

## **Fairfield County 4-H Monthly Update**

### **April 2015**

Ninety-six youth were recognized at the 2015 4-H Achievement Awards Banquet held April 7<sup>th</sup> at Shalom United Methodist Church in Carroll. Fairfield County was fortunate enough to have FOUR State Achievement winners, 11 First or Second Alternates, 6 State Ambassadors and 3 Ohio Teen Advisory Council members selected this year. What a great group of young adults we have in Fairfield County! The winners are listed further in the update.

All club enrollments are due to the Extension Office (831 College Ave, Ste. D, Lancaster, Ohio 43130) by 4:00 pm on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This includes Home Grown Rabbit Intent Form, the [Dog Permission to Participate Form](#), and the [Horse Permission to Participate Form](#), all of which can be found on the Fairfield County website ([www.fairfield.osu.edu](http://www.fairfield.osu.edu)) under the general [4-H Youth Development](#) tab, then the [Advisors Red Book](#). These forms are in the May section of the [Red Book](#).

Please double check your enrollment forms for all the demographic information on the front page – OSU Requires we have this information...Check for member signatures and a check in the checkbox on the front page, parent's completion of the back page including the photo release section, and their printed and signed signatures on the back page. **New this year, the office will be open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please have enrollments turned in by this time.**

Camp planning is in full swing for this year. Approximately 50 youth are being trained as counselors and counselors in training (CITs). Please encourage your members to attend one of our three camps with these outstanding youth and our fun staff. Additional camp forms will be posted to the website soon.

Feel free to contact me at any time at [risch.23@osu.edu](mailto:risch.23@osu.edu) or 740-653-5419 x19.

-Leslie-

### **4-H Reminders**

#### ***Mandatory Child Abuse & Neglect Training for OSU Extension Volunteers – including 4-H Advisors/Volunteers***

All current OSU Extension volunteers (this includes 4-H Advisors/Volunteers, Master Gardeners, and Master Clothing Educators) MUST attend a Child Abuse and Neglect Training in May. It is highly encouraged that you sign-up to attend by calling the office at 740-653-5419 or by completing the following survey. Registration will be available through May 1<sup>st</sup> at this link: <http://surveys.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/cfaes/index.php/361154/lang-en>. Training dates are May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> with multiple times slots available. Again this is a MANDATORY training for all OSU Extension ADULT volunteers (teen camp counselors - your time will be at a later date!).

#### ***Member Handbook Errors...***

We found a couple of mistakes in the 2015 Member Handbook. Please make sure your members are aware of these changes!

- **Page 8**, the July calendar has an incorrect date. Tag-In/Tattoo & Weigh in is on July 11<sup>th</sup>, not July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Page 24**, bottom right column, the last note should read: Project #691 & 692 – No State Fair competition.

Also, the State 4-H Office has updated some information on the nutrition projects. Projects 462 Yeast Breads on the Rise, 469 Global Gourmet, 472 Grill Master, 475 Star Spangled Foods and 487 Fast Break for Breakfast are now intended for members of any age with substantial experience in food preparation and nutrition.

***Barrow MQP to Continue in 2015, No Weigh-in, Reservations are Required***

Due to concern for bio-security, again this year barrows participating in the MQP program will not be weighed at the beginning of the project in July. In place of the performance component of the scoring that resulted from the weights of the barrows in the past, placings will once again be based on how closely the animal fits an industry acceptable marketing grid, along with the meat quality factors that have been included in the past.

Since the OSU Meat Lab is limited by the number of barrows it can harvest and process for freezer pork a one time, entries will be limited to the first 30. Advance entries are being accepted now and are on a first come first served basis. A waiting list will be maintained when 30 entries have been received.

Entries may be made by contacting the OSU Extension Office. This “advance” entry is simply to reserve a slot in the program and does not replace the project enrollment or formal Fair entry process.

Again this year, each exhibitor in the Barrow MQP contest is required to secure a purchaser for their own freezer pork.

More details on the scoring parameters that will be included for placing this year’s MQP program will be available soon from Advisors and/or the Extension Office.

***Dog Possession Deadline was April 1<sup>st</sup>***

All dogs should be been in possession by April 1<sup>st</sup> in order for exhibitors to carry a 4-H dog project.

***Cloverbud Day Camp Planning Meeting – April 15<sup>th</sup>***

Cloverbud Day Camp Counselors had a planning meeting Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Ag Center. They will be working more on the camp (Theme: “Journey thru Alley Park”) regarding activities for campers and special events. Youth should have recently received their assignment for the 2015 camp year.

***Intermediate Camp Planning Meeting – April 15<sup>th</sup>***

Intermediate Camp Counselors had a planning meeting Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Ag Center. They will be deciding activities for campers, programs and special events at their camp, “Hidden Heroes in the Hollow”. Youth should have recently received their assignment for the 2015 camp year.

***Junior Camp Planning Meeting – April 21<sup>st</sup>***

Junior Camp Counselors will have a planning meeting Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Ag Center. They will be deciding activities for campers, programs and special events at their camp, “There’s No Place Like Tar Hollow”. Youth should have recently received their assignment for the 2015 camp year.

***Junior Leader Meeting – April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.***

The Junior Leadership Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center. New officers have been elected and are planning programs for the 2015 year. All 4-H youth who are 13 and older are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet youth throughout the

county and become more involved in what 4-H offers!

***Junior Fair Board Meeting – April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 p.m.***

The next Junior Fair Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:45 – 9:30 p.m. at the Ag Center. Officers have been elected, and they are now working on show committees and fair fun activities.

***Community Service Opportunity!***

The TSC Spring Paper Clover event dates have been announced! 2015 Spring dates are April 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All three area Tractor Supply locations (Carroll, Lancaster and Pickerington) would like to welcome your 4-H clubs to do numerous types of fundraisers such as bake sales, animal demonstrations, cookouts, or anything else to showcase 4-H. Please contact your local store to get involved with them in supporting Fairfield County 4-H.

***IMPORTANT 2015 Quality Assurance Information:***

***When & Where It's Held***

New for 2015 we are asking that clubs have their own Quality Assurance Clinic. We have trained and certified the instructors and we ask that you contact one of them on the list (available from Leslie by emailing [risch.23@osu.edu](mailto:risch.23@osu.edu)). They will assist your club in receiving the Quality Assurance Information that your members need to meet this requirement to exhibit and show livestock at the 2015 Fairfield County Fair. You may join in with another club or invite members to come to your club QA Clinic. We understand that some clubs only have a few livestock exhibitors. In this case, you can attend another club QA Clinic or call the OSU Extension Office for additional options.

Members are required to attend one Quality Assurance Clinic taught by a certified instructor. Clinics may be set up at the club level by the Advisor. For additional Clinic options contact the OSU Extension Office.

