Southwest Ohio Teen Leadership Camp

A new camping opportunity is available for teens ages 14-18. We will be hosting a Teen Leadership Camp this summer at 4-H Camp Graham. The camp will be held Monday, June 23 through Thursday, June 26 and is open to any teen in Southwest Ohio. Participants are not required to be a 4-H member. The cost to attend camp will be $130 per 4-H member and $260 per non-4-H member.

I encourage anyone who is eligible to take advantage of this opportunity. It will be four days of fun with friends, new and old. Summer camp teaches teens self-responsibility, independence, social skills and a whole lot of leadership!

Click here to access the camp scholarship application for Teen Leadership Camp. Applicants may be awarded up to 50% of the total cost of the camp. Registration forms will be available soon. Keep visiting the Clermont Extension website for more details.

Kelly Royalty
Clermont County 4-H Youth Development Educator
2014 Clermont County Project Requirement Guide Available

Looking for directions on what to bring to county or state project judging, what is considered a “complete” project, or how to prepare for skill-a-thon? This is your resource for all that and more! We cannot stress the importance to you of thoroughly reading this document for any projects you are taking. Click [here](#) to access your guide for project completion rules, upcoming dates and general information about Ohio 4-H opportunities. Let us know if you have any questions and thanks for your patience while we finalized this for 2014.

Clermont / Hamilton County 4-H Camp

Last chance to register for 4-H Camp! Bring your friends and go “Cruisin’ with 4-H Camp Graham” from June 6 to 10. The Clermont / Hamilton County 4-H Camp is open to youth ages 8 and in the 3rd grade to age 14 (as of Jan.1, 2014). The cost is $180/4-H member or $205/non-4-H member. If you select an excursion that has an additional cost, please include that amount in your check total. We will NOT accept payment as campers are dropped off; all fees must be paid in advance. Registration forms and payment are due to the Extension Office by [4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15](#). Click [here](#) to access the registration forms.

Cloverbud Camp

Splash into fun at the Clermont and Hamilton County Cloverbud Day Camp at 4-H Camp Graham on Sunday, June 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cloverbud Day Camp is a perfect first camping experience for youth ages 5 to 8. Participants will experience 4-H camp through fun, hands-on activities. The cost is $35/Cloverbud or $45 for non Cloverbud participants. Registration forms and payment are due to the Extension Office by [4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15](#). Click [here](#) to access the registration forms.

Don’t Forget to File Your 990-N e-Postcard

If your club has not already filed its 990-N e-Postcard, it must be filed before [May 15](#). Click [here](#) to access the website to file the e-Postcard. It has been noted that some clubs are having difficulty filing since Ohio 4-H was granted a Group Exemption Number (GEN). If you receive any message other than an approved message upon submission, please send an email to royalty.9@osu.edu with the following information: EIN, Club Name, Care of Name, Address, City, Zip, County and the message/concern. Please also include a screen shot of the rejected 990 mesage.
Club Banner Competition
Last month a Club Banner Competition was announced for this year’s fair. The banners are now available for pick-up at the Extension Office and cost $11 per banner. We have purchased enough for each club to have one. The competition rules are as follows: 1) Banners must be designed so that they hang vertically 2) the banner must be the work of club members 3) the club name must be visibly displayed on the front of the banner 4) banners must be turned in to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16 to be displayed during the fair and to participate in the club banner competition 5) banners will be judged on creativity/originality, design and incorporation of club name. Please note that the banner does not have to incorporate the fair theme; you may choose a design that your club can use year-round to display at club events.

Skill-a-Thon Kit Check-Out
The Clermont County 4-H Committee has made a recommendation for checking out skill-a-thon kits. There will be a $10 charge per kit each time a club checks-out a kit effective immediately. The kit can be borrowed for a one week (7 days) time period. Any amount of time over one week will incur an additional $10 fee. When a volunteer signs out the kit(s), he/she will take financial responsibility for the kit(s), meaning he/she will be responsible for replacing the entire kit if it is not returned. We want clubs to continue borrowing the kits to educate 4-H’ers and to help 4-H’ers study for skill-a-thon contest. However, the kits are starting to show a lot of wear and tear and some clubs are keeping the kits for an extended amount of time. This process will allow us to maintain and replace the kits as necessary, as well as to ensure that all clubs have the opportunity to use the kits.

