4-H’ers, Volunteers, Parents and Supporters,

It’s fair season! 4-H members are busy putting the finishing touches on their projects and 4-H Volunteers and Extension Staff are working hard to prepare for pre-fair and fair events. I hope you will take time this weekend from the craziness of fair season to relax, reflect and enjoy time with family and friends.

General Project Judging is next week! To help us prepare for project judging, please contact the Extension Office to schedule your interview. I am excited to see the creativity that you have put into your final projects!

General Project Judging is designed to be a positive learning experience. It gives 4-H members an opportunity to share what they learned from their project with a caring adult as well as receive guidance for personal growth and suggestions for improving one’s skills and abilities. While not required, project judging is a great opportunity for youth to experience mastery in a subject area as well as experience the feeling of success by learning and competing in the project.

One of my favorite memories as a 4-H member is competing at the Ohio State Fair with my Family History Treasure Hunt (genealogy) project. I remember walking to the front gate carrying my genealogy books and having butterflies in my stomach, trying to stay calm. The wait seemed like an eternity but once I got to meet with the judge, the nerves immediately disappeared. I did not place quite as well as I had hoped but it was worth going just to experience the excitement of the Ohio State Fair.

I would like to wish all of our 4-H members the best of luck in all of the pre-fair and fair events in which they participate over the next month. Remember, fair is not
Saturday, July 25
2:00 p.m.; Multi-Purpose Building
Winners’ Circle

always about a blue ribbon but about having fun and making memories. If you work hard and do your best, you will be successful.

Sincerely,
Kelly Royalty
4-H Youth Development Educator
OSU Extension, Clermont County
Click the Links Below (some links may require you to right click and select open hyperlink)

1. **Register for General Project Judging**
   Don’t forget to register for your General Project Judging Interview! Project Judging will be held on July 7 and 9 in the 4-H Hall from 3-7 p.m. In order to compete for awards, 4-H'ers must participate in an interview. Click the link above for the details on how to schedule an interview and for the judging schedule. Please contact the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6.

2. **Project Requirements**
   Learn more about what you need to bring to project judging along with a few other tips on how to prepare for project judging.

3. **Pre-Judged Projects – Due Wednesday, July 8**
   Some 4-H projects require more than the 10 minutes allotted during project interviews to be judged. Clothing, Quilting, Art, Photography, Scrapbooking and Creative Writing projects are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8. Projects received after this time will not be eligible to compete for awards. Project interviews will be held on Thursday, July 9 from 3-7 p.m. in the 4-H Hall.

   Please bring Clothing and Textile projects to pre-judging, please covered with a clear plastic bag (you can get these from a dry cleaner); attach a 5” x 5” swatch of the fabric as well as a 4” x 6” index card with your first and last name, age, project title and club name to the outside of the bag.

4. **Style Revue Narration**
   Any 4-H member who completes a Clothing and Textiles project and attends project judging is invited to participate in the 4-H Style Revue. The 4-H Style Revue will be held on Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Hall, following the Get A Clue to Fashion contest. Please complete the narration form and return to the Extension Office on July 8 with your clothing project.

5. **Poultry Project Completion and Exhibition Requirements**
   Thank you for your patience while we worked to develop a plan in response to the ban on poultry exhibition mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture on June 2, 2015. Please visit the link above to access the project completion and exhibition requirements. Information regarding the livestock sale will be forthcoming.

6. **4-H Dog Clinics**
   All 4-H members who registered for a dog project is invited to attend the 4-H Dog Clinics. Before you enter the 4-H Hall, potty your dog and clean up solid waste. Bring small dog treats and water for your dog. You will also need a collar and a 6 ft. leash, no chain leashes or flex leashes.

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7. **4-H Dog Show**
The 4-H Dog Show will be held on Saturday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the 4-H Hall. **Please note:** the date was misprinted in the 2015 Clermont County Fair Book.

8. **Skill-a-thon Practices**
Thanks to a generous donation from Lykins Energy Solutions, we will be able to replace all of the Learning Lab Kits (except horses) by the end of the summer. To ensure the life of the new kits, the kits will not be available for 4-H clubs to borrow. However, we have scheduled four dates in which members can attend Skillathon practice sessions. The practice sessions will not be facilitated or guided but they will provide an opportunity for members to become familiar with the information and experience how the stations will be set-up during the Skill-a-thon contest.

Individuals will be available to assist during the Skill-a-thon practice sessions but the sessions will not be facilitated. We ask that any member under the age of 16 be accompanied by a parent/guardian or club advisor. Below are the dates and times of the Skill-a-thon practice sessions.

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9. **Skill-a-thon**
The Livestock, Sewing and Food & Nutrition Skill-a-thons will be held on Sunday, July 19. The Livestock Skill-a-thons will be from 2-4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building and the Sewing and Food & Nutrition Skill-a-thons will start at 2:30 in the 4-H Hall. One station will judge the members CURRENT project book. Members will receive a zero for that station if he/she does not have a current project book. If you haven’t already ordered your project book(s), please order them today!

