This has been an amazing year for Ohio State University Extension! We were able to achieve so much with the help of our friends.

This year, Extension celebrated 100 years of educating Ohioans. We have celebrated the occasion all year long and we have our 4-H members, volunteers and families to thank for their support.

Clermont County 4-H enrolled 921 members in 41 community clubs. 4-H’ers registered for 2,848 projects to be shown at the Clermont County Junior Fair. The county fair provides 4-H members the opportunity to practice animal care, sportsmanship, communication and mentorship. Clermont County nominated 115 youth to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair.

4-H Camp provides a unique setting for youth to make new friends, become independent and learn through nature and hands-on activities. There were 86 youth, ages 9 to 14, who attended the Clermont/Hamilton County 4-H Camp at 4-H Camp Graham. The camp was led by 26 camp counselors who received 24 hours of training which included topics such as diversity, bullying, inclusion, risk-management, decision making, leadership and team-building. Camp counselor training prepares teens for the workforce while instilling responsibility, leadership and communication skills.

All of our events and programs are made possible by you. So in this season of giving, please accept our sincere gratitude.

Thank you for being part of the OSU Extension community. Thank you for sharing our passion. And thank you for supporting and sharing in all we have to offer. Together, we continue to build a better future for our youth.

With gratitude,
Kelly Royalty
2015 Volunteer Training

Thank you for your service to Clermont County 4-H. Your dedication and support make our 4-H Program a success.

As a reminder, all volunteers must attend one training in order to maintain his/her volunteer status. This is our way to answer your questions, keep our information up to date and meet state guidelines. Please note, if you do not attend a volunteer training, you will no longer be able to be considered a 4-H volunteer. You would need to complete the volunteer process again if you are interested at a later date. Please call / email us if you have questions!

• Head Advisor Update & Risk Management (New: head advisor from each club must attend!) – Club packets will be distributed:
  Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H Hall
• Risk Management & Club Finances: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the 4-H Hall
• Risk Management & Club Finances: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H Hall
• STEM Pathways Challenges & Risk Management (learn best practices for implementing STEM into your club meetings): Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the 4-H Hall

Please reserve your spot at least one week in advance.

Please R.S.V.P. to Krista Rose
Phone: 513-732-7070
Email: rose.1281@osu.edu

New Volunteer Applications

Applications for new advisors are now available. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H advisor, please click here to access the application.

Applicants will also be required to complete the following requirements in order to become an approved volunteer:
• Background Check
• Receive 2 reference letters
• Interview
• Orientation

New Advisor Training will be held February 10 at 6:30 p.m. and March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the 4-H Hall. New advisors must attend one of the orientation sessions.

Advisor’s Corner

□ Share the information in the newsletter with 4-H’ers, parents and volunteers
□ Head Advisors, mark January 8 on your calendar for the Head Advisor Update
□ Remind your club’s volunteers to RSVP for one volunteer training
□ Have a wonderful holiday season!

We gratefully acknowledge the continued help and financial support of our local county commissioners. We appreciate their input and participation in our programming efforts.

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4-H Camp Holiday Special
for Clermont / Hamilton County 4-H Camp
June 5-9, 2015

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for your child? Clermont and Hamilton County 4-H Camp is offering a pre-sale for 2015 camp registration.

- For campers 8 to 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2015
- While we cannot guarantee delivery of a gift certificate by Christmas, you can stop by the office to pick one up. Makes a great stocking stuffer!
- Special rates are available through Dec. 31
- Registration for 1 child is $180. This was the base rate in 2014 – there will be a price increase in 2015. This is your one chance to lock in your rate and SAVE!
- Discounted rates apply for 3+ children (see application for details)
- To take advantage of the discount rate, the registration must be paid in full.
- Sorry, no refunds
- This special pricing is available to 4-H and non 4-H members.
- In spring 2015, you will have the chance to add camp sessions and other options (i.e. canoe or high ropes) to your child’s camp registration.

For more information or to reserve your child’s spot at camp, click here.

Congratulations to the 2015 4-H Camp Counselors!

