

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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Geauga County 4-H 2018 Club Fundraiser Opportunity

Sponsored by Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee

Option A: Welch's Fruit Snack Sale

Each case comes with two boxes of 54 bags of snacks, each snack bags contains 2.25 ounces. Each box contains an assortment of Mixed Fruit, Strawberry, Concord Grape, Island Fruit, and White Grape Raspberry. Each bag sells for \$1. Participation will determine exact profit. Each box of 54 snacks sold will earn \$13.50 for your club. The fruit snacks have to be ordered by the case, so you will get two boxes of 54 bags of snacks for 108 bags of snacks.

Option B: Buckeye Chocolate Bars

Buckeye Chocolate bars with the 4-H Logo/Geauga Co. printed on the wrappers. Each box of 50 bars sold will earn \$12.50 profit for your club. A 50% profit will be divided between Advisory and each club. Candy bars are 1.5 oz. and sell for \$1 each. One box of candy bars contains an assorted variety of the following: Milk Caramel, Milk Chocolate, Milk w/Almond, Milk Peanut Butter, Dark Chocolate and Milk Chocolate Crisp Rice.

Clubs may elect to participate in the fundraiser by selling fruit snacks, candy bars, or both. This is the only Advisory Committee Sponsored fundraiser opportunity for 2018.

Each club participating should email their fundraiser choice(s) and club orders to ward.714@osu.edu or jevnikar.1@osu.edu .

****ORDERS DUE BY FEBRUARY 16, 2018****

Order payment is due April 15th with club enrollments.

Checks made payable to Geauga 4-H Clubs.

Pick Up Time:

March 20th from 8:30am – 6:00pm

In addition to earning funds for your club, participating in the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee sponsored fundraisers allows the committee to continue to:

- Support 4-H Programs in our community
- Fund the Camp Whitewood program by providing counselor fees and financial scholarships for families in Geauga County
 - Provide ribbons and certificates at county recognition events
- Sponsor our county volunteers and teen leaders at annual conferences in Columbus, Ohio
 - Promote 4-H events though out the entire Geauga County Community
 - Assist 4-H Clubs to provide necessary educational materials
- Show appreciation to our volunteers and outstanding members in Geauga County

Thank you for supporting the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee!

ADVISOR AREA

2018 Potential 4-H Volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer for the 2018 year must complete the entire screening process (application, references, BCI, and interview) by **March 31, 2018**. Volunteer applications are available at www.geauga.osu.edu

***NEW in 2018** – Any new volunteer must have a letter of support from the head advisor in the club they wish to join. This can be as simple as an email to the Extension Office and will confirm the club will accept the potential volunteer. There is no specific form for the head advisor to complete.

New Volunteer Orientation & New Volunteer Child Abuse Training - March 29th at 6:30pm at the Geauga Extension Office

Club Information for Website

It's time to review and update your clubs information on the website. Please review what's currently online and complete the attached form titled **Club Information Form** and return it to the Extension Office at your earliest convenience with any changes. The information you provide will be used to update the club page on the OSU website geauga.osu.edu. If at any time a club would like to change the content on their club page, the club would just resubmit a new form and the information will be updated.

<https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/geauga-county-4-h-clubs>

4-H Horse Committee Fundraiser Dinner

February 24th – Fowlers Mill

The Geauga County 4-H Horse Committee is holding their annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction on March 24, 2018 at Fowlers Mill Golf Course in Chesterland. The fundraiser benefits all youth participating the county 4-H horse program. Funds are used to host educational clinics, run horse shows, provide show ribbons, year-end awards, etc. Tickets are \$40 each and are only available in advance. If interested in purchasing a ticket or donating a silent auction item, please contact the Extension office or committee president Cyndi Moschella. See flyer for complete details.

Quality Assurance Planning Committee

Any volunteers interesting in helping plan and organize this year's QA are invited to be a part of the 2018 QA Planning Committee. The committee will meet on February 7, March 7, and April 11 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP

Volunteers Needed: Real Money Real World Program

March 21 & 22 – Chardon Middle School

Real Money Real World *Real Money. Real World. (RMRW)* is a financial literacy program for youth from Ohio State University Extension. It can be used with youth ages 12 – 18 but is ideally suited for youth ages 13-16. This curriculum is time tested and has been highly successful because of the creative community efforts of Extension educators, local school teachers, and community volunteers. *Real Money. Real World.* is fun and distinctive because it includes an interactive spending simulation that provides the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those made by 27-year-old adults. As a program of Ohio State University Extension, the most preferred and successful *RMRW* programs are partnerships of the county OSU Extension office, the school, and the business community. *RMRW* has three parts:

Part I: Four preparatory classroom lessons. **Part II:** A hands-on budget management and decision-making spending simulation. **Part III:** A post-session evaluation of spending choices made during the simulation.

<https://realmoneyrealworld.osu.edu/>

We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate the simulation (Part II) at Geauga County schools. Volunteers would donate a few hours of their time to run a simulation booth. Geauga County 4-H Volunteers who assist will receive credit towards their annual requirements. Volunteers can assist with both simulations, one simulation, or even part of a simulation. If interested, please contact the Extension Office.