There will be two make-up dates for members who missed their club QA Clinic or have not met their requirement for the current year. These makeup dates are:

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, or

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds

***Who Quality Assurance Affects***

All exhibitors who take the following projects must attend the required Quality Assurance Clinic during the current year in order to exhibit at the Fairfield County Fair:

- Beef (Breeding & Market)
- Dairy Breeding & Dairy Feeders
- Goats (Angora, Dairy, Meat, Market, Pygmy)
- Poultry (Breeding & Market)
- Rabbits (Breeding & Market—this does not include Pet Rabbits)
- Sheep (Breeding & Market)
- Swine

***How the Quality Assurance Clinic Will Run***

If a club does not have their own trained certified instructor to teach their QA Clinic at their club, they will need to contact a certified instructor to come to their club meeting. Each certified instructor will have the activities that will be used in your club QA clinic. Each member will need to sign in at the

beginning of the clinic and complete a questionnaire at the end of the clinic. The certified instructor will be responsible for collecting and submitting completed QA questionnaires for documentation to the OSU Extension Office.

### ***How to Meet the Quality Assurance Requirement***

When a member attends your club QA clinic or one county-wide make-up QA clinic, s/he is validated to exhibit at the fair in all species. So if Chris Clover is taking Beef, Dairy, and Poultry, he only needs to attend one QA clinic). Exhibitors will be asked to mark all species planned to exhibit at the Fairfield County Fair when signing in at the club QA clinic or county-wide make-up QA clinic. If members do not attend a club QA clinic or county-wide make-up QA clinic, they will be ineligible to exhibit and show livestock at the Fairfield County Fair.

For a list of certified instructors, please contact the OSU Extension Office at 740-653-5419, x19 or email Leslie at [risch.23@osu.edu](mailto:risch.23@osu.edu).

### ***Quality Assurance Test-Out Dates***

Once again, we will be offering a test out opportunity for any Fairfield County youth who are ages 12-14 and 15-18 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015). The week we are offering youth to test-out is June 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Center. Youth MUST attend at Quality Assurance Clinic in 2015 PRIOR to testing out. Appointments are required. Please contact Leslie for questions and to setup an appointment.

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### ***County 4-H Calendar***

The 2015 Fairfield County 4-H Calendar is now available online! You may view it by clicking [here](#).

### ***Fairfield County 4-H Judging Team***

Livestock judging gives youth many valuable opportunities to develop skills that will help them for the rest of their lives. They'll be able to apply the skills they learn as a livestock judge to any number of professional situations they later encounter. With that thought in mind, there is interest in offering Fairfield County youth the opportunity to develop their livestock judging skills through participation in a countywide program (club). Two informational meetings were held in December and meetings/practices have been placed on the calendar! Meetings will be held at the Ag Center as well as farm visits to judge live animals. The next meeting for the Fairfield County 4-H Judging Team will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the OSU Swine Facility. If you have any 4-H youth interested in this opportunity, please share these dates and times with them. For more information, contact Trey Miller at [miller.4995@osu.edu](mailto:miller.4995@osu.edu) or Justin Bachman at [jbachman@landolakes.com](mailto:jbachman@landolakes.com).

### ***Horse Advisor's Meeting – April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.***

The next Horse Advisors meeting will be Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Ag Center. All advisors who have members who enroll in horse projects are encouraged to attend!

### ***Officer Training***

The 2015 Officer training will be held on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at Shalom United Methodist Church from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The church is located at 4925 Plum Road in Carroll. It is strongly recommended that you encourage all of your club officers to attend.

### ***All County Dog Clinic***

The first of 4 clinics to help prepare your dog project members will occur on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. All clinics will be held at the Feeder Creek Show Arena on the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. The Foundations of Training dog clinic will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Obedience will be discussed on

June 11<sup>th</sup>, Intro to Rally on July 16<sup>th</sup>, and Showmanship on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the Mandatory Dog Check-in Day, Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The finale of the Fairfield County Dog program will be the Show on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

### ***990 e-Postcard Tutorial***

A PowerPoint tutorial has been created to assist volunteers with reporting their 4-H Club/affiliate 990 e-Postcard. Please feel free to use it as a reference it as you file the club/affiliate 990 e-Postcard. <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-parents-volunteers/club-leaders/finances>. E-Postcards are due to the Extension office May 1<sup>st</sup> with your enrollments.

### ***4-H Achievement Banquet***

The 2015 4-H Achievement Banquet was held April 7<sup>th</sup>. The following youth were recognized for state achievement awards based on the Ohio Achievement Form:

#### Michael Burns

\*Meat Goat State Achievement Award **Winner**

#### Autumn Fickel

\*Horse State Achievement 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

\*Photography Achievement 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

#### Joy Garsky

\*Companion Animals State Achievement Award **Winner**

\*Health & Safety State Achievement 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

#### Natalyn Landis

\*State Junior Fair Board 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

#### Reed Newell

\*Companion Animal State Achievement 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

#### Rachel Salyers

\*Clothing and Textiles State Achievement Award **Winner**

\*Rabbits State Achievement 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

#### Evan Smith

\*Beef State Achievement Award **Winner**

#### Jonathan Stepp

\*Woodworking State Achievement 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

#### Sydney Stinson

\*Poultry State Achievement 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

\*Swine State Achievement 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

#### Rachel Stoneburner

\*Mechanical & Engineering Science Achievement 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

#### Laura Swinehart

\*Woodworking State Achievement 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

### **Junior Achievement Form Winners**

The following youth ages 8 - 13 completed the Fairfield County Junior Achievement Forms and were awarded the following:

Burns, Derek	Gold Clover	Bader, Scott	White Clover
Gugliemotto, Gabriella	Gold Clover	Barnes, Brianne	White Clover
Hill, Triston	Gold Clover	Carter, Allie	White Clover
Kruse, Anna	Gold Clover	Coulter, Caleb	White Clover
Somers, Corinne	Gold Clover	Glass, Jessica	White Clover
VerDow, John	Gold Clover	Glass, Madison	White Clover
Bowers, Stephanie	Green Clover	Henry, Dalton	White Clover
Coakley, Abigail	Green Clover	Keiser, William	White Clover
Henry, Hannah	Green Clover	King, Jeffrey	White Clover
Hyme, Lillian	Green Clover	Kitsmiller, Mary Cate	White Clover
Kaper, Ethan	Green Clover	Kruse, Grace	White Clover
Kitsmiller, Ellie	Green Clover	LeMay, Rebecca	White Clover
Kitsmiller, Hannah	Green Clover	Lykins, Katelynn	White Clover
Kruse, Emily	Green Clover	McMillen, Peyton	White Clover
Lanning, Jimmy	Green Clover	Meachem, Tucker	White Clover
Latore, Kathleen	Green Clover	Nevers, Victoria	White Clover
Martenev, Connor	Green Clover	Newell, Macy	White Clover
Martenev, Jarod	Green Clover	Phillips, Carlie	White Clover
Mason, Caroline	Green Clover	Reilly, Graham	White Clover
McMillen, Savana	Green Clover	Smith, Grant	White Clover
Nevers, Jordyn	Green Clover	Somers, Sydney	White Clover
Preston, Emma	Green Clover	Tooill, Rosa	White Clover
Preston, Lauren	Green Clover	Vipperman, Emily	White Clover
Smith, Abby	Green Clover	Woods, Cece	White Clover
Woods, Anna	Green Clover	Dininno, Emily	Participation Award
Young, Lauren	Green Clover	Logsdon, Brendan	Participation Award
		Logsdon, Maddie	Participation Award

