

# 4-H VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



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Crawford County 4-H



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*4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.*

Dear 4-H Volunteer:

This letter contains valuable information.

**Thank you** for all you have done to get the 4-H clubs up and running in such an efficient manner. We know it is really a busy time for you.

As many of you know we are working with a new computer system (as is all of Ohio 4-H) and it took a little longer than in the past. Hence, the reason for you not receiving QA lists. Members were mailed letters directly. Also the reason the club roster looks different. Please make sure you double check your club roster for corrections. Let us know if you find any.

If you can shed any light on why our numbers may have decreased this year by 28, we would like to hear it.

**For your information** Barb and I are the only staff in our office currently. Steve has taken a Field Staff position in Agronomy. We hope to hire a new Ag Educator. If you know anyone who has a Master's Degree and may be interested please let them know that the posting is open from April 28-May 27 at Ohio State Website.

We also lost our Experience Works person. But have been managing with the assistance of some

**GREAT VOLUNTEERS.** Thank you Melissa Christman and Renee Bell. Your help is more appreciated than you know!

Sincerely,

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**Enclosure:** Communications Day Flyer for OSF - See neat new opportunities for all members. No County Contest required.



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## 4-H Club News

### 1. Clubs to Turn in Charters, Constitutions and By-laws.

As I explained earlier, there is new 4-H policy that says clubs must turn in an updated charter and club audit annually to be considered a 4-H club. We also need an updated copy of Constitutions and By-Laws. This is a result of a change in how 501c3 status is being handled by National 4-H transferring that to the states. In Ohio, University Legal says that this is the way we can show that clubs are being monitored by OSU Extension and are meeting requirements.

In Crawford County all of our clubs have turned in the 2011 audit. THANK YOU!

Thank you to the clubs who have turned in the new style charter and constitutions. They are listed below.

Have **New Style Charter** required by State office from:

Barnyard Guys and Gals  
Buckeye Stars  
Bucyrus Kilbourne Klovvers  
Dairy Maids and Gents  
Lykens Champions 4-h Club  
North Auburn Hustlers  
Wynford Winners

We received the new charter and sent it to you after you received your packet so some of you turned in the wrong one. We need the new one.

Have **New Constitutions** (using form provided e-mailed and on web) from:

Buckeye Stars  
Dairy Maids and Gents (By-laws too)

WE NEED THE REST!!!!

Since you are just getting past enrollment, please complete and return **by May 15**. That is also the day you need to e-file.

### 2. E-file 4-H Club info with IRS by May 15

As shared at the January 4-H Club Advisor Update, the Internal Revenue Service has announced that small tax-exempt organizations may be able to shift to the simpler Form 990-N (e-Postcard) for their 2011 annual information reporting. The IRS issued guidance ([Revenue Procedure 2012-15](#)) that will allow more tax-exempt organizations to file the e-Postcard rather than the Form 990-EZ or the standard Form 990.

For tax year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2011 most tax-exempt organizations whose gross annual receipts are normally \$50,000 or less can file the e-Postcard. The threshold was previously set at \$25,000 or less.

Communication #2 (1/13/2011) - IRS 990 Requirements 2012 from the state 4-H office was attached on the e-mail with constitutions and by-laws about a month ago. .

This was also sent to Affiliated Organizations treasurers also need to e-file.

### 3. Officer Videos on the Ohio 4-H Website

If your club officers were unable to attend officer training, they can still get information to make them more effective in their position. Videos are available on the Ohio 4-H Website at:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/members/officers>

## Jr. Fair News

### 4. Crawford County Jr. Fair Reminders:

Hog Ear Notches due May 7  
Hatch week for Roasters May 7  
Dog entries Due On May 10  
Sheep Tagging May 12 8-9:30 a.m.  
Hatch week for Broilers May 28  
Goat Tagging May 12-8:9:30 a.m.

Beef Feeder Tagging - June 9  
(tear off sheet returned by June 1.)  
Jr. Fair Royalty Entries Due June 20  
Jr. Fair Entries for Livestock, Demos/speech,

Favorite Foods and Style Revue all DUE JUNE  
20  
Skillathon July 7 - 8-10 a.m.

Jr. Fair Entries Due on June 20.  
NO EXCEPTIONS.

### **5. Clarification of Clothing "Dress Code" for Judging & Shows**

Clothing for judging, contests, awards program and livestock shows/ events should be nice enough that parents would encourage it to be worn to a job interview. The members are representing not only your family, but your club, and Crawford County 4-H.

