November 2016

Dear 4-H’er and Family:

Joining 4-H in 2017? If so, you may be eligible to participate in several special county and state activities. Enclosed in this letter is information about those activities and a checklist for you to send back to me. When you send the checklist back with the activities you are interested in finding out more about, I will help you connect with an advisor to join the organization, receive more information about application deadlines, and answer any other questions you may have.

Fill in your name and contact information at the top of the activities list. Check the boxes next to the activity description to note your interest in learning more. Check the specific age requirements for each activity – they vary. Check for application deadlines that may be coming up within the next couple of months. Most applications can be found at our county website at http://lorain.osu.edu click on 4-H Youth Development, then click on Youth Opportunities and Resources.

The best resource for 4-H families to find information is our county 4-H website. There is a lot of information there. The Clover Communicator newsletter with updates about 4-H news is also available there. Signing up is not necessary; the website is open to the public: http://lorain.osu.edu. (Click on 4-H Youth Development, then Clover Communicator newsletter).

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If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 440-326-5851.

Sincerely,

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

LORAIN COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITIES

Return by December 16, 2016

Mail to: Ohio State University Extension, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria 44035

NAME __________________________________________________________ PHONE __________________

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

STREET ADDRESS _______________________________________________________________________________

CITY ___________________ ZIP CODE __________ EMAIL _____________________________________________

AGE ON 1/1/17 _________ BIRTH DATE ___________ YEARS IN 4-H __________ GRADE IN SCHOOL _______

(Please check: _____ Cloverbud Camp _____ Junior Camp

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ________________________________

4-H CLUB ________________________________ ADVISOR ____________________________

DESCRIPTION OF 4-H ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

ALL MINIMUM AGES GIVEN FOR ELIGIBILITY ARE AGES ON JANUARY 1, 2017 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

☐ JUNIOR FAIR BOARD DIRECTORS: You will be expected to attend all meetings of the Jr. Fair Board beginning in Jan., and help plan and conduct the Junior Fair program. You must be able to spend considerable time at the fairgrounds during fair week. Approximately 35 members will be selected at large from the Jr. Fair youth organizations (4-H, FFA, FHA/HERO, Farm Bureau Youth, Camp Fire USA). Members are elected for a one year term and must reapply each year. Minimum Age: You must be 15 on or before January 1, 2017. Maximum Age: If you turn 19 before January 1, 2017 you are not eligible. If you become 19 on or after January 1, 2017, you are eligible. Application form for Jr. Fair Board due Nov. 20th by 3:00 p.m. to the Lorain County Fairgrounds! http://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/youth-opportunities-and-resources-officer-books-public-speaking

☐ 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR: You will be expected to attend a minimum number of training sessions hours and assist with the county 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp for K-2nd graders or Jr. Camp for 3rd - 7th graders. Your job at camp will be to lead activities and see to it that the campers are well supervised and have a good time. Minimum age 13 years old by January 9th, 2017 to apply. Complete a camp counselor application available mid-December, typically due in January.

☐ 4-H COMMITTEE: 3-7 teens (age 15 and above on January 1, 2017) will be selected as youth representatives to serve a one year term on the 4-H Committee. You may be reelected to serve additional years. This committee is the overall guiding group for the Lorain County 4-H program. You will be expected to attend meetings once a month, generally, the 3rd Wed. of each month.

☐ 4-H FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES COMMITTEE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Youth representative(s) to 4-H Family & Consumer Sciences Committee must be 11 years of age by January 1, 2017. This position will replace 4-H Food & Fashion Board. You will assist in planning and conducting county sewing camps, possibly assist with food and clothing evaluation/judging days, assist in planning and putting on a county Style Revue program and help promote 4-H food and clothing projects. This position is to help build leadership skills while serving others in community service. This group will meet at least once a month, generally on a Monday once a month.

☐ 4-H CARTEENS: Must be 15 years of age by Jan. 1, 2017. As a 4-H CARTEEN member you will be teaching first time juvenile traffic offenders about safe driving. Some of your responsibilities will be to: assist planning the program format, present speeches or give personal testimony, assist with record keeping, and attend instructional sessions (held 2 times per month). You may have the opportunity to travel to Annual National Youth Safety Congress held once a year. You will be contacted with more information.

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DISTRICT/STATE ACTIVITIES

NOTE - These state/national camps and conferences are tentative. Exact dates are not yet confirmed.

