



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

Dear 4-H Volunteer:

As you read this, 4-H Clubs are forming. Therefore, it includes valuable information of 4-H Events that may affect your club members in the next couple of months. You will receive a 4-H Family Welcome letter to pass out to you members when you turn in your Club's Enrollment.

Sometimes it is difficult to keep in mind that your role is not only liaison between our office and families with information and paperwork, to make connection for project help, but also to actually plan the club's program so that members are continually learning and having FUN at meetings. If you are having difficulty with this ask for help. Engaged members are more likely to remain in the 4-H program.

Hopefully, some of your club Advisors attended the club update; much information was shared.

With 4-H enrollment, make sure that all of the Advisors complete an Advisor Enrollment (blue sheet). According to 4-H policy, if a volunteer has not served for more than one year they renew the volunteer process. We need accurate records to avoid unnecessary steps.

This should be an exciting 4-H Year! I hope you are geared up for it. It is February already! 4-H Week is March 2-9. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Sincerely,

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# 2013

# 4-H Calendar available

**NOTE:** Volunteer Newsletters will be mailed this year by 4-H Advisory Committee. They are providing the postage and man power. Go online for information in 4-H Family Letters. Texts/e-mails will be sent tell you when available as in past.

**1. Club Window Display for OHIO 4-H WEEK**

Ohio 4-H week will be March 2-9, 2013. Is your club having a store windows display or library display? The displays are to be in place the dates above to be in the contest. Please let us know where your display will be by February 28.

Judges will be given the information on March 1. They will be visiting display locations throughout the week.

4-H Advisory Committee will provide monetary awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places.

1<sup>st</sup> = \$25.00

2<sup>nd</sup> = \$20.00

3<sup>rd</sup> = \$15.00

4<sup>th</sup> = \$10.00

Each club participating will receive \$5.00.

Thank you for helping to promote/grow 4-H.

**2. Use of Age Requirements AND Cross County Line Forms**

Below are both age requirements and information about the cross county line forms that are to be used at enrollment.

**Age requirements are:**

- 4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child is enrolled in kindergarten and has reached age 5 as of January 1 of current 4-H year (2013).
- Membership in a traditional (project) 4-H club begins when a child is in third grade and at least 8 years old as of January 1 of the current year. (2013)
- Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual reaches age 19.

**Cross County Lines Participation**

Members wishing to participate in 4-H in a county other than the county of residence must complete the Cross county Lines form the first year. Both educators must agree on the cross county arrangement. It is not automatic. Once the arrangement is agreed upon there is no further application necessary in the member's 4-H Career from year to year.

**3. Potential New Volunteers In Place April 1**

Remember that there are several steps for getting a new volunteer in place. They are:

- 1) Application
- 2) References Checked
- 3) Finger Printing (Back)
- 4) Interview
- 5) Orientation /Training: March 14

Acceptance is expected by Enrollment unless there are extenuating circumstances. The process takes about 2 months. Hurry, if you still have someone to get started.

The background check is required as a precaution to protect the children served by the Ohio State University Extension. If you know someone who is interested, contact us and begin the process today!

Applications are available online at

<http://crawford.osu.edu>

or at OSU Extension office, 2nd floor, Court House.

**4. Important dates for Livestock Projects**

Below are key dates for possession, castration and tagging of Livestock projects for the Fair.

March 2 - Dairy Feeder Calves Tagging

March 4 - Turkey and Pullets hatch week

April 15-May 15 - Dairy Feeders vaccinated, castrated, dehorned

May 1-15 Rabbits Born  
 May 4 - Swine Possession Date  
 May 6 - Roasters hatch week  
 May 27- Broilers hatch week  
 May 11- Sheep and Goat tagging  
 May 6 - Ear Notch forms Due @ OSU  
 Extension  
 June 1- Rabbits in possession  
 June 8 - Beef Feeder Tagging

For Dairy Beef Feeders, Sheep, Goats and Swine, The Livestock committee has agreed that families may tag (ear notch up to four animals for each sibling and share the animas form tagging to arrival at the fair.) At that time each exhibitor will need to declare their animals.

These dates are really important, this year, only Contests (Demo/speech, Favorite Foods, Style Review, and Royalty), Dogs, and entries on the Non-Market Livestock Entry (breeding animals, Dairy, Alpacas/llamas, Poultry and Rabbits) will require Entry forms for Jr. Fair. Information gathered with ear notches and tagging will be used. Other rule information is not available from Sr. Fair yet.

**5. Officer Training (Paper on Officer Books)**  
**LOCATION – INCORRECT**

***Officer and Advisor Training***  
***Tuesday, March 26***  
***Col. Crawford High School***  
***7:00 p.m.***

***Each club asked to bring 1 dozen Cookies.***

Officers sessions include those recognized by Ohio 4-H: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Reporter, Health/Safety Leader, Historians, and Recreation Leader

Parents are welcome to go with officers or stay with Advisors.

**6. Quality Assurance and Skilathon Dates**

**Quality Assurance**

Saturday, March 23 @ 9:00 a.m.  
 Monday, April 1 @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, May 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Test out immediately following each.

**Skillathon:** July 6, 2013 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**7. Be a 4-H International Host Family**

Welcome a youth from another country into your home for a month through the LABO program or IFYE. If you are interested in being a host, call me for more information or contact Mary Lynn Thalheimer at the State 4-H office or ask to look at the "4-H International Programs at A Glance". Applications are due February 28, 2013.

# Crawford Co. Fair

## July 14-20

**2013 Jr. Fair Theme:**  
**"Hittin' All the Right Notes**  
**at**  
**the Crawford County Fair'**



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