### **2015 Fairfield County Scholarship Recipients**

Michael Burns - Fairfield National Scholarship  
 Joy Garsky - Fairfield National Scholarship  
 Susan Householder - Junior Leaders Scholarship  
 Joshua Hyme - Feeder Creek Veterinary Service Scholarship  
 Autumn Miller - Harold Fenstermaker Agriculture Scholarship  
 Autumn Fickel - Kiwanis Club of Lancaster Burns Scholarship  
 Taylor Moore - Kiwanis Club of Lancaster 4-H White Scholarship

### **2015 Fairfield County Merit Award Winners**

<b>Award Area</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Beef	Rachel Stoneburner		
Citizenship & Community Service	Emma Newell	Maddie Mefford	Melissa Sommers
Clothing	Autumn Miller	Melissa Sommers	Joy Garsky
Companion Animal	Reed Newell	Jonathan Stepp	
Dairy	<i>None in 2015</i>		
Dairy Goat	<i>None in 2015</i>		
Environmental Science	Levi Hyme	Evan Young	
Family Life	Melissa Sommers		
Food & Nutrition	Madison Newell	Jonathan Stepp	

Gardening	<i>None in 2015</i>		
Health	Melissa Sommers		
Horse	Autumn Fickel		
Leadership	Laura Swinehart	Joy Garsky	Natalyn Landis
Mechanical Engineering	Evan Young	Grant Molnar	
Meat Goat	Rachel Stoneburner	Jonathan Stepp	
Personal Development	Rachel Salyers	Joy Garsky	Blake Fox
Photography	Autumn Fickel		
Poultry	Sydney Stinson	Levi Hyme	
Rabbits	Rachel Stoneburner	Grant Molnar	Susan Householder
Sheep	Autumn Miller	Jacob Hyme	Laura Swinehart
Shooting Sports	Jonathan Stepp		
Swine	Sydney Stinson	Sydney Malone	Susan Householder
Vet Science	Autumn Fickel		
Woodworking	<i>None 2015</i>		

### **2015 Fairfield County Trip Winners**

These outstanding young people completed an Ohio Achievement Form and were selected from among their peers to receive these trips.

<b>CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS</b>	Autumn Miller Joy Garsky	Susan Householder Joshua Hyme	
<b>LEADERSHIP CAMP</b>	Sydney Stinson Sydney Malone Grant Michael	Rachel Stoneburner Jacob Hyme	
<b>FORESTRY CAMP</b>	Evan Young		
<b>4-H SEA CAMP</b>	Laura Swinehart	Natalyn Landis	
<b>CARVING NEW IDEAS</b>	Grant Molnar Kive Simmons	Morgan Kaper	Reed Newell
<b>Leadership Washington Focus 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Levi Hyme Triston Hill	Derek Burns Corinne Somers	
<b>TEEN CONFERENCE</b>	Joy Garsky Joshua Hyme Morgan Kaper Molly Michael Grant Molnar Kive Simmons Melissa Sommers Rachel Stoneburner	Susan Householder Jacob Hyme Alivia Lahr Grant Michael Emma Newell Grant Smith Jonathan Stepp Evan Young	Levi Hyme Natalyn Landis Autumn Miller Rachel Salyers Corinne Somers Sydney Stinson Lauren Young

### **State Leadership Roles from Fairfield County Youth!**

Congratulations to Jacob Hyme, Morgan Kaper, Melissa Sommers, Jonathan Stepp and Sydney

Stinson who will serve as Junior Ohio Ambassadors. Joshua Hyme will return as a Senior Ambassador. Additional congratulations to Natalyn Landis, Molly Michael and Laura Swinehart who were selected as Ohio Teen Advisory Council Members. These individuals will represent Fairfield County throughout the year, joined by other youth throughout the state and will do a terrific job!

### ***Meet the 2015 Fairfield County Fashion and Nutrition Board***

These 4-H members completed an application to become members of the Fashion and Nutrition Board. They've helped at 4-H Day, the Mom and Me Sew-In, and will be learning more about fashion and nutrition to share with other 4-H members.

Emily Blackwell	Katelyn Dennis	Joy Garsky	Natalyn Landis	Kathleen Latorre
Marissa Mattox	Autumn Miller	Madison Newell	Emma Preston	Lauren Preston
Hannah Schmelzer	Natalie Soliday	Melissa Sommers	Laura Swinehart	Tierra Tooill
Rachel Walker				

### ***Meet the new 2015 Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Members***

These 4-H members completed an additional application and went through a selection process to become members of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board. They join the seven members selected last year, along with Junior Advisors and Advisors.

Emily Blackwell	Katelyn Dennis	Morgan Kaper	Grant Molnar	Morgan Paskins
Ethan Roberts	Kamala Sweeney	Evan Young		

### ***Retiring Advisors***

If you know of someone who is no longer able to be involved as a 4-H Advisor or not having a club in 2015, please contact the OSU Extension Office. We need to know this information so when we start placing new 4-Hers in a club, we know if a club no longer exists!

### ***Fashion and Nutrition Board Meeting***

The Fashion and Nutrition Board will meet May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ag Center.

### ***Horse Advisors Open Show – May 16<sup>th</sup>***

The Horse Advisors Open Show will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

### ***Companion Animals Clinic – Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.***

This event will be held at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds in the Display Barn. It is open to 4-H member and parents. We will have experts and even project judges to answer questions on all small animal projects, including where to find your pet, what is involved in raising each type of animal, care, nutrition and what is expected at judging. This clinic is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

### ***Rabbit Clinic – Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.***

A Rabbit Clinic will be held in conjunction with the Companion Animal Clinic on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. Come and learn about the different breeds of rabbits, their breed specifications and market rabbits. Pet rabbit members are encouraged to learn more about our county rabbit program and where they can go next with their rabbit interests.

### ***Junior Leader Meeting – May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.***

The Junior Leadership Club will meet at the Ag Center from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



### ***Junior Fairboard Meeting – May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m.***

The Fairfield County Junior Fair Board will meet at the Ag Center after the Junior Leader meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Fair planning will continue at this meeting.

### ***4-H Advisory Committee Meeting – May 21<sup>st</sup>***

Your elected advisors will meet at 7:00 p.m. on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please let them know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Fairfield County 4-H Program. Their contact information is in the February Newsletter (or you can call the office).

***The Extension Office will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 so that we may observe the Memorial Day Holiday.***

### ***Camp Round-Up! Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.***

Don't forget to join your 4-H Camp counselors at Camp Round-Up! Camp forms can be completed at this time, including the friend request form. Learn the camp themes, meet your counselors, and find out the fun activities the counselors have planned for members attending camp. Don't forget that all camp forms are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 without the late fee. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to anyone registering for camp after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration for each camp closes one week prior to the start of that camp.

### ***Endowment Legacy Dinner – June 4<sup>th</sup>***

The 4-H Legacy Dinner, which benefits the Fairfield County 4-H Endowment Fund (all proceeds go to the Fairfield County 4-H Youth Development Program), is being held June 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ted and Kathy Poth. Cost is \$40.00/person or \$400.00/table. There will be a silent and live auction. While it is NOT an invitation only event, guests are asked to RSVP with payment prior to the event. For more information, contact Leslie ([risch.23@osu.edu](mailto:risch.23@osu.edu)). Announcements, when available, will be posted on the Endowment Portion of the [webpage](#). We invite all 4-H Clubs to consider donating to the silent or grand auction. Consider putting a nice gift basket together to donate from your club. For more information and guidelines about auction items and sponsorship, contact Kristin Reese at [Kristin@kristinreese.com](mailto:Kristin@kristinreese.com).

