

CRAWFORD COUNTY 4-H NEWS AND NOTES



Dear 4-H Volunteers and Families:

As you wrap up your 4-H year, take time to think about all the things you gained from 4-H this year; a few that have been shared are: friendships, awards, confidence, knowledge, a sense of importance in my community. What are yours? ... All are great reasons for continued involvement. Some of these are not things you might gain in another organization. Consider this when you make your choices for next year.

It has been a great 4-H year, from an awesome camp to ... an exciting 4-H Cloverbud FUN Day to ... Real Money Real World in the schools to ... best ever fair weather. Glad you had a chance to experience it along with us.

Fair Thank You's are still being written. If you do not have buyer addresses yet, they are on our website. You have until August 29 to get your thank you notes written and checked off in our office. Our Crawford County youth did well at the Ohio State Fair also. Hopefully, you have been following those award postings on the Crawford County 4-H Facebook page. If not, it is never too late to catch up.

In the next few months, you will see advertisements for an Ag/NR Educator and a 4-H Youth Development Educator in Crawford County. I will be retiring effective November 1 and Jason is completing his Master's Degree so will be applying for the Educator Position. There will no longer be a Program Coordinator position.

At this time, I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to work with the wonderful youth in Crawford County. They are special people. The volunteers that I have had the pleasure of working with are a passionate support system for our youth. They deserve much thanks for their dedication.

Sincerely,

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1. 2014 4-H Lunch Stand Sales

A BIG thanks to everyone who worked in the 4-H Lunch Stand this year! Special "thank you" to Renee Bell for a great first year. Heard many good things about the menu changes.

You cooked/served: 3, 000 Hamburgers, 1000 Sausage, 564 Eggs, 700 Walking Tacos and Sloppy Nachos, and 2500 milkshakes.

Money from the lunch stand supports 4-H in a variety of ways. One example: This year, each camper

who went to camp paid \$10 less than it actually cost and each counselor paid \$20 less than it actually cost; and an overnight at camp for staff/counselors to get organized the night before camp; because 4-H Advisory Committee was able to budget money to cover that support. Also, \$600 in camper scholarships was also given by the 4-H Advisory Committee.

Renee say a big THANK YOU to everyone for all the hard work and making the year successful.

2. Due Sept. 2 to OSU Extension



(4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books.

Optional: Historian Books & Club of Distinction)

Secretaries, Treasurers and Historians books due at the close of the business day on Sept. 2. Historians books are optional. Secretaries and Treasurer's are not.

Club of Distinction applications are also optional but due on Sept. 2. Get your information around and apply. Many of our clubs are doing good things. This is a chance to be recognized for what you do.

3. 4-H Forever in Crawford County Dinner/Auction (November 9, 2014)

The Dinner Auction will support Crawford County 4-H (75%) and the 4-H Scholarship Fund (25%). The 4-H Advisory Committee is now soliciting items for the Auction. Clubs could help in this manner with baskets full of goodies or nice items. You can also send in your reservations and get the event on your calendar.

Spread the word one item they will have is a pair of tickets to the OSU vs. Indiana Football Game on November 22. GREAT SEATS in Section 25, A deck. Row 20. Come and bid...they could be yours! Sponsorships are also available:

Gold Sponsor - \$500 (16 tickets)
Silver Sponsor - \$250 (8 Tickets)
Bronze Sponsor - \$100 (4 tickets)
Green Sponsor - \$50 (2 tickets)

Families, clubs, organizations or businesses could group their funds and be a sponsor for the event. This will allow give you a block of reserved seats. Suggest this to those you know. Does your club or business have a table reserved?

Individual meal reservations are \$12 each. Sponsorship and individual reservations must be reserved by Friday, October 24, 2014.

Mail reservation and payment to:

Cindy Dunn
4-H Advisory Committee, Treasurer
1927 Brokensword Rd.
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820.

Sponsorship/ reservation forms are available from 4-H Advisory Committee members or online as are item donation forms at

<http://crawford.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/news/4-h-forever-in-crawford-county-dinner-and-auction>

The Dinner Auction will have both a silent auction and live auction in addition to a raffle. This event promises to be a good time! It is also a great opportunity to do some of your Christmas shopping while supporting 4-H at the same time.

4. Due October 1

4-H Club Advisors are asked to complete the **volunteer Hours form and the Community Service reports** and submit to OSU Extension by October 1.

5. Support Your Local 4-H TSC Paper Clover Campaign October 8th- October 19th

Tractor Supply Company is proud to support 4-H with another year of the Paper Clover campaign.

4-H club participation in-store during a Paper Clover event raise an average of 40% more than stores who do not. In the spring, we had three clubs participate and almost doubled the amount we had been receiving.

Their support has allowed us to recognize "Clubs of Distinction" with a party and banners a party in addition to giving participants in Officer and Advisor Training pens last year.

How can your club help? One club just went out and carried purchases out for the customers. The advisor reported that the kids had fun doing so. Check out <http://www.tractorsupply.com/4-H>

6. Teen Opportunities

Teens check out all the great things you can do in 4-H beyond the club and project in the Teen Opportunities packet/booklet posted on our website soon.

Research shows that the more youth are involved the more they gain from 4-H. Volunteers say that teens often lose interest if they are not in leadership roles. Stay involved better yet get more involved; there are many great learning experiences for you.

All 4-H youth that are currently at least a freshman in high school will want to watch for the 4-H Older Youth Opportunities packet to be posted at <http://crawford.osu.edu>

in late October or early November. Interest Forms need to be returned to OSU Extension Office by the date indicated on the interest form in the packet to have applications be mailed to you. Or applications may also be picked up prior to the deadline. All youth submitting Interest Forms will then receive applications for the opportunities in which they expressed interest. Applications will also be available online at <http://crawford.osu.edu>

This packet includes information for award trips, camp counselors, Jr. Fair Board, Ohio 4-H Ambassador, Scholarships, Advisory boards, etc. Every youth has great opportunities ... choose to apply. Last year, we had more awards than applicants. Encourage your kids to take advantage of these wonderful

experiences. This choice could bring an opportunity of a lifetime, many great memories and new friends.

The deadline for county Older Youth Opportunity applications such as, Camp Counselor, Junior Fair Board, award trips, and 4-H Advisory Committee Youth Representative, Camp Counselors and Jr. Fair Board will be **December 6**.

See individual applications for due dates. The deadline for state opportunity applications such as, State 4-H State Ambassador, Achievement Awards, and State 4-H Scholarships is Tues., January 21, 2015.

7. 2015 Crawford County Fair Dates

We found the 2015 Crawford County Fair dates recently posted on the Fair website. July 19-25, 2015

8. Projects to be Discontinued in 2015

481	Food and Fitness FUN
482	Food and Fitness Choices
613	Exploring our Forests
617	Exploring our Ponds
645	Exploring our Insect World 2

9. Calling All Registered Nurses

Our 4-H Camp will need a new nurse for 2015. This is a stipend position. Dawn (last nurse) is willing to spend a day at camp for training and answer questions. If you are interested, call OSU Extension at 419-562-8731. We find out camp dates in October.

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