☐ **MXC CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING:** Open to youth who have experience as a camp counselor or would like to become a youth camp counselor. Training credit for attending will be given to 2017 Jr. Camp Counselors. No selection is required. Complete registration form. Cost is approx. $50. Minimum age is 14. Held February 18-19 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau Center in Columbus. Registration opens approx. in December and is due to the State 4-H Office on January 30th. [www.ohio4h.org/mxc](http://www.ohio4h.org/mxc)

☐ **OHIO 4-H LEADERSHIP CAMP:** You should be very interested in assuming leadership responsibilities and developing your leadership abilities. The camp will be held at Camp Ohio in Licking County. You pay approximately $65. Minimum age is 15. Two 4-H'ers from the county will be selected. Camp is held July 9-13. **Attach a one page essay answering the following question:** “Describe a leadership trait. How have you used this trait in 4-H?”

☐ **OHIO FORESTRY CAMP:** This open youth camp helps students become familiar with conservation first hand. Professional foresters, naturalists, geologist, water experts and soil scientist will conduct field trips and lectures. Camp is open to youth 15 to 18 years of age. Sponsor pays part of cost and you pay approximately $100.00. Camp is held June 11-16.

☐ **OPERATION MILITARY KIDS CAMP COUNSELOR:** Requires a state application due in April and an interview in May. Camps are set for June-August and hosted on Kelley’s Island and various locations within the state. Counselors are required to attend two days of training prior to camp. OMK Camp helps military youth find positive ways to cope with the stress of a parent’s deployment. The camp covers the counselor costs.

☐ **CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS:** Citizenship Washington Focus is a one-week trip to the National 4-H Center located near Washington, DC. The week is an experience and study of citizenship and tours in and around Washington, trying to explain what makes America the great country that it is. There will be 2 or 3 4-H members chosen to attend. You must be 16 years of age or older. A sponsor pays part and you pay approximately $250.00 of the expenses. Late June. **Attach a one page essay answering the following question:** “What responsibilities do you have as a citizen to make our country a better place?”

☐ **LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS:** Leadership Washington Focus is a 5 day trip to the National 4-H Center located near Washington, DC. The week is an experience and study of citizenship and tours in and around Washington, trying to explain what makes America the great country that it is. There will be 2 or 3 4-H members chosen to attend. You must be 13 years of age or older. A sponsor pays part and you pay approximately $100.00 of the expenses. Mid-July. **Attach a one page essay answering the following question:** “What responsibilities do you have as a citizen to make our country a better place?”

☐ **OHIO 4-H AMBASSADOR:** A 4-H teen must meet standards of excellence in 4-H project work, 4-H participation, 4-H citizenship, 4-H leadership, 4-H officer/committee work, and non 4-H leadership. You must complete a State 4-H Ambassador Application. Those teens selected to become State 4-H Ambassadors attend the Ambassador training and then represent 4-H as ambassadors at various state and county 4-H functions. You must be enrolled in high school on Jan. 1, 2017 to be eligible. A special application will be available in November and is due in early January.

☐ **OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE:** Meet 4-H'ers from all around the state and attend educational workshops. Columbus Convention Center – March 11, 2017. Registration due late January. More information will be available in December.
* SELECTION IS MADE AT STATE LEVEL. APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN "OHIO 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECORD" WHICH IS DUE EARLY JANUARY.

☐ **4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECORD AWARDS:** Request an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record from the County Extension Office and complete it with your records of project accomplishments in a project which you have excelled in. Records are judged at district and state levels. State winners are sent to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in late November.

☐ **STATE JR. FAIR BOARD:** One 4-H girl and one 4-H boy selected in Ohio each year. Minimum of 15 years of age on December 31; not more than a sophomore in college and unmarried. Will serve in 2017 and 2018. Person applying should be active in 4-H, outgoing personality, mature, responsible, and one who can get along with peers in a close, fast-paced atmosphere.

☐ **NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE:** State selects 3 to 4 4-H'ers to represent Ohio at the Dairy Conference held at Madison, Wisconsin. Excellent opportunities for 4-H'ers enrolled in Dairy Projects to learn more about the Dairy Industry as well as meet many other youth. Conference is in October.

**COUNTY & STATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

☐ Scholarships for high school seniors and 4-H members and alumni who are already in college are available. Ohio 4-H scholarship application will be available in November (due early January), Lorain County Scholarship applications are available in late winter and due in April and Ohio State Fair due July.

   _____ Ohio 4-H Scholarships—online application & submission
   _____ Lorain County Scholarships
   _____ Ohio State Fair Scholarship

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