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Message from the 4-H Educator

Dear 4-H Family:

Can you believe it is almost 2016 already! It's been an exciting year and I hope that you all have enjoyed it as much as I have. Being new in my position, I have been so proud of all the hard work done this year by all our county clubs, 4-H volunteers, parents, and especially our youth. This counties 4-H program couldn't be possible without all of you, so thank you for everything you do.

As we wrap up this year I hope that everyone is getting excited and gearing up for next year; I know I am! Enclosed in this newsletter you will find information about a few more opportunities still left in 2015 and many more great opportunities to start thinking about for 2016.

Sincerely,

Allison Cooper
Crawford County 4-H Youth Development Educator



CLOVERBUD FALL FESTIVITIES

October 21, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Keep your Cloverbuds involved throughout the year by joining us at the Acres of Adventure Center at Pickwick Place, 1875 N Sandusky Ave, Bucyrus, OH 44820. All youth Preschool- 2nd grade are invited for a day of fun surrounding the harvest time theme. Youth do not have to be a Cloverbud 4-H Member to attend so Invite a Friend to Join the FUN!



Cost \$5.00 for Each Youth; Cost includes admittance into Pickwick Place Acres of Adventure Center and a light snack. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to stay throughout the event.

Return Completed Registration form & payment by October 12, 2015 to:
OSU Extension Office, 112 E. Mansfield Street, Suite 303, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Only 45 youth will be accepted on a **first come, first serve basis**. Registrations arriving after October 12th or once capacity is reached, will be placed on a wait list and contacted if space becomes available. Registration will be accepted until full capacity is reached. Registration will NOT be accepted over the phone. **Checks should be made payable to OSU Extension.**

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ (As of 1/1/15)

Address: _____ Current Grade: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Parent's Name: _____

4-H Club (If Applicable): _____

_____ has my permission to attend Cloverbud Fall Festivities Day and participate in all activities. I realize that certain activities involve certain risk, and give permission for my child to be involved in these and other such activities included in the day program. I agree to indemnify staff, and employees from claims, other than those of negligence, for damage, loss or injury sustained by my child while at 4-H Cloverbud Day/ Pickwick Place.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I also give permission to The Ohio State University, OSU Extension, the Ohio 4-H program and Crawford County 4-H program the use photographs, voice and video images of any activity in which my child is involved in any and all public awareness programs of The Ohio State University, OSU Extension, The Ohio 4-H program and Crawford County 4-H program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



2016 Older Youth Opportunities

Older Youth Opportunity Packets will be mailed out by early November and there will be extra available in the OSU Extension office once all event dates have been set for 2016. This packet will include specific detail about each opportunity. Applications due December 4, 2015.

A few things to think about while completing the forms:

- Remember that these applications are important and often are the first impression of you. Please try to make them as professional and accurate as possible.
- Although you may feel that you are not qualified or do not have a chance at being selected; there are MANY opportunities. In past years, some awards were not given due to lack of applicants. **DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO GO ON A TRIP OF A LIFETIME BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T APPLY!**
- Be considerate of others; you don't want to take the opportunity away from someone else if you think there may be a conflict.
- Lastly, if you apply and are not chosen for the opportunity that you wanted, please apply again next year. Sometimes there just aren't enough available positions, especially for camp counselors.

NEW THIS YEAR...

Camp counselor as a 4-H Club and project:

Feel your life is too chaotic but you still want to be involved in 4-H? This year we are pleased to introduce the role of camp counselor as a project and club. What does this mean? Anyone, even non-current 4-H older youth, can apply for camp counselor and will complete a few additional activities to fulfill their responsibilities as a county 4-H member. Additional details can be found in the Older Youth Opportunity packet.

Leadership Washington Focus:

Much like Citizenship-Washington Focus, at Leadership-Washington Focus Jr High youth will travel to the National 4-H Center for a shorten experience in our nation's Capital. Workshops will reinforce the importance of government issues, develop a new perspective of international relations, and stress personal growth and leadership skills. (Tentative for Ohio based on interest)

Have questions? Don't hesitate to contact our office at 419-562-8731! We are here to help and we want our youth to succeed.

Adult Volunteer Opportunities

- Representative on Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee
- Crawford County 4-H Scholarship Committee member
- Ohio Shooting Sports Certified Instructor (Please contact Allison ASAP if interested)
- Club Advisor
- Specialty Club Advisor
- County Event Volunteer
- Ohio 4-H Conference Attendee
- Crawford County 4-H Camp Adult Staff (No positions available at this time)
- Older Youth Opportunity Award Trip Chaperone
- International Exchange Program Host

****ALL OPPORTUNITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR****

Information for 4-H Volunteers

A county volunteer can participate in a variety of activities through the county and on the state level. Volunteers are not required to participate in every activity in the county, they should be as active as their schedules allow. Volunteers can be advisors in a county club or can chose only to participate in out of club activities.