### ***Specie & Activity Expert List***

We are in the process of creating an "Expert List" database. Once this database is created, we will utilize it to direct individuals to people that can assist them with a particular project, event, or activity. Sheep, swine, Cloverbuds, community service, fundraising, achievement forms...ideas are endless! If you or someone you know is interested in being on this list, please contact Leslie at [risch.23@osu.edu](mailto:risch.23@osu.edu). It will be extremely beneficial for the youth and adults that work with them throughout the year!

### ***2015 Fairfield County 4-H Camp Dates***

Dates have been selected for Fairfield County 4-H Camps! Intermediate Camp is for youth ages 11 to 14 and will take place June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup> at Tar Hollow State Park. Junior Camp is for youth ages 8 to 10 and will take place June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup> at Tar Hollow State Park. Cloverbud Camp is for youth ages 5 to 8 and will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Alley Park. Youth attending Cloverbud Camp must be enrolled as a Cloverbud 4-H member to attend Cloverbud Camp. Register for camp at the Camp Round-Up on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center.

### ***Reminder: OSU Extension Office Hours***

This is a reminder that the OSU Extension Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We will still, of course, be available by appointment. Please help spread the word!

### ***Reminder: Thank You Notes!***

Please make sure to have Junior Fair Exhibitors who received awards this summer and at the fair write thank you notes to the sponsors of their awards. Several people took lots of time making sure an address label of the particular sponsor was put on the back of each award or attached a thank you note card to a trophy. We need to make sure our sponsors receive thanks and appreciation for supporting Fairfield County's youth! If a member is not sure of their sponsor for an award received at the fair, check out the Awards Portion of the Junior Fair Book as it gives the name of the sponsor. If you aren't able to find an address, contact the OSU Extension Office and we can help you find it! Also encourage youth to include information about their project, award received, etc. as the sponsors enjoy reading that information!

### ***Centennial Celebration Cookbook – Available on the web!***

Click [here](#) to access this booklet of favorite recipes, which was part of Fairfield County's centennial celebration of Cooperative Extension. Contributors represent a cross-section of people across Fairfield County...those who have participated in Extension programming over the years, those who have been community partners with Extension, and those who are our neighbors and friends in the community. We hope you enjoy this collection of favorite recipes as we continue celebrating 100 years of extending knowledge and changing lives, and look forward to the next 100 years!

### ***Fundraiser – 4-H Signs***

We are hoping you will help the 4-H Advisory Committee with this Fundraising event. We are still selling 4-H signs that are vinyl and can be put on outside buildings. They are available at the OSU Extension Office for \$5.00.

### ***Fundraiser – AmazonSmile***

With Mother's Day just over five weeks away, now's a great time to plan a marketing campaign promoting Fairfield County OH 4-H Advisory Committee's involvement with AmazonSmile. Shoppers turn to Amazon for great Mother's Day gifts like jewelry, flowers, and electronics. Grow your AmazonSmile donation potential by encouraging your supporters to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) in support of Fairfield County OH 4-H Advisory Committee. A combination of email, website placements, and social media is the best way to remind your staff, volunteers, and donors to support you by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Remember to always share your charity's special link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1157596>. If you have any questions, please sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and click on the Help tab to see our FAQ topics. Thank you for your participation in the AmazonSmile program and Fairfield County 4-H!

### ***Fundraiser – 4-H Window Clings***

The Junior Leadership Club is still selling 4-H window clings that are perfect for your car or any window for that matter! Contact a Junior Leadership Club member to get your window cling for just \$5.00.

### ***For Cloverbuds – 2015 Ohio 4-H Cloverbot Challenge: Wonderful Water***

The 2015 4-H Cloverbot Challenge theme is Wonderful Water! Your team will explore the properties of water, the ways we use water and how it impacts our lives every day. The Challenge is designed to offer Cloverbuds the opportunity to learn about a topic area, create a poster and LEGO display, and then showcase their findings at a statewide event. This year's 4-H Cloverbot Challenge is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio 4-H Center in Columbus. Challenge details will be available in February. If you would like to be part of the 2015 4-H Cloverbot Challenge with your Cloverbuds, contact Beth Boomershine ([boomershine.10@osu.edu](mailto:boomershine.10@osu.edu)) or Sally McClaskey ([mcclaskey.12@osu.edu](mailto:mcclaskey.12@osu.edu)). Please note: if you participated in the Cloverbot Challenge in previous years, the 2015 Challenge is NOT part of the JrFLL program. Do not register online with JrFLL.

***For Cloverbuds – Newest Edition of Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections Newsletter is Available!  
Is now posted to the website: [www.go.osu.edu/cbc](http://www.go.osu.edu/cbc)***

In this April - June 2015 Issue we highlight several topics about teaching pet safety to Cloverbuds:

- How to Handle Pets by Penne Smith
- Pet Activities for Cloverbuds by Nancy Snook
- Campus Connections by Dr. Scott Scheer
- Click it, Print it, Do it! – Be Safe Around Dogs by Lucinda Miller

Don't forget about our Click it, Print it, Do it! webpage where you can find over 30 different activities that are ready to go for your next Cloverbud meeting: [www.go.osu.edu/click](http://www.go.osu.edu/click). Thanks for reading and sharing this resource with others! Our July – September 2015 will focus on “Home Safety”.

***ATTENTION CLUBS!***

The County Commissioners are the reason we are able to have a 4-H program! Why not send them a thank you note telling them their support is appreciated? Perhaps even throw in a nice photo from the fair of your 4-H project/exhibit. Their address is 210 East Main Street, Room 301, Lancaster, OH 43130. Without them, we would not be able to have the program we do!

***Calling all Fairfield County 4-H Alumni!***

We are working to create a database for Fairfield County 4-H Alumni in order to connect them with happenings that occur in the Fairfield County 4-H Program. If you or someone you know would like to be added to the database, submit your information online at: <http://go.osu.edu/Fairfield-4HAlumni>.

***Perfect Attendance Pins Available***

Loren Young has donated Prefect Attendance pins (they are generic) available at the Extension Office. They will be available while supplies last. If you or someone you know is interested, just come in or call the OSU Extension Office to see if they are still available.

***4-H Member Pins***

The OSU Extension Office has an assortment of 4-H member bronze pins (4th, 6th, and 8th year). If you, your club, or parents in your club would like to purchase these for your club members, you could save money on shipping by purchasing them at the office instead of from the Source Book! Cost is \$1.25 each. Contact the office to find out availability of these pins!

***Officer Training Resources***

Don't forget to tell your club officers about these resources. You can view them on the website under the Additional Officer Training Information section of the Advisor Redbook page. (Scroll down to find it) <http://fairfield.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/advisor-red-book>

***Club Biographies Available***

Club biographies are located on our [website](#). This tool enables interested individuals in joining 4-H to search online for possible clubs and contact advisors directly to ask more specific information about club meetings, locations, and projects. It's also a great way for club advisors and members to network with each other and help others out if there is a question regarding a project or event. Check out the [Club Biographies](#) and let Leslie know if there are any changes or updates!

