

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

September | 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS!!

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

Safety Poster Contest Results

Jr. Division

1. Kellan Schwartz – Feather & Fleece
2. Maria Kimball – Ride with Pride
3. Rose Miller – Ride with Pride

Sr. Division

1. Sam Pleva - Flockmasters
2. Andy Cohn – Feathers & Fleece

Photography Contest Results

Jr. Division

3. Gianna Mory – Riders Express
2. Zoei Zaverson – Riders Express
3. Quentin Dengler – Riders Express

Sr. Division

1. Kaela Percic – Ride with Pride
4. Elise Kilmer – Ride with Pride
3. Halle Zalba – Riders Express

Photography and Safety Poster participants may pick up their posters and ribbons (if applicable) at the Extension Office. All posters and ribbons must be picked up by Sept 30th.

2019 Recognition Awards – Due October 1st

Award applications can be found online at:

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

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.

- **Geauga County 4-H'er of the Year** - Combines Ambassador Award and Girl/Boy of the Year. Applications should be completed by the member. Geauga County's 4-H'er of the Year is the most prestigious award given at the county level. It will be awarded to one individual, age 16 or older, who actively demonstrated their 4-H character in all of their activities and interactions. The member should be active in local 4-H activities and demonstrated leadership abilities at the local club and county level(s). Applicants should support and exhibit the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship, serve as an Ambassador to 4-H, and live to "Make the Best Better".
- **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.
- **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.

SAVE THE DATE: Volunteer & Member Recognition Ceremony

November 2nd

This year's recognition ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 2nd at St Mary's in Chardon. The ceremony will include a light lunch and refreshments provided by the 4-H Advisory Committee to all award winners. Complete details and registration information coming soon!

ADVISOR AREA

Reminder - Volunteer Trainings

Club Organizational Advisors have been 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 one training in addition to New Volunteer Orientation/Child Abuse. Deadline to complete all trainings is October 1st (all paperwork must be received by the deadline to receive credit).

2020 Volunteer Training Opportunities

The Extension Office is starting to plan and schedule volunteer training opportunities for the 2020 4-H year. If you have any suggestions for training topics, events, etc. please let us know. We want to provide opportunities that will benefit our volunteers and program.

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

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 treasurers book.

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 30th**. 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).

Member Recognition Slide Show Pictures Needed

Any clubs, volunteers, or members who have 4-H pictures from throughout the year and would like to include them in the Member Recognition Slide Show should put all pictures on a jump drive and submit it to the Extension Office by October 1st. All jump drives will be returned. Pictures can be of club meetings, field trips, clinics, events, fair, etc.

TSC Paper Clover Campaign – Fall 2019

TSC continues their partnership and support of 4-H with the Paper Clover Campaign. This fall's dates are set for Oct. 9-20. 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 2019 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

All funds the Geauga County 4-H Program receives from the Paper Clover Campaigns are used to provide full campships for Cloverbuds to attend our Cloverbud Camp in July at no cost to the families.

4-H MEMBERS

4-H Fashion Board Applications

Members interested in joining the 2020 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by January 31, 2020. Members must be at least 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2020), 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 14-19

Any youth age 15 (by camp) -18 years old interested in serving as a 2020 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](#)

3rd Annual Spooktacular Whitewood

Friday, October 25th 6:00pm-9:00pm

4-H Camp Whitewood is hosting a family Halloween outing. Costume contests (top prize is \$150 camp credit for any week at Camp Whitewood), arts & crafts, gourd painting, lantern walk, trick-or-treating, s'mores, and much more. Food available for purchase.

JR. FAIR

2019 Livestock Sales Summary

<https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/jr-fair-information>

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 1 **Club Secretary & Treasurer Books Due**
Member & Volunteer Award Nomination Applications Due
All Volunteer Training Requirements must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office
- 25 **Spooktacular – Camp Whitewood**
- 31 Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee Member Applications Due

November

- 2 **Awards & Recognition Ceremony**
- 11 Veterans Day – Extension Office Closed
- 28-29 Happy Thanksgiving – Extension Office Closed

December

- 24-25 Happy Holidays – Extension Office Closed
- 31 **2020 Camp Counselor Applications due**

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