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4-H Family Newsletter

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Message from the 4-H Educator

Dear 4-H Family:

Can you believe it is almost 2018 already! It's been an exciting year and I hope that you all have enjoyed it as much as I have. 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. As we near the end of 2017, please make sure you have sent out any remaining thank you notes to sale buyers, award donors, or special helpers who made your 4-H year a success!

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find information about a few more opportunities still left in 2017 and many more great opportunities to start thinking about for 2018. It seems like 4-H season just ended but 2018 will be here before we know it! Hope everyone is as excited as I am to see what 2018 brings!

Sincerely,

Allison Cooper
Crawford County 4-H Youth Development Educator



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4-H Advisory Committee Dinner and Auction, November 4th- Follow Link

Cloverbud Fall Festivities Day at Unger Park- Follow Link

2018 Older Youth Opportunities

Older Youth Opportunity Packets will be mailed out in early October and there will be extra available in the OSU Extension office or the packet can be found online. This packet will include specific detail about each opportunity.

Applications due December 1, 2017 by 4:30 p.m.



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 Opportunity!!

- **4-H CARTEENS VOLUNTEER!** Do you think you're a good driver? Or maybe you been in a car accident and think you learned a valuable lesson from it? 4-H CARTEENS is a safe driving program that is now held in conjunction with the local State Highway Patrol Office. **Local teens ages 15-21 can help be teen facilitators at our monthly CARTEENS program.** Look for more information in the older youth opportunities packet!

❖ Don't forget!

- Anyone, even non-current 4-H older youth, can apply for camp counselor. Being a camp counselor will fulfill the 4-H member qualifications however you may not take additional 4-H projects; camp counselor will serve as your one and only 4-H project. **So spread the word and encourage your friends at school to apply even if they are not in 4-H!**
- **The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC)** is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provide youth perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. Council members share advice and recommendations to 4-H professionals in order to improve, strengthen, and expand the Ohio 4-H program. **For more information:** <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/teen-leadership-council>

Have questions? Don't hesitate to contact our office at 419-562-8731!

Parents, Aunts, Uncles,
Cousins, Grandparents,
Neighbors... WE WANT
YOU!!!

4-H isn't just for kids. All adults in Crawford County have the opportunity to volunteer in the following 4-H volunteer opportunities that keep the county 4-H program going!

- Representative on Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee (12 meetings a year)
- Representative on Crawford County Extension Advisory Committee (4 meetings per year)
- Crawford County 4-H Scholarship Committee member (4-6 meetings a year)
- Ohio Shooting Sports Certified Instructor
- 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 current 4-H Volunteers

Club Advisors- If you did not have a club officer turn in their Treasurer Book, you must submit your most recent bank statement and the yearly summary page from the treasurers handbook. Form can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>

Advisor volunteer hours and community service reports are due to the OSU Extension office by October 1st.

Forms can be found at

<http://crawford.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/club-and-volunteer-information/club>

End of the year certificates/ pins and officer books will be ready for advisors to pick up and distribute to your club members by October 16th. 2017 book winners will be recognized at the 2018 4-H award program held the Sunday of fair. More information will be sent to club officer winners and advisors.

All 4-H volunteers and 4-H committee members- Everyone is required to attend one mandatory training each year. Tentative dates for 2017-2018 4-H year are as follows:

November 28, 2017 11:30-12:30 a.m. LLC
November 28, 2017 6:00-7:00 p.m. LLC
December 12, 2017 6:30-7:30 p.m. LLC
December 14, 2017 7:00-8:00 p.m. LLC
January 10, 2018 11:30-12:30 a.m. LLC
January 10, 2018 5:00-6:00 p.m. LLC
January 11, 2018 7:00-8:00 p.m. LLC

Know someone who may be interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer? Please contact Allison to apply to be a 4-H volunteer, 419-562-8731, cooper.2360@osu.edu

Adults interested in becoming a NEW volunteer with the Crawford County 4-H program must complete several steps.

- 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

Don't forget to stop out and visit Frank Jerger at the Bucyrus TSC October 4th - 15th to support the FALL CLOVER CAMPAIGN



Congratulations to the following clubs who were selected to receive the 2017 Club of Distinction Award:

**Dairy Maids & Gents
Liberty Leaders
North Auburn Hustlers
Bucyrus Kilbourne Klovers
Buckeye Stars**

The 2017 Ohio State Fair

Congratulations to all of our county youth who participated in the 2017 Ohio State Fair!

We are proud to say that Crawford County had over 100 youth participate in the 2017 Ohio State Fair. Even better, we had many youth who placed in their class/ category and even a few top award winners.

If you didn't receive one of your state fair awards/ ribbons, please stop by the extension office to pick it up.

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 1- Counselor/ JFB/ Older Youth Opportunity Applications and References Due
December 2- Beef Tagging and Weigh In- Fairgrounds

2018 4-H Calendar will be posted on website by the 1st of the year

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>

There is a specific State 4-H Scholarship, The Vaughn Family Scholarship, for youth in Crawford County 4-H!!!

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

Also be on the lookout this Spring 2018 for the in county 4-H scholarship.