***Be a 'Fan' on Facebook!***

Join us on Facebook: Fairfield County, Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program - <http://go.osu.edu/Fairfield4HonFB>. When our website is down, this is a great way to stay in touch!

***Sale Check Day Changes!!***

Checks will now only be able to be picked up on two different days (they will not be available after the second date!). The first date is Saturday DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to NOON at the Ag Center. The second date is December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to NOON at the Senior Fair Office. Any checks not picked up by December 12<sup>th</sup> will be forfeited for 2015.

## **State Opportunities**

### ***The 4-H Urban Immersion Project*** - September 17 - 20, 2015 - Washington D.C

The Urban Immersion Project is a new 4-H initiative that combines cross-cultural learning, team work and service learning in the urban environment of Washington DC. Teens ages 15-18 are eligible for this 4 day service-learning experience that will build skills and abilities to prepare youth for success in a diverse workplace as well as build cultural understanding of those who are different. This experience will not be about shopping or sightseeing, although we will do some monument visits and touristy things. The cost of the experience is only \$125. Application deadline – July 17<sup>th</sup>. Limited Space available. [CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#). For more information call Steve Brady at 513-695-1311

### ***Community Service Opportunity: Farm Animal and Dog Research Project***

Dr. Jason Stull, VMD, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine would like to invite 4-H families to participate in a research project he is overseeing that addresses dog, livestock, and human health. Researchers at OSU are performing this study to improve our understanding of dog ownership within the Ohio farming community. The knowledge we gain from this study will help us to better serve Ohioans and dog owners by promoting animal health and disease prevention. Parents WILL NEED to be involved with this project and those participating must have both livestock and dogs. Participation is completely voluntary and confidential. Please contact Leslie for a flyer which explains the project and how it can be a community service project for 4-H club families who have farm animals (horses included) and dogs.

### ***SHARE YOUR WORLD this Summer!***

Special Opportunity! Ohio 4-H is looking for 40 host families for Japanese youth this summer (July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>). Due to the smaller number, first preference will be given to former host families. After that, they will open up the hosting opportunity to the general public. Contact Sue at [suttles.1@osu.edu](mailto:suttles.1@osu.edu) if you are interested. Families with children aged 10½ –15 are eligible to apply.

### ***Ohio 4-H Dog Achievement Program***

Include dogs in your club! The project, Ohio 4-H Dog Achievement Program (201A) is designed for youth who have dogs as family pets and who are not interested in showing their dogs. To earn a certificate, members must complete 15 activities using online recordkeeping, no project book is required. Activities are divided into beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Find activities and recordkeeping templates at <http://go.osu.edu/DAP>. For more information contact Jennifer Newell at [NewellFarm@insight.rr.com](mailto:NewellFarm@insight.rr.com).

### ***National 4-H Youth Conference Center is Looking for Program Assistants!***

Do you know a college student who has a passion for government, history, political science, education, public speaking, or leadership? The National 4-H Youth Conference Center is looking for individuals with a passion for working with young people. If this brings someone to mind please encourage them to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at National 4-H Youth Conference Center! Application deadlines are quickly approaching and they would like give 4-H alumni and collegiate 4-H'ers an opportunity to apply for this amazing opportunity for their spring or summer semester. Their PA's will be making a difference in the lives of thousands of middle and high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for our Wonders of Washington (WOW),

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) and Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) programs in Washington, D.C. Please reference the job descriptions for more information and application materials. If you have any questions, contact Zach Hall, Educational Programs Specialist at: [Zhall@4HCenter.org](mailto:Zhall@4HCenter.org). **Links to job descriptions:** [WOW Program Assistants](#), [CWF Program Assistants](#), [LWF Program Assistants](#)

***Before enrolling for new projects, please rate last year's project!***

Visit [www.projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://www.projectcentral.ohio4h.org) to score your project experience and project book. Was this the best project you ever took, or perhaps not so great? Did you learn lots of new things or was everything old news? Submit additional comments and advice for your fellow 4-H'ers to see. Once you finish submitting all of your ratings, check out comments from others on projects you're thinking of taking this year!

***Learn more about 4-H projects on Project Central***

Thinking about exploring a new project area? Not sure if a project is the right fit for you? Find the answers to these questions on [www.projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://www.projectcentral.ohio4h.org)! Use Project Central to digitally flip through the first pages of any project book and to read what other members and volunteers are saying about it.

***State 4-H Horse News***

The horse.osu.edu link will remain active, but the layout for the site will be changing. Additionally, check out the Facebook Page: Ohio 4-H Horse Program for updates and information. Combining Hippology and Horse Judging Contests. They will be held on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Union County Fairgrounds. Youth have the ability to compete in one or both contests. New Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows came out in January 2015. Changes are highlighted in the new book. Hard copy and pdf available are for purchase.

The information and most of the presentations from this year's Horse Advisor and Volunteer Training is now posted at: <http://4hansci.osu.edu/horse/documents/2015AdvisorTrainingHighlights.pdf>

***Ohio 4-H Forestry Competition***

The National 4-H Forestry Invitational has been around for years! Why hasn't Ohio sent a team? 2015 is the first year to provide the opportunity for 4-H members in Ohio to show their natural resource and STEM skills at the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio 4-H Forestry Competition. Even if coaches cannot attend the April training, have them send their contact information so that information can be sent about the state contest. Market to FFA instructors and SWCD folks that might be in the county and good contacts. State Contest will be on June 19 at Hocking College. Contact Travis West at [west.222@osu.edu](mailto:west.222@osu.edu) for more information. [CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)

***Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp***

Please share this information, and take note: the youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. The camp will be held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio during the weekend of June 12 - 14<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact Michele at [stumbo.5@osu.edu](mailto:stumbo.5@osu.edu) / 740-992-6696 or Julie Evans, [evans.1243@osu.edu](mailto:evans.1243@osu.edu). [CLICK HERE For complete information.](#)

***State Leadership Camp Dates***

Save the date! The State 4-H Leadership Camp will be held July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Camp Ohio. It is open to young men and women 4-H members ages 15 to 18. Staff/counselor applications are now available! In order to be considered for a position, you must complete the online application. Note this includes providing references (that will be checked). They are also requesting information regarding your involvement in other county and state 4-H programs. Due to Ohio State's Policy 1.50

(implemented in 2015), they must make sure they have current information on you, including background checks (yes, even if you are a current 4-H member or are the camp nurse or an instructor). You can view a letter with more information at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-camps/leadership-camp> titled "2015 Potential Leadership Camp Staff Information and Application". A link to the application is included in the letter. I hope you consider joining the Leadership Camp Staff team in 2015! Applications are due no later than May 1, 2015. If you would like to mark your calendar now, they will conduct interviews the week of May 10, 2015. They will either be in person or virtually. Following your application submission, they will notify you with a date/time! Feel free to forward this information along to anyone else who may be interested in this exciting opportunity! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Becca Goodman at [goodman.230@osu.edu](mailto:goodman.230@osu.edu).