Upcoming Simulations

Chardon Middle School – Wednesday, March 21 st	11:00am – 2:35pm
Thursday, March 22 nd	11:15am – 2:35pm

Make-Up Project Judging Tests – Animal Projects Only

We are looking to update the make-up judging tests. Please submit any questions you'd like to be considered for the tests to the Extension Office by March 1st. All questions must be multiple choices and contain 4 possible answers. All submissions should be submitted electronically via a Word Document.

Updating Project Judging Score Sheets

Any species wishing to update their score sheets must do so by March 1st. Our goal is to have all score sheets available for youth to study much earlier than in years past. Please submit any new score sheets to the Extension Office via a Word Document by March 1, 2018.

CLUB NEWS

4-H Showcase

March 3, 2018

The 2018 4-H Showcase event will be held Saturday, March 3 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm at the Bond Building at Burton Century Village. Clubs are invited to set up a table that exhibits and showcases your clubs projects, community service activities, etc. Tables and chairs will be provided. Club should provide items for their display – table cloth, handouts, a game or activity for participants. No animals are permitted at the event. Snacks and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee. Tables will be assigned to clubs so please register your club by February 28th.

4-H MEMBERS

Jr. Swine Day

March 24th, Columbus & Wooster

OSU Jr. Swine Day will be held March 24 at two locations: Columbus and Wooster. The program includes topics on Evaluations & Selections, Meat Sciences, Feeding, and Showmanship. Quality Assurance is also offered. Youth attending QA are required to submit confirmation of attendance to the Geauga Extension Office. Registration is \$10 and spots are limited. See attached brochure to register.

4-H Teen & Older Youth Opportunities

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

Geauga 4-H Cloverbud Camp – Mark Your Calendars

Join us for two full days of fun at Cloverbud Camp. While the details are still in the works, here's what we know:

When: July 12 and 13

Where: Camp Burton, 14282 Butternut Rd. Burton, OH

Times: 8:00am – 5:00pm (not an overnight camp)

Meals: Morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack

Activities: Swimming, crafts, nature walks, games, and much more

Cost: TBD

Cloverbud camp is limited to 20 campers.

Stay tuned for more information. Any volunteers/4-H members (14 and older) who are interested in helping out at Cloverbud Camp should contact the Extension Office.

Behind the Scenes at the Cleveland Zoo**June 1-2 (overnight)**

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee is sponsoring their 6th Annual Educational Field Trip in collaboration with the Cleveland Zoo. Rising Waters Safari Camp is an African themed overnight Zoo adventure where participants will get to see behind the scenes at the zoo. Participants will stay overnight at the zoo. Cost is \$45. See flyer for more details and registration materials. Spots are limited so register early.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Wanted - Species Chairman

This year we would like to be better organized for Project Judging. We are asking for one volunteer to serve as a species chair. This individual would be responsible for updating the score sheets, making sure there are enough volunteers and tables at project judging, and ensuring your species Skill-a-thon kit has all the necessary items before judging day. If interested, contact the Extension Office.

Mandatory Equine Meeting**April 21, 9am – School Building**

The 4-H Equine Member Meeting is mandatory for ALL youth, regardless of their years in 4-H, and their legal parents/guardians who are participating in the 2018 Geauga 4-H Horse Program. The meeting will include information regarding rules and regulations, scholarships, PAS, project judging, show dates, work responsibilities, program calendar and important dates, chain of command, Q&A session and more. Registration is **not** required as all members are required to attend.

Equine Safety & Ethics Training**April 22, 10am-12pm – School Building**

The Ohio 4-H Program requires all first year horse project members, regardless of age and their legal parents/guardians to attend the 4-H Equine Safety & Ethics Program before they are eligible to participate in the 4-H horse program. This includes new Cross-County members as well. Those that have attended as Cloverbuds and will be riding for the first time in 4-H activities must attend. All youth and their legal parent/guardian must complete this resource before riding in any 4-H activities involving horses to help ensure the safety of the children as they work with horses. This training is immediately following the mandatory Equine Meeting and will last approximately 2 hours. Late arrivals or early departures will not be allowed. Members must pre-register for the S&E program by April 17th by calling the Extension Office.

EERA NEWS

Volunteer Development Training**February 28th – Auburn Career Center- 5:45pm – 8:45pm**

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. Must register with Lake County Extension Office by February 19th

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

1 **Advisory Social**
17-18 MXC – Columbus, OH
24 Horse Committee Fundraiser Dinner

March

3 **4-H Showcase**
23-24 Counselor Camp Overnight On-Site Training
29 New Volunteer Orientation & Year One Child Abuse Training

April

1 Cross County Requests Due
Early Enrollment Deadline
15 **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – All enrollments must be received by Monday, April 16th, 8:00am.**
21 **Mandatory Horse Project Meeting and Equine Safety & Ethics Training**

Mark Your Calendars - 2018

April 15 Enrollment Deadline
May 5 Quality Assurance
June 17-23 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp
July 12 & 13 Cloverbud Camp
July 21 Project Judging – Livestock & Miscellaneous

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