A Successful Summer for Clermont County 4-H

It was a busy summer for Clermont County 4-H members! We kicked off the summer with 4-H camp as camp counselors and adult staff welcomed 86 campers aboard the Lucky Clover cruise ship and set sail for Camp Graham. Campers participated in a variety of activities such as creating paracord bracelets, going on a treasure hunt, learning the art of towel folding and discovering the science behind aquaculture.

Camp was followed by groundwork for the Clermont County Junior Fair starting in early July. Congratulations to the more than 220 youth who completed their projects and participated in project judging on July 8 and 10. Nearly 115 4-H members were nominated to represent Clermont County at the Ohio State Fair while several other 4-H members participated in the state fair livestock shows. Clermont County was represented well with 36 youth placing at the Ohio State Fair!

As for fair week itself, we had a fantastic week with amazing weather, livestock shows, Jr. Fair events and tasty treats. OSUE celebrated 100 years of Extension by hosting a variety of new events at the fair such as square dancing, a fitness walk and STEM Challenges.

We capped off the week with a Centennial Celebration with the County Commissioners, State Legislators, Ohio Fairs’ Queen, Ag Society members, Jr. Fair Royalty volunteers and 4-H’ers, complete with birthday cake and punch!

I hope you enjoyed your summer as much as I did! Make sure to get rewarded for all of the activities you participated in this summer by completing the Achievement Award application. All you have to do is answer some questions and tally your points; easy as pie.

Thanks for another great year! Now, let’s start it all over again!

Sincerely,

Kelly Royalty
A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO...

the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make fair week a success,
the judges for providing our youth with a positive interview experience,
the Jr. Fair Royalty who helped wherever they were needed,
all of the club members, advisors and parents who worked a shift
(or maybe even two) in the 4-H Outpost,
parents, family and friends for their support and guidance!
Thank you to everyone for all the hard work, time and effort that went
into making the General Project Judging, Skill-a-Thon, Livestock Shows
and all Jr. Fair events a success! It is wonderful to be part of a community
that believes in and supports the youth of Clermont County.

Achievement Awards, Honor Club
and Pin Orders, Oh My!

Did you give a demonstration at a club meeting this year? Did you
participate in a community service project? Did you attend
project judging?
These are just a few of the requirements
to earn an Achievement Award.
Receiving an Achievement Award isn’t difficult; you just need to do the
paperwork! Receiving this award will not only stimulate your 4-H career but
your future. Holding an achievement award not only helps when you apply
for 4-H opportunities such as Camp Counselor and Jr. Fair Royalty, but you
can also add it to scholarship applications.

Clubs can complete the Honor Club application. Honor Club is not a
competition but a standard of excellence for all clubs to achieve. This year,
any club that completes an Honor Club application must turn in up-to-date
secretary’s and treasurer’s books, a club scrapbook or copies of club articles,
club constitution and by-laws as well as a club calendar (if either of those
documents are different from the version on file with the Extension Office)
to qualify.

Member and volunteer pin order forms are also available. Clubs will be
responsible for the cost of all member pins. The Clermont County 4-H
Committee will pay for the pins of adults to who attend the 4-H Volunteer
Dinner on Friday, November 14. Otherwise, clubs will be responsible for
the cost of volunteer pins ordered.

Applications and pin order forms are due to the Extension Office by
4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10
Forms are available at the Extension Office or by clicking here.

Officer Book
and Club
Scrapbook
Competition

Club Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,
News Reporter, Health Officer, Safety Officer, Historian,
Recreation Leader, and Community Service Officer) are eligible to turn
in their officer books, as well as a club scrapbook for judging.

Books must be current and submitted to the Extension Office
by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10.

Books will be judged on creativity, content, neatness and
presentation/construction. Winning books will be announced at the 4-H
Volunteer Dinner on Friday, November 14.

Advisor’s Corner

☐ Share the information in the newsletter with 4-H’ers, parents
and volunteers

☐ Call the Extension Office with
the location of your 4-H Week
display by October 1

☐ Turn in Officer Books, Club
Scrapbook, Achievement Awards,
Honor Club Application and Pin
Orders by Friday, Oct. 10

☐ Mark Nov. 14 on your calendar
for the 4-H Volunteer Dinner and
RSVP by Nov. 3

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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Pet Day at TSC

Join the Clermont County 4-H Dog Program for Pet Day on Saturday, September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Batavia Tractor Supply Company.

4-H members will be doing dog demonstrations, hosting a pet parade and costume contest and a bake sale for people and their pets. Click here for more info.

Jr. Fair Board Seeking New Members

If you are interested in an opportunity to develop leadership and organizational skills and be an active participant in planning the Clermont County Junior Fair, we encourage youth ages 14-18 (as of Jan. 1, 2014) to apply for a position on the Junior Fair Board.

Applications are due to Pam Burns no later than Monday, October 13. Interviews will be held during the regular JFB meeting on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Hall. All applicants must complete the application, submit a reference letter and attend the interview.

Click here to access the application and to learn more about becoming a JFB member.

Paper Clover Campaign at TSC

Thank you for helping to make the Spring Paper Clover Campaign a success! The campaign collected $706 for 4-H! Clermont County received $459 during the spring promotion. The funds will be used to replace one of the learning lab (skill-a-thon) kits. The additional funds were donated to State and National 4-H.

The Fall Paper Clover Campaign will be **October 8-19**. Clubs are invited to set up a display at both the Batavia and Loveland Tractor Supply Company stores.