### ***Kelleys Island 4-H Teen Camp***

Looking for more camping and counselor opportunities? Consider Kelley's Island 4-H Teen Camp! (Kelleys Island 4-H Camp is where Leslie grew up going to camp and being a 4-H camp counselor! It's a beautiful camp and she's not biased or anything!!). **Kelleys Island 4-H Teen Camp** that will be held from **July 24-26, 2015.** This camp will be open to all Ohio 4-H teens ages 14-18 as of January 1st. Campers will arrive in the afternoon on Friday July 24th and depart mid-morning on Sunday July 26th. While this will be a short camp – we are planning for lots of fun and engaging educational activities. We have designed this camp to be appealing to busy teens that may have summer jobs and cannot take several days off work. ***The camp fee will be \$160 and a \$50 deposit is due to reserve their spot. Full payment is due by June 1st.*** The camper registration form and counselor application are both available on the Wayne County Extension Office website. Links for both are listed below:

[Kelleys Island 4-H Teen Camp – Counselor Application](#)

[Kelleys Island 4-H Teen Camp – Camp Flyer and Registration Form](#)

### ***Water First for Thirst Youth Activity***

We are writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity to attend the upcoming ***Water First for Thirst (WFFT), Youth Activity Day On May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10am- 3pm in the International Room at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.*** Youth and adults interested in health and nutrition are encouraged come to a day of interactive learning and fun-filled lessons about sugar-sweetened beverages and healthier beverages, how to make drinking water the first choice and easy choice, and how to engage youth in creating healthy communities!

#### **Who Should come to the WFFT Youth Activity Day?**

- Clubs or Groups Seeking a fun, interactive, and educational field trip
- Teachers and adult leaders seeking to provide youth with fun health lessons!
- Youth and adults interested in health & nutrition
- Youth and adults interested in youth leadership

#### **WFFT Youth Activity Day offers you a chance to...**

- be one of the first people to see the new Water First for Thirst curriculum activities!
- learn amazing facts about sugar-sweetened beverages and water!
- be involved in Healthy Living Activities all across Ohio!
- receive a free filtered water bottle, t-shirt, WFFT activity kit, & other goodies!

**The WFFT Leader's Day will feature adapted activities from the newly created Water First for Thirst curriculum that will be offered as a facilitator's guide in the coming months!** This curriculum has been developed through youth input to make lessons on water, sugar-sweetened beverages, and youth advocacy fun and appealing!

All activities at the WFFT Leader's Day will be interactive and engaging! Adult staff will co-facilitate these activities with high school youth currently serving on a Water First for Thirst Teen Leaders Board. **These activities have been designed for youth between 13 and 18. However, younger youth interested in healthy living are welcome to attend the WFFT Youth Activity Day!**

**The WFFT Youth Activity Day is made possible through a generous grant from OSU CARES. Participation in the training day is free, but registration is required. Visit <http://bit.ly/1EGRrQJ> to reserve your spot now** in the training of this brand new, health curriculum! *The first 50 individuals who register will receive reimbursements to cover their round-trip travel costs, as well as a free t-shirt, filtered water bottle, and educational supply kit* filled with items to use in your Water First for Thirst lessons and communication! (Lunch for all participants will also be covered, free of charge).

We look forward to seeing you at our State-wide training on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center!

Once again, to register visit: <http://bit.ly/1EGRrQJ>

### **Third Annual School-Afterschool Garden Conference set of April 24, 2015**

The third annual school garden conference, "Growing a Sense of Place," will be hosted by Ohio State University Extension, Franklin County, on Friday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Columbus. The cost is \$55 and includes lunch and materials.

Scheduled speakers are from Edible Schoolyard Pittsburgh, OSU Extension, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, Franklin Park Conservatory and local educators engaged in school gardening. The conference is open to educators, after-school personnel, interested individuals and groups. Registration is [available here](#).

### **Ohio 4-H Watersports Adventure Weekend**

The third annual **Ohio 4-H Watersports Adventure Weekend at 4-H Camp Piedmont** (AKA "the **WAW**") will be held **June 12-14, 2015**. The event will take all participants onto the water of the beautiful Piedmont Lake, and provide boating, sportfishing, and conservation skills education to 4-H'ers entering the sixth through ninth grades (approximate ages 11-14). While many Ohio 4-H summer camping experiences offer recreational boating to campers, the WAW aims to develop participants' skills through hands-on, small group, on-the-water instruction by qualified instructors. 4-H members from across Ohio are invited to join us for the long weekend. Event participation will be limited to the first 60 registrants, and all participants must be pre-registered with and confirmed by the event administrators. Participants' arrival will be Friday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and departure will be in the afternoon of Sunday, June 14. Meals, snacks, lodging, event t-shirt, and supplies are included in the event fee, which is approximated at **\$150**.

2015 BROCHURE and REGISTRATION are located [HERE](#).

Questions about the WAW can be directed to **Jenny Strickler** at [strickler.60@osu.edu](mailto:strickler.60@osu.edu) **Tim Tanner** at [tanner.128@osu.edu](mailto:tanner.128@osu.edu) or **Kelly Sedlak** at [sedlak.19@osu.edu](mailto:sedlak.19@osu.edu), where they will be answered or routed to the appropriate event administrator.

### **Stock Show University Grad Program in Ohio**

A FREE one day cattle educational program held in various places around Ohio. Stock Show University Grad Programs are designed to provide each participant with a hands-on learning experience from the best professionals in the beef cattle show industry. Each participant is encourage to bring their calf and all the equipment ou would bring to a show and we provide professors that work one on one with each participant in a comprehensive hands-on program. Our Professors teach all the new industry techniques from feeding your show prospect to show day preparation. We want all 4-H members to have the opportunity to participate and know about our program Ohio Dates are April 18 in Greenville, April 19<sup>th</sup> in Columbiana and April 25<sup>th</sup> in Hillsboro. .

Registration forms and more information can be found here.

[http://www.sullivansupply.com/ssu\\_home\\_page.html](http://www.sullivansupply.com/ssu_home_page.html)

### **Events at Nationwide and Schottenstein Arena**

Several opportunities for 4-H members to obtain discounts to see shows in either Nationwide or Schottenstein Arena in the upcoming months have been posted. The information is posted at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/club-members/events-opportunities>. Please feel free to share this info with your 4-H clubs who might be looking for club activities.

- Ohio 4-H Members are being offered a discounted rate to Ringling Brothers Circus at the Schottenstein Center. Ringling Brothers Circus will be at the Schottenstein Center for 4 shows, Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. You can save \$4 per ticket! Follow the instructions posted at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/club-members/events-opportunities> to receive this great discounted offer!

### **Don't miss the Ohio State Fair! Mark your Calendar!**

Ohio State Fair dates have been released for the next few years:

2015: July 29 – August 9

2016: July 27 – August 7

2017: July 26 – August 6

### **2015 Ohio Fair Schedule**

For a list of Ohio Fairs and dates for 2015, click [here](#).

### **Volunteers Must Self Disclose Criminal Convictions**

As part of the revised Ohio State University Self-Disclosure of Criminal Convictions and Background Check Policy, please note that effective July 1, 2011, all current, volunteers, and staff even those provided by third party vendors will be required to self-disclose criminal convictions that occur on or after July 1, 2011 within three business days of the conviction. Please know that reporting a conviction will not necessarily impact your volunteer status at the university. Once a conviction is disclosed, a determination regarding suitability for continued volunteer status will be made based on the information received and collected regarding the conviction. You may disclose a conviction by submitting the disclosure form to Elayne M. Siegfried, HR Director at [siegfried.20@osu.edu](mailto:siegfried.20@osu.edu) or directly to the Office of Human Resources at [ohrc@hr.osu.edu](mailto:ohrc@hr.osu.edu).

