

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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2018 Recognition Awards

Volunteer Recognition Awards

Below is a general description of the awards that will be presented at the Recognition & Appreciation Ceremony. Nomination forms are available online and are due by October 1st. Volunteers must be in good standing and have completed their volunteer training requirements by Oct 1st to be eligible. Previous award winners are not eligible to receive the same award multiple times.

- **Clover Key Award** – The KEY to 4-H growth lines in new, committed, and creative leaders. This award recognized leaders with service from 1-5 years who have provided outstanding service to 4-H and demonstrated a genuine passion towards the program and its ongoing success.
- **Leadership Development Award** – Recognizes a 4-H volunteer, with 5 or more years of service, who had demonstrated and displayed the ability to develop leadership in youth.
- **Meritorious Service Award** – This award honors an individual who has shown superior dedication to the 4-H program. Volunteers with 10 or more years of service, who have made a special contribution to or impact on the Geauga County 4-H program. The recipient of this award will have influenced the lives of 4-H members in a positive way and/or influenced the overall of the 4-H program.
- **Geauga County 4-H Hall of Fame Award** – The prestigious award honors an individual who had served in the 4-H program for a minimum of 15 years and has made significant lifetime contributions of service to the 4-H program.

Member Recognition Awards

Below is a general description of the awards that will be presented at the Recognition & Appreciation Ceremony. Nomination forms are available online and are due by October 1st, 4:30pm. In addition to each award's eligibility requirements, members must have fulfilled all their 4-H project requirements to be eligible (met enrollment deadlines, completed project judging, QA [if applicable], met minimum attendance requirements, are in good standing, etc.). Awards requiring supplemental descriptions must be attached to the application – please print or type, illegible note cards will result in in disqualification. Only one member/club per application. See nomination forms for complete details.

- **Outstanding 4-H Member** (Replaces Outstanding Participation Award) - This award is to recognize youth who have exhibited outstanding participation across the 4-H program and who have worked to improve themselves and gain personal growth by learning new skills, gaining new knowledge, and participating in a variety of experiences in 4-H. Members are limited to one outstanding award. The Outstanding 4-H Member is awarded on an individual basis not on a species/project basis.
- **Gold Medal** - The Gold Medal Awards are used to recognize members who have shown outstanding effort, personal increase of knowledge and skill, and outstanding achievement in a General Awards category or project area. A 4-H member may only receive the Gold Medal award once per category or project area during their 4-H career.
- **Ambassador of 4-H** - This award is to recognize a 4-H member between the ages of 15-18 who has led by example in the entire "Spirit of 4H" – Head, Heart, Health and Hands. Their focus, knowledge base, healthy living, and community service provide a foundation and example for all 4-H members in their club and community.

- **Honor Club** - A 4-H Honor Club is one that incorporates the spirit of 4-H, as stated in the motto, pledge, and the eight elements of positive youth development, in its meetings, project work, and club activities. Honor Club recognition is a challenge to all clubs to set goals and work together to achieve those goals. It is *not* intended as a contest between clubs.
- **Cloverbud Award** – Recognize outstanding Cloverbuds at the yearly recognition ceremony. Only enrolled cloverbuds (age 5 and in kindergarten to age 8 and not yet in the third grade by Jan 1st are eligible to receive this award.
- **Club Community Service Award** – This award will recognize a club(s) that demonstrated outstanding community service efforts for the year.
- **Geauga County 4-H Boy/Girl of the Year** (formally Outstanding 4-H Boy/Girl Award) – 4-H Advisors may nominate outstanding 16 yrs. old and older 4-H members for the Outstanding 4-H Boy/Girl Award. This is our most prestigious award given to youth at the county level. A member should be active in local 4-H activities and demonstrated leadership abilities at the local club and county levels. Advisors, please return the nomination form to the Extension Office by **September 1st**. Nominees will then be sent applications to fill out and those who return them by October 1st will be interviewed by a selection committee. The winners will be announced at the 4-H Recognition Luncheon in November.

ADVISOR AREA

Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make this year's project judging a success!

If there are any recommended changes to score sheets they must be submitted to the Extension Office by January 1st.

Reminder - Volunteer Trainings

Club Organizational Advisors will be mailed a club list of volunteer training attendance. Volunteers should contact their clubs head advisor to obtain their training status. Volunteers must complete two annuals trainings. New Volunteers must complete two trainings in addition to New Volunteer Orientation. Deadline to complete all trainings is October 1st (all paperwork must be received by the deadline to receive credit).

Online Volunteer Training Opportunities – All trainings must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by October 1st.

Iowa State University Online Training Opportunity <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/onlinevolunteertraining>

Online 4-H Volunteer Trainings are available through Iowa State University. This is different from the previously offered training from Washington State. The training consists of watching short videos and completing several exercises per video. Volunteers need to submit a copy their completed exercises the Extension Office to fulfill their trainings requirements.

2 Videos = 1 training credit. Volunteers do not need to complete and/or submit the evaluation form.

(To complete the video exercises, one must print out various handouts. The Extension Office will gladly provide individuals with these handouts.)

Washington State University e-Learning Course

This e-Learning course was created by 4-H professionals from Washington State University and can currently be utilized by Ohio 4-H volunteers. It is a great opportunity for our volunteers to further learn about volunteerism and 4-H. If you would like to complete one of the modules please follow the steps below.....

1. Go to <http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/>
2. Click on 'For Parents and Volunteers'
3. Click on the white box with the clover inside that says 4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course
4. Type in your name, state and the password of "volunteer".
5. Choose a module and follow directions to take the online quiz. You may print a certificate upon successful completion of each quiz.