REMEMBER All 4-H volunteers and 4-H committee members are now required to attend one mandatory training each year. Tentative dates are as follows:

Parliamentary Procedure Training

November 10, 2015 6:30-8:30 p.m. LLC

(This training will fulfill the mandatory training requirement)

December 14, 2015 6:30-7:30 p.m. LLC

January 7, 2016 7:30-8:30 p.m. LLC

January 25, 2016 6:30-7:30 p.m. LLC

February 17, 2016 12:00-1:00 p.m. LLC

March 8, 2016 6:30-7:30 p.m. LLC

New Volunteer Training

March 28, 2016 6:30-8:00 p.m. LLC

Know someone who may be interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer?

Adults interested in becoming a NEW volunteer with the Crawford County 4-H program must complete several steps. These steps do not need to be done in sequence, but must all be completed before an adult begins working with youth in our county.

- Volunteer Application with references
 - After we have received references back, we will schedule a meeting/ interview.
- An Ohio BCI / Background check will need to be completed prior to becoming a volunteer.
- All 4-H volunteers and 4-H committee members are required to attend one mandatory training each year.

2015 FALL TSC CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The fall 2015 Paper Clover Fundraiser is coming October 7-18, 2015! Together, TSC & Del's raised over \$1.5 Million (\$1,551,052) to support 4-H youth programs during only 24 days in 2014! Let's beat those numbers in 2015!

Come visit Frank Jerger, the manager of the Bucyrus TCS Store during the Fall Clover Campaign October 7th-18th.

The 2015 Ohio State Fair

Congratulations to all of our county youth who participated in the 2015 Ohio State Fair!

We are proud to say that Crawford County had over 90 youth participate in the 2015 Ohio State Fair. Even better, we had many youth who placed in their class/ category and even a few top award winners.

Thank you to all the youth, parents, and volunteers who represented Crawford County at the State Fair this year.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following clubs who were selected to receive the 2015 Club of Distinction Award:

**Dairy Maids & Gents
Barnyard Guys and Gals
Mt. Zion Buckeyes
North Auburn Hustlers
Bucyrus Kilbourne Klovvers
Town & Country
Buckeye Stars**

STATEWIDE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences at OSU many scholarships are available even if you are not planning to attend the Ohio State University.

These scholarship applications are typically open November- February.
<http://cfaes.osu.edu/students/money-matters/scholarships/4-h-scholarships>

We are extremely pleased to announce this year there is a specific State 4-H Scholarship for youth in Crawford County.

Don't miss out on the many scholarships available for graduating seniors who were active in 4-H.

Don't forget to be on the lookout Spring 2016 for the in county scholarship.

Sneak Peak of Auction

- Ohio State Water Color Painting created by Past Educator, Brenda Young.
- Wynford Portable Stadium Seat
- Flower arrangement from Norton's Flower
- Oil change and T-shirt from Donley Ford
- Case of water and \$20 gift certificate from Peacock Water
- Miscellaneous 4-H Items
- Stylish Thirty One Bag
- Snowman set
- 4-H Laptop Bag
- And More!!! Come see the rest November 8th or go to online auction!

4-H Forever In Crawford County Dinner and Auction November 8, 2015

Doors open 11:30 am
Dinner at 12:30 pm
@ Crawford County Fairgrounds
Youth Building

The event includes a meal catered by local Carle's Bratwurst, delicious Troyer's Pies, both Silent & Live Auctions, and a 50/50 drawing.

75% of proceeds from this year's auction will support local 4-H programming in Crawford County and 25% will go to the Crawford County 4-H Scholarship Fund.

New This Year...

Online auction starting in October. These items will only be available online and can be picked up at our live event (other arrangements can be made).

Visit [facebook.com/cc4Hforever](https://www.facebook.com/cc4Hforever) or contact Chair, Sara Gebhardt cc4Hforever@gmail.com with questions or to make reservations.

Upcoming 4-H Dates:

OCTOBER

- 1 Club Reports Due (Volunteer Hours and Community Service)
- 2-4 Ohio Shooting Sports Instructor Training Canter Cave 4-H Camp
- 3-25 Quarter Horse Congress
- 6 4-H Advisory Comm. Meeting - 7:00 p.m., LL Conf. Rm., Court House
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 11 4-H Horse Council – 5:00 p.m
- 7-18 TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign
- 24 Make A Difference Day
- 28 Sr. Fair Board 8:00 p.m. @ Sec. Office

NOVEMBER

- 3 4-H Advisory Committee – 7 p.m.- Location to be determined
- 8 4-H Dinner & Auction @Youth Building – Doors Open @11:30 a.m.
- ? 4-H Horse Council – 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Office Closed - Veterans Day
- 25 Sr. Fair Board, 8:00 p.m. @ Sec. Office
- 26-27 Office Closed- Thanksgiving

Upcoming 4-H Dates Continued:

DECEMBER

- 1 Ohio Volunteer Awards Nominations Due to COLUMBUS - Nominate A Volunteer for State Awards
- 1 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting –7 p.m. – LL Conf. Rm., Court House
- 4 Teen Opportunity AND Award Applications Due: Jr. Fair Board and Camp Counselors, AND COUNTY SELECTED AWARDS
- 5 Beef Tagging/Weigh-in 8:00-10:30-a.m. – Steer Barn at Crawford County Fair
- 24-25 Office Closed- Christmas

Dates to be announced

- Teen Opportunity Interviews
- Camp Counselor Interviews
- Junior Fair Board Interviews



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