

# Geauga County 4-H



## News & Notes

March | 2018



Geauga County 4-H was awarded the 2018 Emerald Leader Award by Leadership Geauga on March 3.

Leadership Geauga County honors visionary and dedicated community leaders and organizations whose extraordinary work has significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. These individuals and organizations have given generously of their time and talents, and have worked to keep Geauga County the best place to live and call home.

"We couldn't be more proud to present the Emerald Leader award to an organization that uses their talents and time to better our community. Their investment in youth leadership development and service to the community is unmatched. And to give back so much without looking for recognition, that is what truly makes this organization remarkable." Leadership Geauga Executive Director, Melanie Scanlon

Without our dedicated volunteers, who spend countless hours mentoring youth, the Geauga County 4-H Program would not be successful. We are beyond grateful for each and every volunteer for sharing their passion and opening their hearts.

# ADVISOR AREA

## Enrollment Form Reminders

- Clearly make changes. Please print. If it's illegible, it won't be updated.
- If a member is taking the project again in 2018, the "enroll" box for that project must be checked.
- Any new projects must be written in "NEW PROJECT" area.
- Volunteers should review each enrollment form. Best practice is to initial the form, indicating it had been checked.
- A member must complete project judging in order for their year in the project to count. For example, if a member signs up for Scrapbooking, completes activities in the project book but does not attend project judging, then that member never completed a Scrapbooking project and their year in that project would not count.

## Projects

Enroll	Project	Club	Volunteer Title	Years In
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	756 Living History Project	County Coyotes Shooting Sports		3
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150CE Chicken Exhibition (Fancy)	Geauga Caprine Kids		7
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150CM Chicken Market	Geauga Caprine Kids		7
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150DE Duck Exhibition	Geauga Caprine Kids		6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150DM Duck Market	Geauga Caprine Kids		6
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150TM Turkey Market	Geauga Caprine Kids		4
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	225 Breeding Rabbit Project	Geauga Caprine Kids		3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	227 Pet Rabbit Project	Geauga Caprine Kids		5
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	641 Beekeeping Project and Record book	Geauga Caprine Kids		4
(New Project)	244 From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1			
(New Project)	691 Grow Your Own Vegetables			
(New Project)				

The Example above indicates that the member will be enrolling in the following projects for 2018 4-H year:

- 150DM – Duck Market
- 227 – Pet Rabbit
- 244 – From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1
- 691 – Grow Your Own Vegetables

## 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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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>

# CLUB NEWS

## Window Display Contest Winners

First Place: Geauga Caprine Kids  
Second Place: Geauga Dairymen  
Third Place: Granny's Kids

*Congratulations to all 17 clubs who participated in this year's contest.*

## Refer-A-Friend Contest 2018

The Advisory Committee is holding their annual Refer-a-Friend Contest!!! The 4-H club who refers the most new members will receive a \$50.00 prize. The winning club will be announced in the May Newsletter.

### Contest Rules:

1. New members are defined as those who have not been a previous member of 4-H in any club, county, or state.
2. New members must complete the "Refer-A-Friend" form, along with their 4-H enrollment and submit it to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. The winning club must use the prize money towards the entire club (pizza party, a night at the movies, etc.) The money may not be distributed in cash form to the members.

## 4-H Club Insurance

All clubs are strongly encouraged to purchase 4-H Club Insurance. A yearly policy is only \$1 per person (\$2 for horse and shooting sports). For more information visit <http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance>

## TSC Paper Clover Campaign – Spring 2018

Tractor Supply Company is proud to support the 4-H program.

From April 11<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>, TSC customers can donate \$1 at checkout to support the 4-H program. 90% of funds raised go back to the state and county 4-H programs to support camp and leadership opportunities 10% goes to National 4-H. Help us spread the word about the Clover Campaign. 4-H Clubs are encouraged to contact their local TSC Store to set up a club booth.

