

WELCOME TO 4-H

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Crawford Co. 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 NEW 4-H Member's Families:

Welcome to 4-H! As you proceed through this year, "Make the Best Better" in everything that you do in 4-H. 4-H is a fantastic opportunity to make and build friendships, help others and our community, learn new things, Learn about yourself and begin to be a healthy you. Expand your horizons as you try new experiences and strive to S-T-R-E-T-C-H beyond your comfort zone as you grow. HAVE AN AWESOME YEAR!

It is very important that you stay connected and informed at the OSU Extension website <http://crawford.osu.edu> Click on the Youth Development tab. Upon enrollment, **You are asked to provide either an valid e-mail address or cell phone number and provider on your enrollment card. This is important!** We will text or e-mail you to let you know when newsletters have been posted. Should you not receive the texts, please contact us with your name number and service provider so we can get it fixed. When you change the e-mail or cell number you provided you will need to keep us current. Most information will not mailed. This is "green" *environmentally friendly* and cost effective method of information transfer. The entire 4-H Family Handbook is now posted. It is crucial to the success of your experience that you keep informed. Your 4-H Advisor is also another link and will have much information for you at meetings, therefore, attendance is important. This letter may be the only hard copy newsletter you receive.

This letter includes some important information as you begin the 4-H year. Should you have questions over the year please feel free to ask your club advisor or contact us. The my e-mail, office phone number and our Facebook page are below.

Sincerely,

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1. Please Help OSU Extension

As you know 4-H is a part of OSU Extension. We are funded three ways by state, national and county funds. As you may have heard, OSU Extension around the state has had budget challenges. Please consider helping us by:

- keeping positive information about how we help your family in front of State Senators/Representatives as you talk with them
- dollar support where you can (see articles)
- keeping positive information forefront in the community: addressing concerns directly with us before sharing. Sometimes wrong information is created innocently.

2. Ways to Support Crawford County 4-H

Program: Kroger's Community Rewards

If you shop at Kroger, sign up for the Kroger's Community Reward program and help support Crawford County 4-H Program! The rewards program pays out a percentage of your groceries purchased to your designated organization. Our organizational # is 90540 - Crawford Co Ext. OSU Fnd. Youth Dev. Just register your Kroger Card at Kroger.com below are some instructions.

If you have a Kroger's Plus Card you must register/create an account first. The information you will need: Email Address, create a password, zip code, and your Kroger's Reward Card Number. You will get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Update or confirm your information. Enter our Organizational Number 90540.

You have now designated a percentage of your groceries to benefit the Crawford County 4-H program! This needs to be updated in May each year.

There is a step by step power point instructions under the " Ways to Support Crawford County 4-H" section of our website at <http://crawford.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/ways-to-support-crawford-county-4-h-program>

Gordon Food Services (GFS) Fun Fund Savers Program

OSU Extension, Crawford County has enrolled with Gordon Food Services (GFS) through their Fun Funds Program. Stop in the Extension Office for a GFS fly-

er to sign up for a Fun Funds Card. Every item purchased qualifies for rewards which benefits OSU Extension. With upcoming graduation parties, family picnics, and upcoming holidays this would be a great way to show your support!

4-H Window Decals

The OSU Extension has been selling Crawford County 4-H Window Decals! Display these decal proudly displays "I Support Crawford County 4-H". The decals may be place on vehicle windows, front doors, or any glass type surface. They have not sold very well; but we feel visibility is equally important so are giving one per family. If you'd like another, cost will be \$1.00. They are being given away to create 4-H awareness in the public.

Please share your 4-H pride.

Crawford County 4-H Endowment

The Endowment concept is based on the belief that excellent programs require substantial, consistent, and permanent funding. The Crawford County 4-H Endowment Fund is administered through The Ohio State University and the Ohio 4-H Foundation. Our local dollars are combined with over \$ 250 million at OSU to achieve a better interest rate. The interest from the Fund provides income for the Crawford County 4-H program. Money donated will be used for projects directly benefiting Crawford County 4-H. Special Scholarship Funds Donors wishing to establish individually endowed scholarships, or other awards, may arrange to do so.

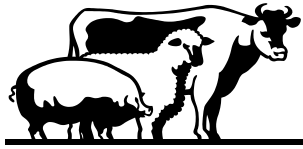
4-H Advisory Committee Fundraising

Go to the 4-H Advisory Committee page on the Crawford County OSU Extension website which lists other fundraisers they have to support the Crawford County 4-H program. When you view the 4-H Advisory Committee page scroll down to the bottom the page to view fundraiser information.

4-H Advisory Committee funds pay for: \$3 of your county dues, an accident insurance policy for your club, part of the camp fees, teen opportunities, volunteer education and much more.