Sign Up to Work the Outpost
Sign your club up to work a shift at the Outpost during fair week. Shifts are available each day from 7 to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Shifts will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so call the Extension Office today to reserve your preferred shift. All of the funds raised at the Outpost help to support 4-H programming throughout the year, camp scholarships and volunteer recognition.

Junior Fair Updates

Tag-In and Jr. Fair Registration
Tag-in and Jr. Fair entries for sheep, goats, hogs, rabbits and small animals are due on Saturday, May 17. Tag-in will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Clermont County Fairgrounds. Registrations will not be accepted after 10:00 a.m.

Chicken Pick-Up
Chicken pick-up will be on Wednesday, May 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the 4-H Hall. Bring a box and a blanket to cover the box when you come to pick up your chicks. You will also want to have food and water to give them as soon as you get home.

Clermont County Barn Festival Fundraiser
A barn festival will be held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 14 to benefit the new hog barn and large animal show arena to be built. The Clermont County 4-H Committee will be serving food in the 4-H Outpost from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Show your support by helping the 4-H Committee serve food during a three hour shift. Call the Extension Office to sign up to work a shift. The event will have food, music, games, a motorcycle ride, a cruise-in and walk-a-thon. Follow the link for more information: http://clermont.osu.edu/top-stories/clermont-county-barn-festival.
2nd Annual Clover Classic Golf Scramble

Support 4-H Camp Graham by participating in the 2nd Annual Clover Classic on Saturday, May 17 at Majestic Springs Golf Club in Wilmington. Registration will begin at noon. Golfers can register as an individual or a team. Each registration package includes 18 hole golf scramble, golf cart, dinner, awards ceremony, and free beverage cart. Click here to access the registration form to register as an individual golfer or team. Baskets are also needed for the silent auction. Any club or individual wanting to donate a basket should contact the Extension Office for more details.

Squiggly Twigs Designs Offers Free Patterns

Debbie Heck, with Squiggly Twigs Designs, is offering free sewing patterns to any 4-H member taking a sewing related project. See her patterns at http://www.squigglytwigsdesigns.com. Contact Debbie at squigglytwigsdesigns@yahoo.com for details.

Commissioners Issue Extension Centennial Proclamation

Author: Krista Bradley

OWENSVILLE, Ohio (April 24, 2014) — On May 12, Clermont County Commissioners issued a proclamation honoring Ohio State University Extension Clermont County for the 100th anniversary of the nation's Cooperative Extension Service.

Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act establishing Extension, a unique educational partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and land-grant universities, on May 8, 1914. The act created the Extension network, including OSU Extension, to bring university-based research and learning opportunities to the public, thanks to the cooperative support of county governments paired with university and federal funding.

County Commissioners honored Extension on May 12 at 10:30 a.m. during the Board of Commissioners Session in Batavia. After the announcement, Clermont Extension staff presented 2013 program highlights as well as innovative programs that will move them forward through the next 100 years.
Click It or Ticket Campaign Kicks Off

Author: Krista Bradley

OWENSVILLE, Ohio (May 12, 2014) — Clermont County Safe Communities kicked off the Click It or Ticket (CIOT) campaign May 12 with a proclamation issued by the County Commissioners.

Clermont County Commissioners Ed Humphrey, Bob Proud and David Uible recognized May 19-June 1 as Clermont’s CIOT mobilization enforcement period during the Board of Commissioners Session.

CIOT is a national campaign for local law enforcement and traffic partners to remind citizens to buckle up. Law enforcement will target seat belt usage to make sure occupants are buckled up day and night to reduce the risk of injury and death caused in traffic crashes.

To help spread the message, Safe Communities and local law enforcement will staff a CIOT booth at the Eastgate Harley Davison Open House on May 17.

Statistics show younger motorists, young men in particular, are the most likely not to wear their seat belts. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. Among teens and young adults, ages 18-34, who were killed in fatal crashes in 2011, 64% were not buckled up at the time of the crash, the highest percentage of any age group. The number jumps to 66% when only men in this age group are included.

The use of seat belts in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 12,174 lives in 2013. Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Clermont County Safe Communities, a grant funded through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, focuses on decreasing traffic crashes and fatalities by increasing motor vehicle and traffic safety awareness through education and community partnership. The grant is managed by Ohio State University Extension Clermont County. For more information please visit, visit TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov or Clermont.osu.edu.

