

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

March | 2016

Maintaining Club Tax Exempt Status E-Postcards – Due May 15th

Copy of e-post due to the Extension Office – May 31st

The IRS will be hosting 990-N epostcard filings after February 28, 2016 instead of the Urban Institute. The process will certainly look different to advisors who have filed in the past but they will no longer be redirected to a non IRS.gov site. The IRS does not provide a new link to the 990-N epostcard so the state office suggests advisors to continue to use <https://www.irs.gov/uac/e-file-for-Charities-and-Non-Profits>

All Ohio 4-H clubs/affiliate must file their e-postcard for tax year 2015 by May 15, 2016.

If your clubs/affiliates is not successful in filing, please call the IRS as instructed to find out why they were unsuccessful and forward to the club's EIN, name, c/o information to the Extension Office. The Extension Office will then submit this information to the state off to include the club/affiliate in submission to the IRS to be reconnected with GEN 5925. It will take 4-6 weeks before the IRS has the group uploaded to be able to file their 990-N epostcard.

How to file

To file 990-N on or after February 29, 2016:

The IRS will begin hosting Form 990-N on February 29, 2016. All form 990-N users (including users previously registered with Urban Institute) who file after February 28, 2016, will be required to register before completing the 990-N.

This is a one-time registration. You won't need to register each year.

In the unlikely event that technical issues delay implementation of the new Form 990-N submission process, systems are in place to prevent organizations from being penalized if their filing due dates occur before the system is in place.

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. For current volunteers, Child Abuse training will be held at 6:30pm followed by NVO at approximately 7:30pm.

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.

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

Poultry Crate Winners

Congratulations to the following clubs. You may pick up your crate at the Extension Office.

Turkey Crate: Geauga's Best

Chicken Crate: Geauga Primetime

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.

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>

4-H MEMBERS

Poster Contest – Sponsored by Geauga SWCD

Gauga County Soil & Water is holding a poster contest open to youth in grades K-12. Posters are evaluated on conservation message, visual effectiveness, originality, and universal appeal. Cash Prizes.

Theme: We All Need Trees

Due to Soil & Water by April 22nd (Soil & Water is located across the hall from the Extension Office.)

See attached flyer for more information and to register

Geauga Youth Leadership Training

March 18th – 4:30pm

The Geauga Youth Advisory Council is excited to announce their Youth Leadership Training at the Geauga County Extension Office. This leadership training gives youth an excellent opportunity to become an active voice in the community, meet and inspire new people, and develop lasting leadership skills. Registration deadline is March 15th. There is no cost for Geauga County youth. Application is attached. For more information contact Matt Petersen at

mpetersen@lgrc.us

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>

Club Officer Training

May 4th – 6:30pm

Open to 4-H members who are current officers or any member who is interested in holding an office in the future. The training will cover parliamentary procedures, officer duties, and ways to make club meeting fun. Youth should register by April 29th if interested in attending.

Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest

May 26th - 7:00pm

Cloverbud Division

Junior Division: 8 – 13

Senior Division: 14 -18

Members can choose from several categories; Health & Safety Speech, 4-H Pledge & Creed Contest, or Illustrated Talks & Demonstration Contest. For complete rules, guidelines, and registration form, visit www.geauga.osu.edu. Registrations due by May 20th.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE NEWS

Equine Risk Management Training

April 19th – 7:00pm

All volunteers and older youth (age 13 and older) are invited to attend a seminar about horses and the risks associated with riding, showing, and owning horses. Volunteers attending will receive credit towards their annual requirements. Youth enrolled in a horse project can receive credit as an alternate clinic (with verification form). Please contact the Extension Office to register by April 15th.

Poultry Ownership Workshop

April 21st – 6:30pm

Presented by: Western Reserve Farm Cooperative & Purina Mills LLC.

Location: Mary Yoder's Amish Restaurant

Time: 6:30p-8:30p

Registration is from 6-6:30. Christa Scarbrough will present on chick care, nutrition, and managing your coop. A brief Q&A session will follow.

To Register or for more information contact Western Reserence County Store in Middlefield at 440-632-0271.

*Door prizes, refreshments, and coupons!

Bi-State Youth Poultry Clinic

April 2nd

When: April 2nd – 8:00am to 4:00pm

Where: Fisher Auditorium, OSU/OARDC, Wooster, OH

Cost: \$18 per person (includes lunch)

What: Topics covered include poultry health, avian anatomy, breed selection, making an egg, showmanship, Quality Assurance, Skill-a-thon practice, and an open Q&A session.

Registration and payment must be postmarked by March 21st. See flyer for complete details.

Pullorum Testing School

May 3 – Wayne County Fairground 5:30 – 7:30pm

May 4 – Crawford County Fairgrounds 5:30 – 7:30pm

May 5 – Ohio State Fairgrounds 5:30 – 7:30pm

There is a \$50 fee per student (additional \$5 fee for first time participants). Certification valid for 5 years. Must be 18 years or older. If interested. Contact the Geauga Extension Office for registration materials.

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. Out of county QA opportunities are available. See QA Packet for complete information.

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.

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>

Geauga Horse Committee Scholarship

Due: May 31st

The Geauga County 4-H Horse Committee is awarding up to four (4) \$500 scholarships to Geauga County 4-H members, who are high school seniors, who have actively participated in the 4-H horse program for at least three years. To qualify, member must be enrolled in a 4 year college, 2 year college, or vocational school for the Fall 2016 term/semester (course of study does not need to be equine related). Applications are due to the Extension Office by May 31st. For complete details and an application visit: http://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Geauga%20-H%20Horse%20Scholarship%202016.pdf

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.

March 23rd – Lorain County

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 & Child Abuse Training**

April

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