TSC Has Clover Campaign

From May 2-13 TSC will have a paper Clover campaign sold for \$1.00 each. 60% of that money will be given to Crawford County 4-H. Clubs may want to arrange with the manager to have activities in the store to help the campaign. Ideas might be do project demos, carry out groceries, do bake sales and maybe a petting zoo.



4. Quality Assurance for Livestock Projects

Quality Assurance is required for those exhibitors at all Ohio Jr. fairs taking market livestock projects or taking projects which have lactating dairy animals by Ohio Revised Code. In Crawford County, all livestock exhibitors (including pet rabbits) are required to attend one of the programs held in the county so Departments can talk to youth and explain rules and expectations. The only exceptions are dogs, and horses.

After reaching age 12 and having attended at least one session youth may test out. If they are successful in testing out they may not have to take the test or attend again until they reach their age category upper age. Age categories are:

- ages 12-14
- ages 15-18

Test out times will immediately follow the Quality Assurance meeting if youth wish to take the test.

All QA programs are at the Youth Building on the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Dates and times of these programs are below:

- Saturday, March 17, 2012, 9:00 -10:30 am
- Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Monday, April 30, 2012, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Remember: to be counted in attendance; attending only part of the session is not an option.

5. 4-H Teens Selected: Awards/Positions

Congratulations to those youth who applied for awards and were selected!

Trips:

Citizenship Washington Focus
Sarah Bell

Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp
Raven Crawford and Tori Kirian

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp
Sarah Bell

New 4-H Representative to Jr. Fair Board
Tori Kirian, Brianna Ashley, Raven Crawford
Sara Gebhardt, Jacob Kocher, Brandi McCleese
Morgan Scheffler, Kristen Reynolds, Bonnie Welsh

Camp Counselors

Brianna Ashley, Joey Baxter, Morgan Coffman,
Raven Crawford, Taylor Delarber,
Emily Dotson, Sara Gebhardt, Abbey Gulley,
Hannah Gulley, Paul Hartschuh, Gloria Huber,
Kinzee Jones, Torri Kirian, Cody Lester, Clay McCarthy,
Austin McCracken, Nathan Miller, Chelsea Mosley,
Kristen Orewiler, Kayle Ort, Mikayla Reer, Kristen Reynolds,
Dwight Shawk, Bonnie Welsh, Wesley Wingert, and Morgan Wurm

6. Club Officers: Come to Officer Training

Officer and Advisor Training is March 29 at the Hannah Crawford School in North Robinson from 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Come learn to lead your club.

Mark Your Calendar Today !!

Evening Schedule:

7:00 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, go to rooms

7:10 p.m. Session 1

President/Vice Presidents

Secretaries

News Reporters

Treasurers

Health and Safety Leaders

Recreation Leaders

Historians

Advisors/Parents

7:45 p.m. Session 2

Using Parliamentary Procedure to create Trail Mix

6. Important Dates for Fair

No late entries accepted.

Dog Entries Due to OSU Extension May 10.
(earlier to assist in getting trophies for only classes needed)

All other entries due on June 20.

Before Fair

Tagging:

Dairy Feeders—March 3, 2012

Tagged at your barn. Complete/return card.

Must be vaccinated, castrated and Dehorned between

April 15-May 15

- **Sheep and Goats** - morning, May 12, 2012
- **Beef Feeders** — June 9, 2012 time TBA

Hogs

Possession Date—May 5

Ear notches due to OSU Extension May 7

Poultry Hatch Dates (all are the week of)

Broilers — Week of May 28

Roasters — Week of May 7

Turkeys and Pullets — Week of March 5

Any project workshops/clinics offered will be posted in future newsletters. Keep on the look out for live-stock clinics and other species information at our website at <http://crawford.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-livestock-information>

7. Livestock Skillathon Date Set

Skillathon has been set for Saturday, July 7 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

8. Jr. Fair Theme for 2012

The 2012 theme is "Crawford County Jr. Fair Goes Country"



9. Camping Opportunities

Kids' Outdoor Science Camp (formerly NW Ohio Conservation Camp)

June 10-13 at 4-H Camp Palmer

(for youth 8-13 or finishing 3rd thru 8th grade).

Crawford County 4-H Camp,
June 22-25, 2012 at Kelleys Island
This is a change: Friday -Monday

Sea Camp
July 13-17 2012 at Kelleys Island

10. Crawford County 4-H Scholarship

Applications are for a Senior in High School or a College Freshman and not have received the scholarship previously. Applicants must have been a 4-H member for the 5 previous years. Applicants must be pursuing education beyond high school at any accredited program. Applications and references due on June 1 to Scholarship Committee.



11. Ag Credit Sponsors

Money Management

Project Awards

Ag Credit is promoting financial awareness by sponsoring project awards for **Becoming Money Wise**, **Money Fundamentals**, **Money Moves**, and **Teens on the Road to Financial Success**. Watch for more details as they consider teaching a project workshop.

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