10. **4-H Outpost**
There are still a few shifts available in the Outpost for the 2015 Clermont County Fair! The funds raised from the Outpost are used to support state camp and trip scholarships, project awards and 4-H programming. Shifts will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth working in the Outpost should be at least 12 years of age and a volunteer or parent should be present throughout the shift. Contact the Extension Office to sign-up!

11. **Project Check-In / Check-Out**
4-H Project Check-In will be Friday, July 24 from 3-7 p.m. in the 4-H Hall. Projects will not be checked-in during General Project Judging this year due to the extra week before fair and the facilities being occupied during that time. 4-H
projects will be release on Sunday, August 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

12. Club Banner Contest
We will continue the Club Banner Contest again this year. The rules can be found by visiting the link in item 13 below. Things to note that are a little different from last year are that the banners must incorporate the fair theme (Discover the Traditions of the Clermont County Fair); clubs can create their own banner as long as it meets the size requirements (49"L x 30 1/2 “W) and includes grommets to hang the banner. We will have a limited number of banners to sell from last year. Banners will be sold on a first come, first served basis for $11 each. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in purchasing a banner.

13. Pre-Fair and Fair Events Hosted by OSU Extension
Please view the attachment to review the information and guidelines for events being hosted by OSUE during fair week. We will continue some of our traditional events but we have also added a couple of new events for this year. Join us for these fun events at the fair!

If an event requires registration (event title underlined below), you can access the registration forms by clicking the link.

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Kiara Parks Awarded Ohio HBPA Scholarship
Submitted by: Ohio HBPA

(Columbus, OH) – Ohio 4-H members from across the state were awarded a total of $38,000 in college tuition assistance by the Ohio Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, the groups announced today.

Ohio HBPA established the Agriculture Scholarship to advance Ohio’s agriculture industry and promote agricultural-related business and sciences as rewarding career opportunities.

Each of the 38 high school graduates will receive $1,000 to attend an Ohio-based college or university.

“The scholarships recognize our 4-H members for their local leadership and will help them build on that success in college,” said Thomas M. Archer, Ph.D., assistant director, 4-H Youth Development, at The Ohio State University Extension.

Ohio HBPA Executive Director David Basler said, “The Ohio Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, representing Ohio’s thoroughbred horsemen, is pleased to help students who are leaders in youth agricultural programs achieve their college aspirations.”

The horse industry plays an important role in the state’s agri-business, by creating 16,000 direct jobs and producing goods and services worth $1.5 billion to Ohio’s economy.

Kiara Parks, Clermont County 4-H member was selected to receive one of the 38 scholarships awarded.

Maple Rey Milk & More Pledges Their Hands to Larger Service

Members of the Maple Rey Milk & More 4-H Club are upholding their pledge to larger service. On Sunday, May 17, 2015, club members trimmed bushes, weeded flower beds, raked, and cleaned flower beds at the First Baptist Church of Owensville. Members wanted to give back to the church that provides them with the space to hold their club meetings.

The club also participated in a community service project at Matthew 25: Ministries in Cincinnati on Friday, June 19, 2015. Matthew 25: Ministries is an international humanitarian and disaster relief organization. Members
Friends of the Fair Offer a $500 Incentive to 4-H Clubs
Submitted by: Jim Lee, President, Friends of the Fair, Inc.

The Friends of the Fair is trying to staff our Pork Tenderloin booth. We are offering a $500 incentive for 4-H clubs who can staff an entire day. Our booth is open from Sunday- Saturday, 10:30am - 10:30 pm and is located next to the Blue Ribbon Café. Clubs will have to meet the requirements below. Dates are on a first come/first served basis, so act fast to reserve your Club’s ideal date! The deadline is July 7!

Requirements:
- Donations payable only to 4-H club accounts
  - Checks will be handed to advisor at end of day worked
- 4-H Advisor or Adult designee must be present
- 7 volunteers per shift, Minimum of 2 adults
  - Expect shifts to stay consistent for 4 hrs.
- 4-H Advisor or Adult designee attend short training session mid- late July
- Workers need to be teenagers or have a parent / 4-H volunteer present to help supervise.

These hours can contribute toward school required community service hours. We are anticipating a great 2015 fair with the addition of the Music Pavilion near our booth.

If you have any questions about this program, please email or call Jodi Lee (lee.jm@pg.com or call 513-780-7916)

Why is FOF offering this incentive? Staffing the pork booth is the most difficult part and our volunteers are critical to our success. Clubs can choose to take the donation or donate it back to Friends of the Fair.

What if my club can’t volunteer for the entire day? The advisor may choose to partner with another club to split the day & the donation. These agreements must be shared & approved at the time of scheduling by Jodi Lee, FOF. Both advisors must agree to meet the requirements above.

Who are the Friends of the Fair? We are a group of active grandparents & parents of past 4-H youth, who want to improve the fairgrounds for the youth.

Need gifts for your livestock sale buyers? We are offering clubs the ability to pre-purchase menu tickets for their livestock buyers. Clubs have the ability to choose from two options: 1) sandwich only ($4) or 2) sandwich & drink ($5) now through July 19th. Coupons are good for both Friday & Saturday and make great buyer thank you gifts.
Please reach out to Jodi Lee (lee.jm@pg.com) if your club is interested in pre-purchasing menu tickets or in staffing the Pork Tenderloin booth.

What is Extension?

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