

4-H Family Newsletter – November 2019

4-H Families,

This past weekend we celebrated the achievements of our 4-H members and recognized the valuable service of our volunteers. A word of special thanks to our Advisory Council for hosting a special event and providing us with a tasty meal!

I read somewhere that even the most introverted individual can influence 10,000 people during their lifetime. That is amazing when you think about it! We are all influencers in our spheres; not only in our actions and words, but also in how we live our lives, where we invest our time and money, and who receives our talents and love. If we think about the numbers our program has had over the years, many of our volunteers have impacted thousands of lives in the 4-H program alone! Now, that is worth celebrating!

Four volunteers in particular recognized with Impact Awards for investing their time, talents and love to Williams County 4-H youth. Jamie Egler, Dave Reeder, and Regina Partee were received plaque for 25 years of dedicated service. Jayne Steffel received a clock trophy for 45 years of dedicated service.

Please note the upcoming dates outlined in this newsletter and mark them on your calendar. I know that it can seem a bit crazy that Camp Counselor Application deadline has been bumped to **December 6, 2019**—however, there are a lot of trainings that need to happen to make 4-H camp a great week!

We continue to gear up for 2020 and are excited about the possibilities that are on the horizon for our 4-H program!

Striving to make the best better,



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November 11: Closed
November 28-29: Closed
December 24-25: Closed
January 1: Closed



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County Updates

Camp Counselor Applications

Camp Counselor application is available on the Williams County 4-H website. Deadline to complete the application will be **Friday, December 6**. <https://williams.osu.edu/teen-opportunities>. **This deadline has been moved up one month—this is to give us more time for scheduled training!** First year applicants should plan to contact the office or email Stacey at perry.1735@osu.edu for an interview time. Applicants need to be the ones scheduling the interview time, not the parents. First year interview dates include: afternoon/evening from Dec. 9-13, 19-20 or during the day on Dec. 23 at the OSU Extension office. Returning applicants will not automatically be interviewed. Rather, the Extension office will reach out to returning applicants if an interview is needed.

Achievement Form Available & Workshop Offered!

The 2020 Achievement Record Application is now available on the Williams County 4-H website. The deadline to have this completed is **Friday, January 3** to the Extension office. Follow this link to begin working on your application. <https://williams.osu.edu/teen-opportunities>

On **Monday, December 23 at 10:00am**, we are offering an **Achievement Record Workshop** to help all 4-H members with this process! The Achievement Record is like a “4-H resume” that allows older youth to apply for awards, trips and other opportunities at the state and local levels. Feel free to bring a copy of this application, notes of your 4-H involvement and/or a laptop along with any questions you may have. This will get your creative juices going about what to write in each section, so you will want to take notes! Not 14 years old? No worries, you’re invited to come so that as you build your 4-H resume, you’ll be ahead of the game once you’re ready to apply! Call today to RSVP: 419-636-5608.

Save the Date: Spring 4-H Open House

Monday, February 24th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Extension Office, we will have our 2020 Open House event. This is for the community and 4-H families looking to join 4-H and also explore the variety of 4-H projects available. If you know of a friend or relative between the ages of 5-18 who would benefit from our 4-H program, invite them to come!

Williams County 4-H Endowment Scholarships

The Endowment scholarship application is available on the Williams County 4-H website. Friday, January 10, 2020 is the deadline to have the application submitted to the Extension office. Please note, that the Ohio Achievement Record needs to be completed and signed as part of the application.

Williams County 4-H Endowment Fundraiser

The biennial 4-H Endowment Fundraiser is **Saturday, March 7, 2020** at the Gillette Building. We are currently accepting donated items for the live and silent auction. 4-H clubs (along with individuals and community businesses and organizations) are encouraged to donate auction items. Please contact the Extension office to notify us of what item(s) your club plans to donate.

Project Specifics

Upcoming Steer Tagging Date

If you are enrolling in a Beef project for 2020, you'll need to plan to have your steer tagged on **Saturday, December 28, 2019** at the Williams County fairgrounds between **8am-11am**. While we recognize that the possession date for steers is not until January, you can always give us a call at 419-636-5608 if you don't have your steer yet and a Senior Fairboard member can make a farm visit.

Adviser/Volunteer News

Accepting New Volunteers!

Are you good working with youth? Do you desire to make an impact in youth lives? Are you good with organizational/administrative tasks? Would you like to join forces with 4-H as we seek to positively develop youth? If so, we are looking for more volunteers who are willing to invest in our youth! To become an official volunteer with the Williams County 4-H program, contact the Extension Office for an application. The on-boarding process includes completing a volunteer application (along with three references), an interview and a background check. The deadline to become a **volunteer for 2020 is January 15**.

Finger Prints

As a reminder, all volunteers that are required to complete their fingerprint for the 2020 4-H year have been notified via the postal service. If you were one of these volunteers, please be sure to complete the process by **December 31, 2019**. Please try to get this done prior to the 31st if possible, as it can take some time for us to receive the results.

Club Packets Available

If you were unable to attend the Fall Recognition Event, please stop by the office to pick up your club packets which includes a club check members' premiums. As you hand out premiums to your members, please have each member sign for their money, so that there is record of it.

2020 Club/Advisor Status

We are planning on your 4-H club continuing to be active for 2020 and you serving as an advisor. If, for some reason your club is disbanding or you are no longer planning to serve as an advisor, please notify the Extension office by **November 10** to let us know. 419-636-5608

State News/Events

Ohio Military Kids

Ohio Military Kids is a partnership with Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development and Family Readiness with Ohio National Guard. With this amazing partnership, Ohio Military Kids puts on several events throughout the state of Ohio. These events range from one day events, to overnights, to weekend camps, and even weeklong residential camps. These events are open to youth of military families, and they do not have to be a member of 4-H to participate. 4-H members and adults have the opportunity to volunteer for OMK events, including as camp counselors in the summer!

The mission of Ohio Military Kids is to support the youth of military families throughout the deployment cycle. Ohio 4-H is an essential supporter of the Ohio Military Kids Program and its mission. Ohio 4-H works hand-in-hand with Ohio National Guard to deliver fun and supportive programs to military families. With military youth in every county in Ohio, the partnership of 4-H to promote OMK opportunities to your military friends and neighbors in all 88 counties is appreciated!

Please check out the website at go.osu.edu/OMK for more information!

Ohio Sea Camp Returns in 2020!

The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing. The program is a supervised, educational environment fostered by Ohio 4-H and The Ohio State University.

Sea Camp is offered to young people between 15-17 years of age (at the start of camp) and will be held at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp from July 11-15, 2020.

Visit <https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp> for periodic updates and follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Ohio4HSeaCamp/>