **February 1, 2016**. Cost \$35

Visit <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference> for complete registration materials.

CLUB NEWS

2016 4-H Family Guide

The 2016 Family Guide is now available for download. As usual, a list of new, revised/replaced, and discontinued titles is on the inside front cover. Hard copies of the Family Guide will be available at Annual Update in January. The online version can be found at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/family-guide>

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.

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.

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.

4-H MEMBERS

Camp Counselors Application Extended – Male Counselors Only

Gauga Camp Week: June 19-25

Any youth age 15-18 years old interested in serving as a 2016 Camp Counselor are encouraged to submit a Camp Counselor Application by January 19th. **4-H Membership is NOT required.**

4-H Fashion Board Applications

Members interested in joining the 2016 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by January 31, 2016. Members must be at least 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2016), have previously completed two years of clothing or textile projects, and carry a clothing project while serving on the board.

4-H Teen & Older Youth Opportunities

Ohio 4-H offers a wide range of state and national level opportunities for active members. Interested in traveling to Washington, DC and learn about the history of our nation? Maybe you'd like to work alongside the State 4-H leaders and serve as an advocacy for 4-H and youth issues. How about traveling internationally or being a host family? These are just a few of the opportunities older youth can choose from. For a complete list see the "Teen & Older Youth Opportunities" attachment and contact the Extension Office with any questions. *Opportunities Include: 4-H Ambassador, CWF/LWF, Ohio State Junior Fair Board, 4-H Teen Council, Ohio Youth Capital Challenge, Buckeye Leadership, various camp counselor positions, and scholarship/achievement opportunities.* <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens>

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>

Ohio Youth Capital Challenge

Exceptional community citizenship is one of the values that makes FFA, 4-H and Farm Bureau such successful organizations. These groups are partnering to bring the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge to you. Here is your chance to get involved and have a hands-on experience that will enable you to make your community a better place. Applicants must be in at least the ninth grade and between the ages of 14 and 18 during the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants are expected to have concern for local community issues and a desire to be more involved. Cost to youth is \$30 upon selection. Applications must be received by January 11, 2016.

Up to 50 youth will be selected for the challenge. Participants will need to be ready to travel to Columbus for Phase One of the challenge. They will work in their assigned team during the following months developing a policy and presentation. Winning team members will come together at the 2016 Ohio State Fair to compete with their final presentation.

[2016 Information](#)

[2016 Application Link](#)

LIVESTOCK/HORSE NEWS

2016 Ohio State Fair – Beef Tagging

The Ohio State Fair Beef Department will use the same protocols for identifying market beef animals for the 2016 Fair. These protocols include the use of an electronic identification (EID) ear tag that has a unique 15 digit number and a DNA sample that will be submitted for all market beef animals that exhibitors plan to enter in the 2016 Ohio State Fair Junior Market Beef show. The DNA collection will be in the form of a hair sample that will be submitted to the Ohio State Fair by January 15, 2016 to meet the ownership deadlines for market beef animals. Along with the DNA hair submission, each market animal's 15 digit EID tag must also be included on the DNA packet. No nose print cards will be accepted in 2016.

Nomination packets (registration materials) include an instruction sheet, DNA hair sampling envelope, 1"x1" OSF sticker, and an EID tag. Exhibitors can request a packet by contacting Stacey French at the Ohio State Fair by calling 614-644-4049 or by emailing at s.french@expo.state.oh.us. The Extension Office does not have nomination packets. All nominations require an Extension Professionals signature. **Nominations must be received by January 15, 2016.** This is not a post mark date.

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.

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

January

1	Happy New Year – Extension Office Closed
9	Ohio Fair Managers Conference
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Extension Office Closed
19	Male Camp Counselor Applications Due
26	Camp Counselor Interviews
28	Annual Update & Child Abuse Training
31	Yearly Financial Summary Due
31	Fashion Board Applications Due

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 75 th 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

Mark Your Calendars - 2016

April 1	New Volunteer Screening Deadline
April 1	Cross County Request Deadline – 4:30pm
April 15	Enrollment Deadline - 4:30pm
April 30	Equine Safety & Ethics Training
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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