[https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages\\_4-h\\_4h-tsc](https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_4-h_4h-tsc)

April 11 - 22



# 4-H MEMBERS

## Behind the Scenes at the Cleveland Zoo

June 1-2 (overnight)

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee is sponsoring their 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Registration deadline is 4:30pm, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Jr. Swine Day

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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>

### **Ohio State Fair Scholarships**

In an effort to recognize outstanding Ohio youth 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 (2017-2018) 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. **Completed applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2018.**

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

### **Geauga 4-H Cloverbud Camp – Mark Your Calendars**

Join us for two full days of fun at Cloverbud Camp. Cloverbud camp is limited to 20 campers. Registration will be open May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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:** Free (Thanks to those who support the Paper Clover campaigns at Geauga's Tractor Supply Stores)

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

### **Geauga County's 4-H Camp Week**

**June 17-23 @ Camp Whitewood**

Do you have any summer plans? What better way to think of warm weather than to think of 4-H Camp! This year's camp is held from June 17-23 at Camp Whitewood. Cost is \$315 and includes all meals, lodging, crafts, and much, much more. Camp is open to all youth ages 8 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 14 years old. 4-H memberships is not required to attend.

**Registration closes the June 8<sup>th</sup>.** Scholarships are available.

Can't attend Geauga's week. Don't worry there's many other camps to choose from. Visit <http://4hcampwhitewood.com> for all the details.

## **2018 4-H Camp Scholarships**

### **1. Geauga County 4-H Camp Whitewood Scholarship**

**DUE: April 30<sup>th</sup>**

For any Geauga County resident or 4-H member to attend the Geauga County 4-H Camp at Camp Whitewood from June 17-23, 2018. Camper Scholarships are available courtesy of the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee. Partial scholarships, of up to \$150, may be awarded based on available funds. Only Geauga County residents or Geauga County 4-H members are eligible to apply and must be registered for camp before submitting scholarship application. First priority will be given to Geauga County 4-H members. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 18, 2018. Scholarship forms are available online or at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office at (440) 834-4656 with questions. Scholarship Applications are due to the Geauga County Extension Office, not Camp Whitewood.

### **2. Ohio 4-H Camp Scholarship**

**DUE: 30 days before the start of camp**

For any Geauga County 4-H member who wishes to attend a 4-H Camp (Any camp other than Geauga's 4-H Camp at Camp Whitewood June 17-23, 2018). Camper Scholarships are available courtesy of the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee. Partial scholarships, of up to \$100, may be awarded based on available funds. Only Geauga County residents or Geauga County 4-H members are eligible to apply and must be registered for camp before submitting scholarship application. First priority will be given to Geauga County 4-H members. Scholarship forms are available online or at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office at (440) 834-4656 with questions. Scholarship Applications are due to the Geauga County Extension Office.

Scholarship applications are available at <http://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/geauga-county-4-h-camp>

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## **LIVESTOCK/HORSE**

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### **Swine Tagging**

**Deadline: May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm**

Swine tagging deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Any clubs with members planning to participate in the Market Swine project need to contact Swine Coordinator Kirk Walker with a headcount per club ASAP.

2018 Weight Limits – 220 to 310 pounds

Advisors will be contacted with tag pick up date.

Kirk Walker – [klngbrd@aol.com](mailto:klngbrd@aol.com)

### **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 21, 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 17<sup>th</sup> by calling the Extension Office.

**2018 Quality Assurance Program** - See QA Packet for complete information.

**Test Out Option:** Testing is offered the week of April 23-27 during normal business hours or April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Members must pre-register at least 24 hrs in advance at the Extension Office. Geauga County Junior Fair market animal project exhibitors ages 12-14 and 15-18 and have previously attended a QA program, may elect to take a Quality Assurance test in their primary project area. Those who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance re-certification until they move into the next age bracket or are no longer a Geauga County Junior Fair feed exhibitor. Must preregister by calling the Extension Office at 440.834.4656.

**QA Program:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm, Registration open from 9:30-9:50am. No admittance allowed after 9:55am. Geauga Fair Grounds. Out of county QA opportunities are available.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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### **March**

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am.**  
21 **Mandatory Horse Project Meeting and Equine Safety & Ethics Training**  
30 Camp Whitewood Scholarship applications due

### **May**

5 **Quality Assurance**  
10 Zoo Field Trip Registration Deadline  
24 Public Speaking Contest  
26 4-H Horse Show  
28 Memorial Day – Extension Office Closed

### **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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