### **Ohio 4-H Club Advisor Handbook**

You may view this resource on-line! Photographs and fine-tuning of the website will continue. To visit the 4-H Club Advisor Handbook site visit <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/>

### **Additional County Opportunities**

#### **Help Wanted! Tar Hollow 4-H Camps looking for 4-H Camp Cooks!**

The Ross-Hocking Camp Association, an equal opportunity employer, is hiring 4-H camp cooks for the 2015 4-H camping season which runs from June 7 through July 13. We camp at Tar Hollow State Park near Laurelville, Ohio. The application is available on-line at [www.hocking.osu.edu](http://www.hocking.osu.edu) or by phoning 740-385-3222. Applications are due by May 1, 2015. Interviews will be held on the afternoon of May 7. For more information, contact Todd Holdren, Camp Personnel Director at 740-775-1809, or Joyce Shriner, Camp Food Service Director at 740-385-3222.



## ***Ohio Pork Council Launches Swine Show Circuit for Youth***

**COLUMBUS** – OH-PIGS, The Ohio Summer Show Circuit, a new youth program of the Ohio Pork Council, works to provide the best atmosphere for competitive swine shows. It is, by purpose, a competitive program that promotes the advancement of Ohio's Showpig industry through providing consistency and continuity to a show circuit, tools to increase exhibitor knowledge and education, and opportunities for personal development in youth swine exhibitors.

The program will launch on May 16 in Washington Court House, OH, at the first show in a series of seven weekends. OH-PIGS sanctioned shows will take place at multiple locations throughout the state, as part of the circuit that runs through the end of June.

The new OH PIGS circuit will combine existing summer shows with even more opportunities to compete throughout the summer. Not only will participants have additional opportunities to exhibit their swine projects, the Ohio Pork Council will be offering several opportunities for youth development.

[Additional information, including a complete schedule and a participants' guide, is available at OhioPork.org.](#)

[CLICK HERE for News Release](#)

### ***May is Beef Month***

If you have a promotion or beef specific activity that you would like to host during the month of May, the Ohio Beef Council has promotional materials for you! The \$2/head Ohio Beef Checkoff investment funds beef promotion activities and events that keep producers profitable through beef sales every time consumers choose beef as their preferred protein at the retail meat case with your local grocer. The attached flyer expands on how the Ohio Beef Council will be promoting beef state-wide. Please feel free to use the beef month logo in your advertisement for beef month.

Contact [ejackson@ohiobeef.org](mailto:ejackson@ohiobeef.org) or call 614.873.6736 to request your beef month kit containing brochures, recipes, beef handouts and other fun Beef. It's what's for dinner items. Want to learn more about beef? Check out [www.ohiobeef.org](http://www.ohiobeef.org) for more details. [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

### ***A Message from your Fairfield County Fair Queen, Laura Swinehart:***

Hello Fairfield County 4-H Volunteers! My name is Laura Swinehart and I am currently serving as your 2014 Fairfield County Junior Fair Queen. As the new 4-H year is begins, I would like to visit as many 4-H clubs as I possibly can throughout my year of service, and I need your help in doing so! If you'd like me to visit your club, contact me by email at [swimmerchick2016@gmail.com](mailto:swimmerchick2016@gmail.com) to schedule a club visit. Please help reach my goal of visiting every 4-H club this next year. I look forward to meeting and interacting with the youth of Fairfield County! Thank you for all your hard work!

~Laura Swinehart, 2014 Fairfield County Junior Fair Queen~

### ***Junior Anglers Camp May 1-3***

Junior Anglers if for all youth ages 8 and up who desire to learn more about fishing, conservation, water safety, and outdoor activities. Their upcoming camp is May 1-3 at 4-H Camp Ohio in Licking County. Registration forms and details are at [www.ohwf.org](http://www.ohwf.org). Cost is \$75/person and includes food, lodging and program materials. Register online today!

### ***Warren County 4-H Archery Clinic***

The Aim High 4-H Club of Warren County Ohio is again proudly presenting an Archery Clinic. The clinic will take place at the ODNR Spring Valley Range in Waynesville, Ohio on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Contact Leslie for a flyer ([risch.23@osu.edu](mailto:risch.23@osu.edu)). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Aliya Winkler, Vice President of the Aim High 4-H Club, at 513-516-3471.

### ***Shooting Sports Camps – June 26-28 (Ages 9-12) and July 12-17 (Ages 12-18)***

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp will be hosting a Junior (Ages 9-12) Shooting Education Camp June 26-28, 2015 and the Senior camp (Ages 12-18) July 12-17, 2015. Participants select from one of five disciplines – archery, rifle .22 rimfire, shotgun, living history or pistol .22 rimfire. Registration materials are now posted to the online: <http://www.ohio4hshootingandsports.org/shootingedcamp.htm> The site includes camper registration, counselor application, promotional video, and news release.

### ***4-H Space Adventure Camp – June 16-18, 2015***

4-H Space Adventure Camp is planned for June 16-18, 2015, at Marietta College in Marietta Ohio. The camp is designed for students who are currently in grades 5-7 and ages 11-13. They do not need to be current 4-H members in your county program. Participants live on the Marietta College campus and explore the world of flight with the help of college faculty and trained 4-H camp counselors.

It's three fun-filled days of rockets, computer simulations, hot air balloons and more. The cost of \$199 includes housing, meals and all program materials. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Space is limited to 40 campers and is designed as a one-time experience. Please note: A \$50 deposit per camper is due with the registration form to guarantee your reservation.

Forms (including the required teacher recommendation) can be found here:

<http://spaceadventurecamp.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/sites/spaceadventurecamp/files/imce/Space%20Camp%20Promo%20Flier%20-%202015.pdf>

### ***Contest to Engage the Public About Farming***

Farmers are extremely proud of the work they do to bring food, fuel and fiber to market. But while productivity, science and technology have seen great strides in recent decades, our ability to communicate about farming to the general public has not made similar advances. To help address this communication gap to the public. Crawford and Richland County Farm Bureau are pleased to announce the 2015 Ag Literacy Challenge. This contest is open for individuals or groups (4H, FFA, Collegiate Organizations, etc) that think they have the next big idea to connect consumers and farmers. A one page application describing the display, game or interactive activity is all that is needed to participate in the challenge. The winning design will be used at county fairs, field days, 5k runs, and other outreach events. The 10 best selected applications will receive \$25, and the winner will be awarded \$300--plus get the opportunity to construct their design and bring their vision to life. A link to the [rules and application form are available here](#). All entries must be submitted electronically by May 11th. Contact: Tim Hicks at [567-241-3175](tel:567-241-3175) or by email at [thicks@ofbf.org](mailto:thicks@ofbf.org)

### ***For Your InFARMediation***

Do you know an elementary school teacher? Do you use social media? Please help the Ohio Livestock Coalition share information about the For Your InFARMediation program, which is designed to teach Ohio third-graders about the origins of the food they eat every day and about the important role agriculture plays in Ohio's economy. Please help promote this important educational program tool through your networks and social media. Additional information can be found at [www.ForYourInFARMediation.com](http://www.ForYourInFARMediation.com).

