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Message from the 4-H Educator

Dear 4-H Family:

Can you believe it is almost 2019 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 2018, 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 2018 and many more great opportunities to start thinking about for 2019. If you have not heard, I will be out of the office for maternity leave from mid December to late February. If there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to contact our office and we will get you the information you need as quickly as we can.

Sincerely,



Allison Cooper
Crawford County 4-H Youth Development Educator

2019 Older Youth Opportunities

Older Youth Opportunity Packets will be mailed out to eligible youth by early October. Extra packets will be available in the OSU Extension office or can be found online. This packet will include specific detail about each opportunity.

Applications are due November 16th 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.

❖ Highlighted Opportunities!

- 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!**
- **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!
- **Not quite old enough for many of the opportunities?** Consider being a county helper for events such as cloverbud funday to gain new experiences and skills that can help you in the future.

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** (10 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****

All 4-H volunteers and 4-H committee members:

Every 4-H Volunteer is required to attend one mandatory training each year.

Due to Allison's maternity leave this year, all advisor trainings will be held in March and Early April. Please be sure to look at the 2019 January Newsletter for those dates.

Club Organizational Advisors:

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 3rd. 2018 officer book winners will be notified soon and recognized at the 2019 4-H award program held the Sunday of fair. More information will be sent to club officer winners and advisors.

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

Please contact Allison as soon as possible 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 each year.
- **ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS MUST BEGIN THE 4-H VOLUNTEER PROCESS BY APRIL 15th** Any adult interested after April 15th will need to wait until after the fair to start the process and will not be permitted to act in the capacity of a 4-H Volunteer until the entire 4-H Volunteer process is complete.

Don't forget to stop out and visit Frank Jerger at the Bucyrus TSC October 3rd - 14th to support the FALL CLOVER CAMPAIGN



Congratulations to the following clubs who were selected to receive the 2018 Club of Distinction Award:

**Buckeye Stars
Dairy Maids & Gents
Liberty Leaders
Tiro Tailors and Balers
North Auburn Hustlers
Bucyrus Kilbourne Klovers
Whetstone Go-Getters**

The 2018 Ohio State Fair

Congratulations to all of our county youth who participated in the 2018 Ohio State Fair!

We are proud to say that Crawford County had over 100 youth participate in the 2018 Ohio State Fair. Even better, we had many youth who placed in their class/ category and even a few top award winners.

An email was sent to those who didn't receive their state fair award/ ribbon. If you believe you earned an award but did not get an email, please call the extension office 419-562-8731.

Crawford County Plat Books

The OSU Extension Office currently has plat books for sale to the public. Plat Books were published through Mapping Solutions and are printed in color for easier reading in comparison to previous versions.

Plat Books are \$20.00 and are available for purchase Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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!!!

Also be on the lookout at the beginning of 2019 for the in county 4-H scholarship due in the spring of 2019. For the past 11 years, this scholarship has awarded 55+ 4-H Youth with over \$15,000 in scholarship funds.

Help Support Your Local 4-H Program!

Through several different fundraisers throughout the year, the 4-H Advisory Committee strives to give back to our local 4-H community.

Did you know that the 4-H Advisory Committee raises funds for: EVERY 4-H member and advisor insurance policy, part of all county dues, 4-H camp discounts, 4-H camp scholarships, statewide camp fees, leadership trainings, older youth trips, and more.

Upcoming events that you can help support:

- **New Patron Sponsor Information:** In place of a fundraising dinner and auction, the Advisory Committee is respectfully asking for your partnership in supporting the county program by becoming a Patron Sponsor for 2019. Patron Sponsor letters will be going out in the next few weeks; please contact cc4hforever@gmail.com if you do not receive your letter and wish to contribute.

In return for being a Patron Sponsor, any business, family, or individual will be recognized at the 2019 Crawford County Fair in the Advisory Committee Booth and in the Youth Building during judging and 4-H events, and on the “4-H Forever in Crawford County” Facebook page throughout 2019. Additionally, any sponsorship will be tax deductible, to the limit allowed by law, as the Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee is a 501c3 organization. Any questions can be directed to cc4hforever@gmail.com.

- **Katering Kountry Style Fall Baked Goods Fundraiser; pumpkin rolls, cinnamon rolls, peanut butter bars, and pumpkin cake; ready just in time for Thanksgiving!**

Get an order to any Advisory Committee member, see their Facebook page *4-H Forever in Crawford County* or contact cc4hforever@gmail.com **by November 6th!**

Thank you from the 4-H Lunchstand Manager

Thank you goes out to all of the clubs for your help! Without the help of advisors, parents and members, the stand would not be possible. I truly appreciate everyone’s patience as I learned the ropes my first year and I hope to make things better in 2019. If anyone has comments or concerns, please let a member of the 4-H Advisory Committee know so we can do our best to make the best better. If you are interested in helping be a day manager during next year’s fair, we are always looking for help, just let us know. A special shout out to Lisa Hadsell, Dee Miley, Tyler Snyder, and Janice Butler for help before and after the fair. Hope to see you all in 2019! ~Becky

As you start thinking about 4-H Projects for 2019, please know The Ohio 4-H publications listed below are being revised, replaced, or discontinued.

To Be Revised or Replaced

415 Active Sportswear
419 Tops for Tweens
487 Fast Break for Breakfast
624 Intermediate Fishing
692 Growing with the Seasons

To Be Discontinued

587 Writing and Reporting for Teens
596 Play the Role
598 Set the Stage



Did you like your 2018 4-H project?

Be sure rate and review your 4-H project book at Project Central to help future members decide on what 4-H project is right for them! Questions about a project you want to take next year? Go to Project Central for more information!

<http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 16, 2018- Camp Counselor/ Jr. Fair Board/ Older Youth Opportunity Applications and References Due

December 1, 2018- Beef Tagging and Weigh In- Fairgrounds

January 3-6, 2019- Ohio Fair Managers Conference and Ohio Fair Queen Contest

January 26, 2019- 4-H Horse Council Tack Swap; Contact Trisha Tackett for more information 419-563-5170

January 31, 2019- Ohio 4-H Club Financial Summary due

March 3-9, 2019- Ohio 4-H Week

***Consider joining the celebration through the county 4-H club window decorating contest!**

March 9, 2019- Ohio 4-H Conference: Registration information in January newsletter.

Complete 2019 Crawford County 4-H Calendar will be available by the 1st of the year

