

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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ADVISOR AREA

2017 Annual Update & Child Abuse Training

January 31st – 6:30pm @ School Building

Club enrollment materials will be distributed on Tuesday, January 31st at 6:30pm. A brief update will be held to review all new information for the 2017 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 31st. If a volunteer or club has any suggestive programming for 2017, this is the time to share it. Additionally, the OSU mandatory Child Abuse & Recognition Training will be offered immediately following Annual Update.

2017 Potential 4-H Volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer for the 2017 year must complete the entire screening process (application, references, BCI, interview, orientation, and Child Abuse Training) by March 31, 2017. 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 before the screening deadline. OSU's mandatory Child Abuse & Recognition Training will be covered as well. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in attending.

CLUB NEWS

2017 4-H Family Guide

The 2017 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>

Ohio 4-H Club/Affiliate Yearly Financial Summary

Due January 31, 2017

All 4-H clubs and affiliates (committees) are required to submit a Yearly Financial Summary by January 31st. Club financials will now be reported based on each calendar year's bank transactions, January 1st - December 31st of each year. Clubs may elect to complete the form in two ways. 1) Submit the Financial Summary online using the instructions accompanying the summary. 2) Submit the Financial Summary in hard copy form to the Extension Office. 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 packed. Additional copies are available on the website or by contacting the Extension Office.

4-H MEMBERS

Camp Counselors Wanted

Geauga Camp Week: June 18-24

Any youth age 15-18 years old interested in serving as a 2017 Camp Counselor are encouraged to submit a Camp Counselor Application by December 31st. **4-H Membership is NOT required.**

4-H Fashion Board Applications

Members interested in joining the 2017 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by January 31, 2017. Members must be at least 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2017), have previously completed two years of clothing or textile projects, and carry a clothing project while serving on the board.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE NEWS

2017 Ohio State Fair – Beef Tagging

The Ohio State Fair Beef Department will use the same protocols for identifying market beef animals for the 2017 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 2017 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, 2017 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.

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, 2017.** This is not a post mark date.

JR. FAIR NEWS & UPDATES

2017 OFMA Junior Fair Conference

January 5-8, 2017

Conference Registration information can be found at www.ohiofairs.org Registration is due December 15th.

Junior Fair Adult Coordinator Positions

Jr. Fair is looking to fill species coordinators for beef, dairy and small animals/rabbits. If interested in the position, complete an application by January 1st. Application and more information attached.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

12 Member & Volunteer Recognition Ceremony
11 Veterans Day – Extension Office Closed
24-25 Happy Thanksgiving – Extension Office Closed

December

23-26 Happy Holidays – Extension Office Closed
31 Camp Counselor Applications Due

January

2 Happy New Year – Extension Office Closed
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Extension Office Closed
26 Camp Counselor Interviews
31 **Annual Update & Child Abuse Training**
Club Financial Summary Due
Fashion Board Applications Due

Mark Your Calendars - 2017

January 31 Annual Update & Child Abuse Training
Club Financial Summary Due
March 11 Ohio 4-H Conference
March 30 New Volunteer Orientation (includes year 1 Child Abuse Training)
March 31 New Volunteer Screening Deadline
April 1 Cross County Request Deadline – 4:30pm
April 15 Enrollment Deadline - 4:30pm
May 6 Quality Assurance
June 18-24 Geauga Co. 4-H Camp
July 15 Project Judging – Livestock & Miscellaneous

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