

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS!!

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make the Great Geauga County Fair possible!

Photography and Safety Poster participants may pick up their posters and ribbons (if applicable) at the Extension Office.

Any poster/ribbon not picked up by September 21st will be disposed of.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Washington State University e-Learning Course

This training includes four interactive, self-paced training modules, complete with review: “About 4-H,” “Positive Youth Development,” “Getting Started in 4-H,” and “Leadership and Teaching.” 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://4hvolunteerelearning.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/course.html>
2. Type in your name, state and the password of “volunteer”.
3. Choose a module and follow directions to take the online quiz. You may print a certificate upon successful completion of each quiz.
4. Complete 3 Modules = 1 training Credit

Washington State University Livestock Based Trainings

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/volunteer-training/>

Disease Prevention Module

The Disease Prevention Module is one of two modules brought to you by Veterinary Medicine Extension. This training module teaches you bio-security practices and how they can be used to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading diseases while raising 4-H livestock. It is a great way to learn disease prevention while providing you with inspiration and teaching ideas so you can bring these concepts to youth in your county!

Quality Assurance Module

Providing safe, wholesome products for consumers through 4-H projects.

The Quality Assurance Module is intended specifically for volunteer leaders and provides training, resources, and ideas to help prepare volunteer leaders to teach youth about quality assurance. This course was created in response to the need expressed by volunteer leaders throughout the state for an interactive on-line resource about quality assurance in 4-H livestock projects.

Housing Environments Module

Providing clean and comfortable environments to optimize livestock health and well being.

This is the third online training module offered through Veterinary Medicine Extension for 4-H Volunteer Leaders who work with youth livestock projects.

The Housing Environments Module is intended specifically for volunteer leaders and provides training, resources, and ideas to help prepare volunteer leaders to teach youth about livestock housing environments. This course was created in response to increasing concern over livestock health and welfare in this country and emphasizes the importance of optimizing housing environments to ensure 4-H livestock health and well-being in Washington State, while promoting human health and environmental stewardship.

Each module takes approximately 1 hour to complete. To receive credit, watch the module then complete the quiz at the end. Provide the Extension Office with a copy of your quiz score (this may be a screen shot). One module = 1 credit

Learn eXtension – Training Opportunities

Offers a wide variety of educational webinars that can be used to fulfil 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/>

CLUB NEWS

Club Secretary & Treasurer Records books (including financial documents) are due to the Extension Office by October 1st, 4:30pm.

Several clubs will be randomly selected for an audit this year. It is very important all documents and necessary information is included with the treasurer's book.

Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club would like to thank all the clubs that participated in our "Veteran Blanket" project. We were able to give away over 70 blankets to our own Geauga County Veterans. They were most appreciative of the blankets. Sew Sew Sweet gives everyone who participated a "HUGE THANK YOU!"

Member Recognition Certificates & Pins

Those clubs who would like member achievement certificates (to recognize a members years in 4-H) and corresponding pins, should place their club order with the Extension Office by **September 17th**. Certificates and pins, by club, will be available for pick up at the Recognition Ceremony. To be eligible, members must have completed their yearly 4-H requirements (project judging, QA, etc.) and volunteers must have completed their trainings.

*Clubs may request to pick up their certificates prior to the Recognition Ceremony but pins will not be available until November 3rd or after (due to ordering process).

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.

BJ Wells Memorial Award

The Auburn Swine Club began the BJ Wells Memorial Award in 2013 in honor of BJ's dedication to the 4-H Swine program. He was a member of the Auburn Swine Club for at least 13 years, he was Jr. Fair King in 2004, and became an advisor of the club. His passion was raising and showing pigs and he was willing to share this gift with his siblings, members of his club, and everyone that was interested, regardless of what club or county they were from. The award is open to all swine project members.

This year's applicants were very well qualified as they have worked diligently on their own projects and have demonstrated their willingness to help other members. They have all "learned by doing" thanks to the dedication of many club advisors who guide these members "to make the best better". **Congratulations to the 2018 winner, Kate Hornyak.**

JR. FAIR

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

Jr. Fairboard (Youth) applications are now available. Interested youth should complete an application by
October 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 Awards Recognition 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

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