Megan Allgeier
Eric Allgeier
Hannah Arnold
David Capannari
Justin Carpenter
Faith Carpenter
McKenzie Cooper
Lacey Darnell
Dawn Hicks
Teddy Jones
Grace Kinner
Kelsee Lee
Chris Lindsley

MacKenzie Mahon
Audrey Maynard
Joey Moderbacker
Wyatt O'Neil
Kiara Parks
Natalie Pavlick
Lindsey Roberto
Jessie Schaefer
Brandi Turner
Jake Walters

Important Dates!

Wednesday, December 24
Office Closed in Observance of President’s Day

Thursday, December 25
Office Closed for Christmas

Thursday, January 1
Office Closed for New Year’s Day

Saturday, January 3
Steer Tag-In
8:00-10:00 a.m., CC Fairgrounds

Thursday, January 8
Head Advisor Update
6:30 p.m., 4-H Hall

Monday, January 19
Office Closed for MLK Day

Wednesday, January 28
Volunteer Training
10:00 a.m., 4-H Hall

Wednesday, January 28
Volunteer Training
6:30 p.m., 4-H Hall

2015 Camp / Trip Scholarship Applications

Each year, the Clermont County 4-H Committee awards youth with state camp and trip scholarships. Most scholarships awarded cover 85-90% of the total cost of camp, leaving 4-H families with a minimal fee!

To take advantage of this opportunity, click here complete the 4-H Committee Camp/Trip Scholarship Application and return it to the Clermont County Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2015.

Applicants are required to attend an interview on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Interviews will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
CPR/First Aid and AED Training

Thanks to a grant from the Ohio 4-H Foundation, Clermont and Hamilton Counties are able to offer 4-H volunteers, youth and parents an Adult/Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED online training course for $20.00. That’s THREE trainings for $20.00 and you don’t have to leave your couch!

This will ensure that no matter where our kids are, there will be someone who is certified and able to handle crisis situations. The training is open to any person interested. We have 100 spots available currently, so please don’t delay if you want to get your training completed!

Click [here](#) to access the direction sheet on how to get enrolled in the program. Tonya Horvath, 4-H Educator in Hamilton County will register you within 24 hours after receipt of your registration form and payment.

OSU Extension Partner Luncheon

OSU Extension Clermont County hosted a partner luncheon on Wednesday, December 17, 2015. Participants, including our Commissioners Humphrey, Proud and Uible, attended and participated in brainstorming sessions to help identify programming needs for the future. At the session, Ohio State University Extension Clermont County named Inter Parish Ministry, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District and Jerry Krebs as their 2014 Partners of the Year.

Join Clermont County Fur and Feathers Facebook Group

This group is designed to promote a fun environment for our 4-H members and to expand their knowledge of rabbits and poultry. It was created for both barn species because of the friendships we already share. Feel free to ask questions and share your 4-H pictures and experiences. This site will remain a closed group for our 4-H members and their families so we can control its content. Note: this group is not operated by OSU.

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Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Bob Proud and ANR Educator Gigi Neal engaging in table discussions.
Thank you to everyone who attended the 2014 4-H Volunteer Dinner. It was an evening of fun and fellowship. Congratulations to all of our volunteers who were recognized for their hard work. Thank you to the Clermont County 4-H Committee for helping to organize the event.

2014 Clermont County 4-H Committee
Front: Pam Nelp, Genny Greene, Courtney Megie, Barry Parks, Robin Meeker, Dave Williamson
Back: Jerry Krebs, Wendy Morrow, Amy Jent, Emily Jent

Members leading the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

Volunteers enjoying dinner and socializing

Clermont County 4-H Committee Leadership and Service Award

Jim Darnell was presented the Clermont County 4-H Committee Leadership and Service Award at the 4-H Volunteer Dinner held on Friday, November 14, 2014. Jim was selected due to his dedication to the 4-H program for the past 11 years.

Jim has been a Shooting Sports Coordinator for 10 years. During his tenure, shooting sports has been one of the fastest growing youth programs. Jim has received certification in all shooting sports disciplines including advanced archery.

Serving as 4-H Volunteer, Jim has strived to better the world around him and continues to demonstrate unwavering commitment to the Clermont County 4-H program.