Volunteers completing the course this close to the Oct1st training requirement deadline will need to print out the completion certificates and submit them to the Extension Office by Oct 1st to receive credit. 3 Modules = 1 training Credit

* NOTE: Volunteers should disregard any deadlines or special state (Iowa and/or Washington) specific requirements.

Learn eXtension – Training Opportunities

Offers a wide variety of educational webinars that can be used to fulfill training requirements. To receive 1 training credit – complete one online webinar (live or previously recorded) and submit to the Extension Office the following:

1. Name of Webinar
2. Date Completed
3. Brief Summary of the webinar and how it will be utilized in your 4-H club

To access Learn eXtension webinars, visit <https://learn.extension.org/>

4-H Advisory Committee Open Recruitment

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee is comprised of a representative group of Ohio State University Extension Screened Geauga County 4-H Volunteers. The committee offers insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the Geauga County 4-H Program and helps guide the 4-H program direction in concert with state and national 4-H policy. The committee meets face-to-face on a monthly basis and may utilize email to conduct committee business. Open recruitment for committee membership takes place every fall. Interested individuals are invited to apply. Applications must be printed or typed. Applications are due by **October 31st** and submitted to the Geauga County Extension Office. Selected individuals will be notified in writing. See attached application or contact the Extension Office for more information.

CLUB NEWS

Blankets for Veterans

Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club is looking for other 4-H Clubs to help us give every Geauga County Vietnam Veteran that attends the fair on Friday, Sept 1st a new sew blanket to thank them for their service. We have been told that there are approximately 650 Vietnam Veterans in the county, please help us give every Veteran a blanket. These blankets must be turned in to the Extension Office by August 15th so that we can get them ready for the fair. Please remember if your club participates in this project it can be used on your Honor Club application. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Briggs at 440-834-1762. Thanks to all the clubs helping Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club reach our goal.

Community Service Opportunity

4-H MEMBERS

Service Learning Event Opportunity

August 11th ~ 10am-12pm

The Geauga County 4-H Fashion Board and Style Revue Committee is hosting a service learning event where participants will be making tie blankets for residents of local nursing homes. The event is open to all 4-H members. No experience necessary. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is limited to reserve your spot today by contacting the Extension Office by August 8th.

Camp Counselors Wanted

Geauga Camp Week: June 16-21

Any youth age 15-18 years old interested in serving as a 2019 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 2019 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by January 31, 2019. Members must be at least 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2019), have previously completed two years of clothing or textile projects, and carry a clothing project while serving on the board.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Brad Wells Memorial Trophy

This is the sixth year that the Auburn Swine Club is awarding the Brad Wells Traveling Memorial Trophy in memory of Brad as a dedicated showman, Member, Advisor and Mentor of Auburn Swine Club. This award is open to all 4-H participants taking a Market Hog Project. Deadline Aug. 29, 2018.

JR. FAIR NEWS

Please direct any and all Jr. Fair related questions to the Fair Office and/or Jr. Fair Coordinator.

We have updated our fair admission to 6 and under are free this year for fair.

The fair office will be open on Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. along with our regular fair office hours.

August Fair Office Hours:

Weekdays from August 1 - August 24: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 4: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 25: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 26: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, August 27: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Please get your votes in for Junior Fair King and Queen. Ballots are due in the Secretary's Office by Wednesday, August 15th.

Attached is the application form for Junior Fair Board. Please make sure any members who are interested get a copy of the form.

Please mark your calendar for the Saturday after Fair. We will be holding species meetings from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. I will have specific locations for each species by Fair.

Winner of the 2018 Tee Shirt Drawing contest is Carlie Wood from the Bunny Bunch. Her drawing will be on the back of the Junior Fair shirts this year.

Here is the list of judges for Junior Fair

Beef	Sarah Evans
Dairy	Matt Griffith
Dairy Goat	Pat Cornell
Dog	Rosemary Jonock
Dog	Leesa Thomas
Dog	Ann Spurrier
Horse Friday	Jay Lanzer
Horse Saturday	Lauren Brown
Horse Thursday	Elizabeth Phillips
Poultry Chickens (2 days)	Tom Riemann
Poultry Turkeys/Waterfowl(2 days)	Larry Lokai
Pygmy Goat	Jim Wilson
Rabbit Breed	Stacey Groncki
Rabbit Breed	Ashley Garza

Rabbit Showmanship	Stacey Groncki
Rabbit Showmanship	Pam Nock
Rabbit Showmanship	Kristi Adeleke
Rabbit Showmanship	William Patrick
Sheep	David Cook
Small Animal	Tom Sabrey
Swine	Dan Frobose

We will be accepting Adult Coordinator applications for Sheep, Swine, Horse, and Beef. I am sorry to say that Courtney Munn and Chelsea Nau have turned in their resignations for next year, so we will need to fill the beef and horse coordinator positions this year. If you are interested in applying, or know of someone who is interested, please complete the application (attached) for the position you are interested in.

Swine Barn Set-Up

August 18th @ 8:00am Clubs must send half of their swine members to set up and the other half to take down. All members must sing in with Mr. Walker.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 1 Safety Poster & Photography Contest entries due
- 4 4-H Horse Show
- 18 Swine Barn Set Up

September

- Aug 30 – Sept 3 Great Geauga County Fair
- 1 Geauga County Boy/Girl of the Year Nominations due
- 3 Labor Day – Extension Office Closed

October

- 1 Club Secretary & Treasurers Books Due
Member & Volunteer Award Nomination Applications Due
All Volunteer Training Requirements must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office
- 31 Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee Member Applications Due

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