This is a great opportunity for clubs to recruit new members and to promote the Clermont County 4-H program. Clubs can display projects, bring animals, give demonstrations, help customers carry their purchases to their cars, host a bake sale or any other activity that interests your club. Club members and volunteers work hard all year long; show the community what your club is doing!

Please contact the Extension Office to learn more about how your club can get involved. Arrangements must be made with the store at least one week in advance.

4-H Livestock Records: There’s an App for That!

Do you agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad! Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tractor Supply Company, National 4-H Council brings you this easy, flexible way to keep all your 4-H market livestock records all together in one place. Download the 4-H Livestock Record now from the iPhone App Store!

Important Dates!

**Saturday, September 20**
Pet Appreciation Day, Batavia TSC, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**October 8-19**
Fall Paper Clover Campaign, Batavia and Loveland TSC

**Friday, October 10**
DUE: Officer Books, Club Scrapbook, Achievement Awards, Honor Club Applications and Pin Order Forms

**Monday, November 3**
RSVP due for 4-H Volunteer Dinner

**Tuesday, November 11**
Office Closed for Veteran’s Day

**Friday, November 14**
4-H Volunteer Dinner, 4-H Hall, Doors: 6:30p.m., Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 27**
Office Closed for Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 28**
Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

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Save the Date!

Please join us on Friday, November 14 for the annual 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The event is hosted by the Clermont County 4-H Committee to honor the hard work and dedication of 4-H volunteers. The 4-H Hall will open at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are free of charge, guests are $10 each. A formal invitation will follow by mail. Please contact the Extension Office to R.S.V.P. by Nov. 3.

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Celebrate National 4-H Week, October 5-11 by participating in the following activities! Show your 4-H pride by posting a picture of yourself with the #iam4H sign, which can be downloaded by clicking here. Youth, volunteers, and alumni are encouraged to share their photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, along with the #iam4H, #4HWeek, #ohio4h, #OSUEC hashtags.

Also, to promote our local 4-H program, Clermont County 4-H will host a display competition. Clubs are encouraged to create a display in the windows of a local business, inside their school or inside their local library. The theme of the competition will be “I Am 4-H.”

Clubs will be responsible for securing a location for their display. The Clermont County Public Library has agreed to allow clubs to set up tri-fold display boards in each of the branches. Please contact your local library for additional details.

Displays will be judged on the theme (25%), use of color and neatness (25%), originality (25%) and use of 4-H banner or pledge and Ohio State University Extension logo (25%). The new OSUE logo can be found here.

Awards will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place displays. Please call the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1 with the location of your display.

Club Display Contest!!
WOW Picks Up Trash

On Friday May 30, 2014, The Wonders of the World “WOW” 4-H Club cleaned up trash at East Fork State Park. Ten of 12 members were able to attend the service project, and the younger members had no difficulty participating in the trash pick-up. WOW members worked mostly on cleaning the East Fork beach and the surrounding area. The trash pick-up was a fruitful experience for its participants and WOW looks forward to doing similar projects in the future.

Golden Spurs 4-H Club Dressage Show

Submitted by Sydney Hennemann

The Golden Spurs held its annual dressage show on June 21, 2014. It was held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds. Dressage is the art of riding and training a horse in a manner that develops obedience, flexibility and balance. This was the first year that the show offered gaited classes. Some gaited breeds are Tennessee Walker, American Saddlebred and Walkaloosa.

The Golden Spurs members helped with planning and working the show. Members ran the tests between the judge and the scoring booth, led by our wonderful leader Justin Burroughs! Some members scribed for the judge or handed out ribbons. We were short on helping hands, but we got it all done correctly and in a timely fashion. Thanks to all the helpers.

Also, some of our members competed and did very well. Congratulations to everyone who entered. We welcome everyone to enter next year and hope to see you then!
Ruff’N Stuff 4-H Club has a Hopping Good Time at Clermont County Fair

Submitted by Brenda Bayne, Head Advisor

Ruff’N Stuff 4-H Club had four members show rabbits this year: Ben Bayne, Grace Porter, Evelyn Lucas and Samantha Plante. Even the moms, Brenda Bayne, Bethinee Porter and Tonya Lucas, got into the excitement when they did adult showmanship with their kids’ rabbit. It was a blast!

The Rabbit Barn is a tradition for the Bayne family. Brittany Bayne showed rabbits from 2003 until 2010. Ben Bayne started showing rabbits in 2011 and will hopefully continue until 2019. It’s really cool to have the older members mentor the younger ones. Ben, who is 12, had a great time helping Grace, age 8, and Evelyn, age 9. Sam (Samantha) has been mentoring Ben for years! Ben’s first rabbit was from Sam’s 2009 doe & litter project.

Ruff’N Stuff is a big fan of the Rabbit Barn. Back in 2007, the club donated a very nice scale to be used by Brian Finch, the Rabbit Barn Superintendent. For two of the rabbit projects, meat pen or single fryer, the rabbits have to be weighed during the fair check-in process. Evelyn did the meat pen project this year. By the end of the fair week, Evelyn got to sell her meat pen in the livestock sale. I was lucky enough to buy them and gave her back her rabbits. Buyers have the option of keeping them or giving them back to the 4-H’er.

Grace Porter, our youngest 4-H project member, has an English Spot rabbit. She went to a rabbit breeder and did her homework before she and her parents picked this breed. There are 48 different rabbit breeds recognized by ARBA, American Rabbit Breed Association. Each breed has his or her own personality & physical traits.

Come visit us in the Rabbit Barn at the 2015 Clermont County Fair! There’s a good chance you’ll see the Ruff’N Stuff sign and get to talk to one of the rabbit project kids/parents!