Clermont County Spring Litter Clean-Up

Submitted by Generation NEXT

Generation NEXT 4-H Club members Serena Bowling, Dakota Pickleheimer, Erica Pickleheimer and Austin Obermeyer collected trash and recycling items near the boat docks as well as in one of the picnic areas at East Fork State Park. Participants even hauled a picnic table (pictured) out of the woods. Advisors Leslie Hughes and Kathy McLoughlin and 4-H parent, Chris Obermeyer, worked alongside club members during the Litter Clean Up. Club members said that it was a fun and rewarding morning spent on a worthwhile community service project.
Walk-a-Thon
Clermont County Barn Raising Festival

The 2014 Clermont County Barn Raising Festival is June 14 and we are looking for a few good walkers to help us raise some money for a new barn and show arena for hogs, sheep and goats on the fairgrounds.

So please get your club members together, make a team and come to the fairgrounds walk June 14. The more you walk, the better chance to have to win some great prizes for yourself and your club.

Please see the letter below for information about how to sign up.

We have flyers and envelopes to gather donations available at the 4-H office for you and your club to pick up.

See you there.

Thanks.

Regina Howerton and Theresa Herron
Walk-a-Thon planners
The 2014 Barn Festival is June 14 at the Clermont County Fairgrounds. The proceeds will be used to build a new barn and show arena for animals shown by 4-H and FFA members at the county fair and during other events.

We are asking all 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls members, their friends and their parents to participate. This event is not limited to Clermont County residents. Anyone may participate.

Prizes:
- Grand Prize: $500 Visa gift card
- First Place Prize: For more than $1,000 of donations turned in: $25 Visa gift card
- Second Place Prize: For more than $500 of donations turned in: $10 Visa gift card

Details:
1. The walk-a-thon will be 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 14, on the track in front of the grandstand. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.
2. Each participant can walk a maximum of 20 laps around the track, which is 10 miles. At the end of each lap, walkers will punch a card to verify they completed that lap. For the first five laps completed, the participant will receive one entry ticket for the grand prize drawing. After completing five laps, the participant will receive one entry ticket per lap for the grand prize drawing. Donations must be registered to be eligible for prizes.
3. Prize for the club/organization with the greatest percentage of club members participating: 10 percent of the money of $1,000 or more.
4. Prize for the club/organization raising the most amount of money: $200 in cash.
5. All awards are based on the amount of money turned in at the end of the pledge collection period, which is 5 p.m. Friday, June 20, 2014. Send checks to or turn in cash at Kramer-Myers+Werring-Dickerson Insurance Agency, 45 West Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103. Club and chapter members should turn donations into their advisors. Pledges may be flat-amount donations or per lap walked. Donations also may be turned in during registration June 14, 2014.
6. Awards will be mailed to winners once all collections are counted no later than June 27, 2014.
7. The first 50 walkers to register the day of the event will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information, call Regina Howerton at 876-3442 or Theresa Herron at 732-9524
Clermont County Barn Festival
Clermont County Fairgrounds
Saturday, June 14th, 2014
FREE until 6 p.m. • $5 a person after 6 p.m.

Food • Music • Games
Motorcycle Ride • Cruise In

Benefiting the new hog barn and large animal show arena
For the benefit of the 4-H and FFA youth of Clermont County

• Walk-a-Thon 9 a.m.-noon
• Motorcycle Ride check in 10 a.m., Milford Quaker Steak and Lube
• Auto Swap Meet hosted by Ohio Valley Falcon Club 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
• Cruise-In hosted by Ohio Valley Falcon Club noon-5 p.m.
• Raffles and Split the Pot all day
• Craft Show all day
• Games 4 p.m.-midnight
• DJ’s
  Scotty “Rockin” Ryan
  B105 Ryan Jacobs
• Live Music starts at 4 p.m.
  with 5 O’clock Friday
  Gypsy Stone
  Taylor Shannon
  Dan Varner Band
• Food all day
• Camping, Friday, June 13, to Sunday, June 15

For more information Contact:

Camping:
  Virgil Burroughs 513-417-7511
Crafters and booth rental:
  Shirley Gibbons 513-625-7785
Car Show-cruise-in/swap meet:
  Lori Cornwell 513-317-2927
Motorcycle Ride:
  Dale Schneider 513-476-3351
Walk-a-thon:
  Regina Howerton 513-646-1418
  Theresa Herron 513-543-9971
General Info:
  Jerry Werring 513-519-4171

In the event of rain, bands and games will be moved indoors
No food or beverages allowed on grounds
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