### ***Ohio State Fair Scholarship Applications***

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. 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 undergraduate 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, and Financial Need.

The scholarship application can be found here:

[http://www.ohiostatefair.com/osf/downloadbooks/gm/scholarship\\_app.pdf](http://www.ohiostatefair.com/osf/downloadbooks/gm/scholarship_app.pdf)

Please mail completed applications, along with a photo to Ohio State Fair Scholarship Committee, Agriculture Department, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211. Completed applications must be postmarked by June 15, 2015. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 15, 2015. Scholarship will be awarded during the Sale of Champions at the Ohio State Fair, Sunday, August 9, 2015.

#### ***4-H Camp Tech – June 10, 2015 9:00 am to June 12, 2015 12:00 pm***

Join us for 4-H Camp Tech this summer at the Nationwide and Ohio farm Bureau Ohio 4-H Center! You'll discover all things 'tech' with hands on experiences that include writing code, engineering design, geocaching and electrical design. 4-H Camp Tech is an overnight program open to all youth entering grades 6, 7 & 8 (fall 2015). Camp fee is \$200 and includes accommodations in an OSU Dorm, meals and all activities. Program limited to 24 participants. The registration form can be found here: [http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/events\\_calendar/2015%204-H%20Camp%20Tech%20Registration.pdf](http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/events_calendar/2015%204-H%20Camp%20Tech%20Registration.pdf)

#### ***4-H Astro Camp – July 13, 2015 to July 17, 2015***

Campers will investigate the solar system, space travel, stars and more with hands-on activities and experiments. You'll learn about flight by building rockets and hot air balloons. Find out about meteors and comets, try out solar observation and learn from OSU astronomers!

The \$200 camp fee includes all activities, supplies, camp t-shirt, snacks and lunch on Friday. Open to youth entering grades 4, 5 or 6 in fall 2015.

Camp enrollment is limited to 30 youth. Partial, need-based scholarships available. The registration form can be found here: [http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/events\\_calendar/2015%204-H%20AstroCamp%20Registration.pdf](http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/events_calendar/2015%204-H%20AstroCamp%20Registration.pdf)

Questions can be directed to Sally McClaskey at [mcclaskey.12@osu.edu](mailto:mcclaskey.12@osu.edu) or 614-247-8141.

#### ***AgVentures in the Classroom workshop June 16 and 17***

Attention 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers! Are you looking for new and exciting resources to use in the classroom that will align with curriculum standards? Do you need continuing education hours or graduate credit? How about teaching your students about the No. 1 industry in Ohio?

AgVentures in the Classroom will be held in Coshocton County. The first day of the seminar will be spent in a classroom setting where participants will hear presentations from agriculture group representatives who will tell you about their industry in Ohio and provide related teaching materials.

Day two will be spent touring agriculture businesses to experience agriculture firsthand. You will meet with farmers and operators to talk about farming, food processing, and bio fuel refinement. Cost is \$50 and space is limited. Call Coshocton County Farm Bureau to register, 800.964.8184.

#### ***Farmtastic Agventures 2015-2016***

If you teach 4th or 5th grade students or 3rd grade enrichment students, consider including [Farmtastic Agventures](#) in your reading/ science curriculum for 2015-16. Agventures are unique because live, interactive audio/video conferencing with agricultural experts using Google Hangouts is provided. After you [register](#), the program manager will contact you with additional details about participating. Each month, receive Ag Mag newspapers to read and a link to a video to watch for information on the topic prior to our Hangout. Then, during the connection, you and your students can participate in the 45 minute Hangout interacting with agricultural experts. This is provided to you free of charge.

During the 2014-15 school year, volunteers from Carroll, Cuyahoga, Harrison, Jefferson and Tuscarawas County Farm Bureaus have provided Hangouts on the following topics: bees, apples, pork, water, trees, soil and pizza. The program received [national recognition](#) from American Farm Bureau. Additional topics will be offered next year.

### ***Ag is Cool at the Ohio State Fair July 29-Aug. 9***

Agriculture is Cool! - and it can get students into the [Ohio State Fair](#) for free! The Ohio Department of Agriculture, [Ohio Farm Bureau](#), Ohio State Fair and the buckeye state's agricultural commodity groups are again sponsoring the "Agriculture is Cool" program at the Ohio State Fair.

[Judging](#) for the Ag is Cool [Creative Expression competition](#) for students K-12. will be based on the student's visual representation of the "Ag is Cool!" theme, if it accurately reflects 21st century agriculture, creativity and use of Ohio images, and quality of work. Award winners will be recognized by the Office of the Governor and other state officials at the Ohio State Fair on July 29, 2015.

To see what makes agriculture cool, [students in the 4th grade](#) during the 2014-2015 academic year and a chaperone can attend the state fair any one day for free simply by presenting their report card at the entry gate. Better yet? Participants can [win a \\$500 scholarship](#) by writing an essay about what they learned.

### ***FlipGive***

National 4-H Council has partnered with FlipGive to create a unique fundraising opportunity for your local 4-H club. Earn up to 50% when your friends shop with brands like Starbucks, Under Armour, and more! [Get Started - It's Free!](#)

### ***State Fair Ambassadors***

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation is seeking candidates to serve as ambassadors for the 2015 Ohio State Fair. Ambassadors will assist Ohio Farm Bureau in building, staffing and educating fairgoers at the Land and Living Exhibit. The program provides the opportunity to interact with many leaders in Ohio agriculture and Ohio government. Applicants must be at least 16 years old to apply.

### ***Rabbits Available for Purchase***

Silver Pond is a medium to large sized rabbitry specialized in growing Californian meat rabbits. The facility is registered with the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). They have established a breeding schedule for 2015 to accommodate virtually every county fair in Ohio. Market rabbits are \$20 each and come with their recommended care for success in the show ring. Please visit their website at [www.silverpond.com](http://www.silverpond.com) and check out their operation. You can contact Tony Gregory by email at [tony@silverpond.com](mailto:tony@silverpond.com) or by phone at 419-560-1877.

### ***Support Ohio Small Business on 4hmall.com***

As many of you may know, 4-H Mall has started to feature products by small businesses operated by 4-H alumni/members. Recently, 25-year Somerset Kountry Kids (Perry County) Advisor Laura Skinner and her daughter, Maggie (a 12<sup>th</sup> year member) have had their t-shirts added to the site. Their shirts feature animals on the left chest in glitter vinyl or rhinestones...animals include steer, horse, hog, lamb, and goat. Laura operates a shop in Somerset, and Maggie has been integral in designing and producing the rhinestone shirts (her line 'Maggie's Originals' was her self-determined project a couple years back)! Laura & Maggie also had a vendor spot at the Ohio 4-H Conference last year...so you may already be familiar with their work (or maybe you've seen me wearing their shirts!) I would encourage you to share the link below with your 4-H families...remember, purchases on 4-H Mall provide a kick-back to Ohio 4-H! <http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/laura-maggie-shirts.aspx>

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