**Clothing for pre-fair judging, contests and the 4-H Awards program** is skirts, dresses, shorts (at least as long as fingertips when arms are straight at sides), capris, and slacks (without holes). Tops should not be midriff or sides cut out and should be collared/tucked in.

**The Junior Fair Exhibitors Dress Code for all shows/programs/pictures and sale** states the following:

1. Full-length pants are required, unless otherwise approved by the committee. Belts are strongly encouraged.
2. Closed toe shoes are required. (Hard soled shoes are recommended). No clogs or slides.
3. Shirts must have collars, sleeves, and be tucked in. No low cut tops. No halter-tops, tank tops, etc. will be allowed. Bare midriff and/or navel are not to show.
4. Anyone not in compliance with the dress code will be given a chance to change into an outfit that meets the above rules immediately prior to the show. If at any time during a show a member is not in compliance with the

dress code he or she will be disqualified from both the show and the sale (if applicable.) Each department will enforce these rules with the backing the Senior Fair Board. Exhibitors should have appropriate clothes on picture day, show day, contest day, award program day, and sale day.

### **6. Jr. Fair Entry/Contest Forms Soon**

Copies will be available in our office when they are posted. Probably next week.

### **7. Working on Booth Layout**

If you have not let us know if you want a booth this year, please do so immediately. The layout will be in the next advisor newsletter.

### **8. Always looking: Potential New 4-H Judges**

As we prepare for 4-H Project Judging for pre-fair, we are always on the lookout for new judges. They would need to be good with kids and enjoy judging. If you know of someone who is no longer directly involved with 4-H and may have limited contact with youth, but would be good with kids and enjoy judging please let us know.

### **9. Premium Bid at Livestock Sale**

There is still some confusion about the Premium Bid at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Exhibitors receive the base bid (if there species has a base) and the Premium Bid dollars bid in the ring. This Premium Bid is basically a gift/donation from the buyer for the exhibitor's project work.

### **10. Farmer Sale for Feeder Projects**

On Friday of the Fair at 10:00 a.m. all feeder calf projects (dairy feeders and beef feeders) selling in the sale will be first sold at a Farmer Sale. This sale will be per pound and will determine the base bid for that animal. The buyer at the Farmers Sale is the one who will get to take the animal home. Therefore, each exhibitor will get the base bid form the Farmer Sale in addition to the Premium Bid from Saturday sale.

## SKILLATHON NEWS

### **12. Profit Loss figured @ SKILLATHON**

Each youth will want to have their books up to date with income and expenses at Skillathon.

They will use a hypothetical price with their figures to determine a profit or loss. Older youth will also be asked to explain what they could have done to change it. Younger will only need to take basic figures. All will be allowed to use calculators. The worksheets will be available in June if you want to share with your club

## Community Service IDEA

### **10 . Club Community Service: Food Drive Ohio State Patrol**

Flyers available at our office if your club is interested. They will provide a pizza party for the club who collects the most pounds of food or raises the most money and lets them know amount by June 8th

### **11. Countywide Service and Fund Raiser Recycling of Electronics.**

Profits split between 3/12 for Camp, 4/12 for Extension, and 5/12 for Clubs (who help day of event). We will need 20-30 people to help all day from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.. If we have enough people willing we could do shorter shifts maybe two hours. Tentative Date July 28 so we can advertise during the fair. Let us know if your club would be interested in

helping remember your club would receive some of the profits. Smaller groups would also help.

We are told if the event is well advertised this could make several thousand dollars Exciting!!!!

# Communication Day at the Ohio State Fair

The following State Fair contest opportunities are open to all age eligible 4-H members. Please carefully read the guidelines for age qualifications.

## Thank You Card

4-H Members ages 8-11 years old can participate in Thank You Card competition. Below are the guidelines.

