

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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Recognition & Awards

Recognition and awards are two different terms, however are sometimes used to mean the same thing. Recognition is the act of acknowledging someone for growth or achievement; awards are the tangible things we give someone to symbolize the recognition. Recognition is a basic human need...we all need to know that we are doing good things and that we are appreciated. Recognizing someone for their hard work is a way to tell them they are appreciated and valued. Recognition is also a way to help people improve and builds self-esteem. Sometimes recognition motivates people to excel and take risks. Finally, recognition is most meaningful when it is immediate and can take many forms.

When it comes to rewarding our 4-H members for their hard work and accomplishments, there is a wide variety of awards and things that we can utilize to recognize them. Some ideas include:

- Verbal praise and thank you's
- Thank you card
- Letters to school principals
- Certificates
- Awards (Most improved, Best attendance, etc.)
- Membership pins
- Plaques & ribbons
- Personalized items (i.e.: mug, key chain, backpack, etc.)
- Memory books or scrap books
- News release with picture
- Small gift certificate
- Small candle with the saying, "You light up the lives of so many!"
- Hershey hugs and the saying "Here's a hug from us to you!"
- Mint candy with the saying "You're worth a mint to our 4-H club!"

Recognizing 4-H members does not have to be an expensive or formal event – it can be low cost but effective. A creative mind can add many more things to the above list. The actual award or tangible item you use to show your recognition isn't as important as the actual act of recognizing your 4-H members for a wonderful year. So, talk with your fellow advisors and create a few simple and inexpensive ways to show your 4-H members how much you've enjoyed having them in your group this year and to show how much they've grown – have fun with it!

Volunteer & Member Recognition Ceremony

November 3rd @ 11:00am

This year's recognition ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 3rd at St Mary's in Chardon. The ceremony will begin at 11:00am with a light lunch and refreshments provided by the 4-H Advisory Committee. Individuals eligible for a free meal: each 4-H Volunteer plus one guest and 4-H members receiving an award plus two guests. Additional guests can purchase a lunch ticket for \$6.00 per person.

RSVP's and payments (if applicable) are due to the Extension Office by Friday, October 26th. Reminder, only those who register by submitting the registration form, along with payment when applicable, are eligible for a meal. Regrettably, we cannot accommodate all dietary needs. Only one meal option will be provided. Please do not contact St Mary's regarding dietary concerns, as they will not be addressed.

*** If your club would like to submit pictures for the ceremony's slide show, please submit them via a jump/thumb drive to the Extension Office by Monday, October 29th. Make sure the jump/thumb drive is clearly identified with your name so it can be returned.**

ADVISOR AREA

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 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>

2019 Potential 4-H Volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer for the 2019 year must complete the entire screening process (application, references, BCI, and interview) by **March 31, 2019**. Volunteer applications are available at www.geauga.osu.edu

New Volunteer Orientation & New Volunteer Child Abuse Training - March 20th at 6:30pm at the Geauga Extension Office

CLUB NEWS

TSC Paper Clover Campaign – Fall 2018

TSC continues their partnership and support of 4-H with the Paper Clover Campaign. This fall's dates are set for Oct. 3-14. TSC store and regional management are extremely committed to partnering with 4-H on the local level to raise the visibility of our program and garner customer donations that advance positive youth development. 4-H Clubs are encouraged to contact their local TSC Store to set up a club booth.



Contribute during our 2018 fundraisers by:

- 1) Donating in store at the register. [Click here](#) for the store locator.
- 2) Donating online at checkout when making a purchase on tractorsupply.com. (Donations will be assigned to states based on the shipping location).
- 3) Donating by phone when you call TSC Customer Solutions at 877-718-6750

4-H MEMBERS

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. Contact the Extension Office for an application or visit [here](#)

Camp Counselors Wanted Geauga/Trumbull 4-H Camp Week: June 16-21

Any youth age 15 (by camp) -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.** Contact the Extension Office for an application or visit [here](#)

2nd Annual Spooktacular Whitewood

Friday, October 26th 6:00pm-8:00pm

4-H Camp Whitewood is hosting a family Halloween outing. Costume contests (top prize is a FREE week at Explorer Camp), pumpkin bowling, gourd painting, lantern walk, trick-or-treating, s'mores, and much more. Food available for purchase.

The event is open to all. 4-H membership NOT required.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Advisors, if you have any changes or additions to the 2019 project judging score sheets; they must be submitted to the Extension Office by January 1st.

JR. FAIR

Jr. Fairboard has the following Adult Coordinator positions open: Horse, Sheep, and Swine.
Applications due December 1st.

*** All Jr. Fair Applications are due to the Fair Office not the Extension Office

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
- 26 Recognition Ceremony RSVP's Due
- 31 Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee Member Applications Due

November

- 3 4-H Recognition Ceremony
- 12 Observance of Veterans Day – Extension Office Closed
- 22-23 Happy Thanksgiving – Extension Office Closed

December

- 24-25 Happy Holidays – Extension Office Closed
- 31 2018 Camp Counselor Applications Due

Mark Your Calendars - 2019

- January 1 Happy New Year – Extension Office Closed
- January 28 Camp Counselor Interviews
- January 31 Club Financial Summary Due
Fashion Board Applications Due
- March 9 Ohio 4-H Conference
- March 20 New Volunteer Orientation (includes year 1 Child Abuse Training)
- March 31 New Volunteer Screening Deadline
- April 1 Cross County Request Deadline – 4:30pm
- April 15 Enrollment Deadline - 4:30pm
- April 18 QA Study Review & Test Out
- June 16-21 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp

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