- This should be an original “thank you” card with artwork on the cover. An inside message is not required, but may be included at the discretion of the designer. Inside messages will not be judged. Use of the 4-H emblem is strongly encouraged, but not required. Only one entry per member.
- Card should be on 8 ½ x 11 white cardstock, folded once.
- Art and message must be the original work of the member.
- Member may use any medium, including crayon, chalk, pen and ink, pencil, markers, etc.
- Computer graphics are permitted, provided they are the original work of the member. No commercially designed clipart may be used.
- Use of copyrighted or protected characters or logos is not permitted, with the exception of the 4-H emblem. The 4-H emblem must be used correctly. See [http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/emblem/4h\\_name.htm](http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/emblem/4h_name.htm) for guidelines.
- Member’s name, age, and county should be neatly printed in the lower right-hand corner of the back of the card.
- All entries must be included in the county’s electronic registration.
- **All cards must be submitted for judging by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 31. Cards may be mailed to the State 4-H Office and Received no later than Monday, July 30 or dropped at Communication Days Registration in the Youth Center on Tuesday, July 31 between Noon and 3:00 pm.**
- **Evaluation will be based on the quality, creativity, and originality of the design.**
- A Clock Trophy Winner and Outstanding(s) of the Day, and a Peoples Choice award will be announced on Thursday, August 2, during the Communications Days Awards Ceremony, at or about 6:30 p.m.
- At the discretion of the judges, the winning design(s) may be printed on cards to be sold to benefit the Ohio 4-H Foundation.

## 4-H Promotional T-Shirt Design

4-H Members ages 12-13 years old can participate in 4-H Promotion T-Shirt Design competition. Below are the guidelines.

- This should be an original t-shirt design with artwork and slogan promoting a county or the state 4-H program or some aspect of that program, such as junior fair, camp, etc. Use of the 4-H emblem is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Only one entry per member.
- T-shirt design should be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 white paper, with the member’s name, age, and county printed neatly in the lower right-hand corner of the back of the paper.
- Member may use any medium, including crayon, chalk, pen and ink, pencil, markers, etc.
- Computer graphics are permitted, provided they are the original work of the member. No commercially designed clipart may be used.
- Use of copyrighted or protected characters or logos is not permitted, with the exception of the 4-H emblem. The 4-H emblem must be used correctly. See [http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/emblem/4h\\_name.htm](http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/emblem/4h_name.htm) for guidelines.
- All entries must be included in the county’s electronic registration.
- **All t-shirt designs must be submitted for judging by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 31. Cards may be mailed to the State 4-H Office and Received no later than Monday, July 30 or dropped at Communication Days Registration in the Youth Center on Tuesday, July 31 between Noon and 3:00 pm.**

- Evaluation will be based on the quality, creativity, and originality of the design, the originality of the message, and design's ability to persuade the viewer to action.
- A Clock Trophy Winner and Outstanding(s) of the Day, and a Peoples Choice award will be announced on Thursday, August 2, during the Communications Days Awards Ceremony, at or about 6:30 p.m.
- At the discretion of the judges, the winning design(s) may be printed on cards to be sold to benefit the Ohio 4-H Foundation

### **4-H Infomercial**

4-H Members ages 14 and up can participate in 4-H Infomercial competition. Below are the guidelines.

- This is a video "short" that promotes a county or the state 4-H project or program or some aspect of that project or program, such as junior fair, camp, etc.
- Only one entry per member.
- This must be a fully automated, stand-alone video presentation with sound and narration as appropriate. Think "YouTube." The video should include recorded visual, sound, and narration to convey a message.
- The video should be the original work of the member making the entry.
- Use of copyrighted or protected characters or logos is not permitted, with the exception of the 4-H emblem. The 4-H emblem must be used correctly. See [http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/emblem/4h\\_name.htm](http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/emblem/4h_name.htm) for guidelines.
- Images in video should be appropriate for promoting 4-H. Use of pictures of youth who are of 4-H age; when possible, show the diversity of membership, projects, and activities; show youth exercising appropriate safety practices (i.e. wearing helmets on horseback).
- The video should be 2-4 minutes long. Penalties will be assessed for videos less than 2 minutes or longer than 4 minutes.
- Videos must be submitted on a DVD and must play using QuickTime Player or Windows Media Player.
- The member's name, age, and county must be neatly written on the DVD, along with the presentation title.
- All entries must be included in the county's electronic registration
- **All videos must be submitted must be submitted for judging by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 31. Cards may be mailed to the State 4-H Office and Received no later than Monday, July 30 or dropped at Communication Days Registration in the Youth Center on Tuesday, July 31 between Noon and 3:00 pm.**
- Evaluation will be based on the quality and originality of the message, which should persuade the viewer to action, as well as on the creative and professional use of technology.
- A Clock Trophy Winner and Outstanding(s) of the Day, and a Peoples Choice award will be announced on Thursday, August 2, during the Communications Days Awards Ceremony, at or about 6:30 p.m.
- At the discretion of the judges, the winning design(s) may be printed on cards to be sold to benefit the Ohio 4-H Foundation